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Dear Neighbor of Smallwood Drive Elementary School,

As a homeowner with property in close proximity to Smallwood Drive Elementary School, you are receiving this informational letter about Phase 1 of the Amherst Central School District Capital Improvement Project, approved by voters in December 2022.

Phase 1 exterior site work at Smallwood Drive is scheduled to begin May 6. The work will include the relocation and redesign of the tennis courts into a multi-purpose play area, removal of existing basketball courts and construction of a new bus loop exiting on North Burbank Drive. The anticipated work completion date is the end of August.

The week of May 6 you will notice more activity on the north side of our property. The construction management company will install signage, construction fencing and erosion fabric across the grassy area and along the perimeter of the residential properties that abut the work area. Construction access to the site will be through a designated gate entrance on North Burbank Drive. The parking lot will be accessible to our staff through June 26. From late June through late August, fencing will be installed at the parking lot entrances and there will be additional construction access gates on Smallwood Drive and Willow Wood Park North. Please refer to the site map on the back of this letter.

While this message pertains to the exterior site work and is only being mailed to residents whose property borders the work area, we also wanted to point you toward the 2022 Capital Project webpage (www.amherstschoools.org/capital). Since the site work at Smallwood Drive Elementary is a one portion of a larger three-phase project, we will post schedules, timelines, and site plans for each phase of work on the 2022 Capital Project webpage. The work this summer will be the only exterior work done at Smallwood. All other Phase 1 and Phase 2 work at Smallwood Drive will be interior renovations and improvements and will not impact the neighborhood.

For safety purposes throughout the summer, we ask you to abide by the signs and not enter any construction areas.

We aim to be a good neighbor and with that in mind, we have worked closely with our construction manager to reduce disruption as much as possible. If you have questions, please call Mark Rampado, Amherst CSD Director of Facilities, at 716-362-8151.

Thank you,

Anthony J. Panella, Superintendent

