

May 2024

Dear Amherst Families,

In late April, I provided an update on the Amherst Central School District Capital Improvement Project Phase 1 exterior work that began in early May at Smallwood Drive Elementary. Today's message is about the Phase 1 interior work at Smallwood Drive and Windermere Boulevard elementary schools starting June 27.

You may start to notice activity outdoors in late June as the construction management company installs fencing and work area signs. Asbestos abatement signs will be posted at both buildings.

Once work begins on June 27, there will be no building access for families. This summer we are not holding a summer meal program, open library or community education programs at either building. If you have information that needs to be dropped at school, please call the main office to make arrangements.

Elementary summer school will be at Windermere Boulevard in a dedicated wing where construction will not occur until after summer school ends on July 26. The main office will remain open during summer school. The students participating in summer school have been selected and their families have been notified.

While the playgrounds at both schools will remain available to families, they close at dusk. This summer and throughout the project, for safety reasons, we ask you and your children to abide by the signs and not enter any fenced construction areas.

The majority of the work listed below is expected to be completed for the start of school in September. The auditorium projects at both schools and the pool filtration system at Windermere all have a late October completion date.

Phase 1: Smallwood Drive Elementary School

- Relocate & redesign tennis courts into a multi-purpose play area - August completion
- Remove existing basketball court - August completion
- Construct new bus loop exiting off North Burbank Drive - August completion
- Intrusion locksets on interior doors - August completion
- Additional exterior security cameras - August completion
- Upgrade exterior building lighting - August completion
- Drinking fountain replacements - August completion
- Hot water tank replacements - August completion
- Auditorium stage rigging, HVAC, LED stage lighting, stage sound system - October completion

Phase 1: Windermere Boulevard Elementary School

- Intrusion locksets on interior doors - August completion
- Stairwell door and hardware improvements - August completion
- Additional exterior security cameras - August completion
- Upgrade exterior building lighting - August completion
- Drinking fountain replacements - August completion
- Classroom and bathroom HVAC renovations - August completion
- Classroom sink/cabinetry and bathroom renovations - August completion
- Boiler roof deck replacement - August completion
- Auditorium stage rigging, HVAC, LED stage lighting, stage sound system - October completion
- Replace swimming pool filtration system - October completion

I will continue to send families updates on the scheduled scope of work prior to the start of any construction. The Project is split into three phases with work at all buildings occurring between May 2024 and summer of

2027. Schedules, timelines, and site plans for each phase of work will be posted on the 2022 Capital Project [webpage](#). If you have questions, please reach out to your building principal.

Thank you,

Anthony J. Panella, Superintendent