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Construction Update

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

In my November update I promised to let the community know if there was any change in the mid-December target date for the District to have access to the kitchen. We are running up against a few items that are making this less likely.

The major item that is holding things up is the certification of the ventilation hood for the cooking area. The company who installed the system must come in to test and certify that this system is working correctly. Our contractor is working on getting this company in as soon as possible. Once this certification is done, we will have to get both the Department of Health and the New York State Fire Inspector in to sign off that the kitchen is safe for use. Assuming that there is no additional work that either of these groups will require us to do, our food service company, Whitson's, will need to set up the kitchen and prepare it for service. Based on the fact that we only have a few weeks before we let out for the holiday break, it is a very tight timeline to have all of this completed.

While the work does need to be done sequentially, we are trying to facilitate as much of this as possible. Our Business Office is expediting the arrival of cooking supplies and setting up training for staff on the equipment. We will continue to push to get all of the work done as quickly as possible.

I know that many students and parents are anxiously waiting for the opening of the kitchen. I am sorry that I have to bring news of another possible delay. I am hoping that my next message on construction will be much more upbeat!

Sincerely,
Dr. Colin M. Byrne
Superintendent of Schools