

# BLIND BROOK-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Construction Update from the Superintendent**

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

The District and Board of Education remain committed to providing you with transparent updates about the state of the construction project at the Bruno M. Ponterio Ridge Street School. As we approach the long-awaited full completion of the project, I wanted to share a few recent updates.

In working with the Fire Safety department at the New York State Education Department, we have extended our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for the building to February 1, 2023. For those who may not be aware, all of our buildings have to pass an annual inspection in order to maintain our occupancy certificates. The extension of our TCO to February will bring it in alignment with the regular inspection cycles for our other buildings.

As part of this TCO extension, we have now gained access to the new parking lot area, the redesigned entrance to the school, and the stage in the cafetorium. Note that there is still some landscaping work being completed in the parking lot area, so we plan to open this area for parking next week. Please feel free to walk through the parking lot in order to access the fields in the back of the school.

As part of the certification process, we have recently discussed with the State Education Department, the local fire department and our project architects the design of a fire truck access road behind the new portion of the building. We are still assessing the current requirements, as well as the time and cost that may be needed to make any enhancements to this road. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

We thank you again for all your support and patience during this project, and we look forward to our upcoming final completion and our official ribbon-cutting ceremony!

Sincerely,

Dr. Colin M. Byrne

Superintendent of Schools