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Construction Update

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

As we enter into the second month of the new year, an update on the current status of our Bruno M. Ponterio Ridge Street School building is needed. There has been some progress but still some obstacles in getting to the end of the work that is being done.

At the start of February we received an extension for our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for the building. The new TCO includes access to all spaces in the building including the kitchen, courtyard and greenhouse. With all spaces now turned over we are looking towards obtaining the permanent Certificate of Occupancy. Additional information on this will be coming in the near future.

Having the kitchen included in the TCO was a big step towards providing hot lunches for our students at the B.M.P. Ridge Street School. However, there are a few additional items that need to be addressed. The biggest of those is having the new, high tech cooking equipment that has been installed in the kitchen turned on and then having kitchen staff trained on its usage. We are looking to have the turn on process started at the end of this week. From what we have been told by our construction professionals, the process of turning on all equipment will take a few days. Once the equipment is on training will be done. We are trying to have hot food available before the break but may not be able to make that deadline. I will keep the community informed as we make progress on all kitchen-related items.

I know that people are frustrated with the delays in getting food service going at the B.M.P. Ridge Street School. I share this frustration and will continue to push to get service started.

Sincerely,
Dr. Colin M. Byrne
Superintendent of Schools