



A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Trojan Families:

Hopefully all of you have had a fun, safe and enjoyable summer! I know it's probably hard to believe, but we are now just days away from the start of the 2024-25 school year. I am guessing for some of you, the summer probably went too fast, and you would have liked to have squeezed in a few more memories with your families.

However, I am sure there are some of you who are counting down the days until school begins.

This promises to be an exciting school year for the district. One of the biggest changes you'll probably see if you've been out and about in Troy this summer is that we will have turf fields at both Troy Memorial Stadium and Ferguson Field. First and foremost, we would like to thank our generous sponsors, as well as the STEP for Trojans Committee for putting these projects together. Because of your hard work, we were able to provide these opportunities to our football players,

soccer players and band members. You can read more about these new fields and new opportunities in this newsletter.

In this newsletter, you'll also be able to read about the other major projects on the horizon for the district, the building of three new elementary schools, one new middle school and adding HVAC systems to Troy High School.

These projects are much more long-term in nature than the turf project, but we are already hard at work behind the scenes, as this will be the biggest building project we have ever undertaken as a district. We are already working with an architect, construction firm and commissioning agent to ensure things are running smoothly. We are currently looking at having all of the buildings ready for students in the fall of 2027.

I would encourage you to read the building project updates in this newsletter to stay up on what's going on. We also will continue to post updates on our website, www.troy.k12.oh.us

Also in this newsletter, you will find useful back-to-school information, including open house/orientation information, as well as frequently asked questions.

Finally, I would like to welcome our students back for the start of a new school year. For our newest members of the Trojan family, the Class of 2037, this is the start of a fantastic journey through the school that will probably go by much faster than you realize. Just ask the members of the Class of 2024.

To the class of 2025, I hope you enjoy your senior year and make the most of all the opportunities presented to you as you prepare for the next phase of your life. Once again, it will be here before you realize it.

To the rest of our students, I encourage you to follow our district motto and dream big, work hard and succeed.

Chris Piper
Troy City Schools Superintendent



AN UPDATE ON NEW BUILDINGS

We continue to move along with the planning for new buildings. While this may not be as exciting as ground breakings, watching the brick and mortar go up or the eventual ribbon cuttings, planning is a critical part of the process, and we are doing everything in our power to make sure it is done correctly.

On this page, you can see an artist's rendering of what each of the three new buildings will look like. There also are floor plans and an aerial view of what the "North Building" (where Hook Elementary School currently is located) will look like. All three of the Pre K-4 buildings will look essentially the same.

Please note that all of these renderings and floor plans are a rough draft, and subject to change throughout the process. These pictures, however, should be enough to give you at least a rough idea of what our three new elementary buildings will look like.

Design work is taking place now, and expected to run through the Spring of 2025. The plan is to start construction in the Summer of 2025 and continue through the Summer of 2027, with the new schools opening in the Fall of 2027.

Working in tandem with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, we have hired Ruetschle Architects as the project architect, Peterson Construction as the construction management firm and Stan Engineers as commissioning agent.

ARCHITECTS

Ruetschle Architects is a Dayton-based architecture firm dedicated to personal attention, design excellence and the creation of projects with lasting quality and value. Ruetschle has a long history of educational, institutional, religious, commercial and community projects. They have worked on designing

Milton-Union's K-12 school building, Northmont High School, Fairmont High School's auditorium and Trent Arena, as well as the addition to Bethel High School. To learn more about Ruetschle, click [HERE](#).

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM

Peterson Construction Company was founded in 1949 as a family-run general contracting business that served the Wapakoneta community building homes and residential properties. The company expanded into larger scale commercial projects and developed a reputation for producing high-quality facilities including schools, hospitals, and water and wastewater treatment plants. They have worked on school projects including: the Covington PK-8 building, Piqua primary schools, Versailles K-12 school, Jackson Center PK-8 school, Van Wert 6-12 school and Lima Senior High School. To learn more about Peterson Construction Company, click [HERE](#).

COMMISSIONING AGENT

STAN Engineers was formed on April 15, 1981. STAN is a full service mechanical, electrical, and plumbing consulting engineering firm. They specialize in design engineering, commissioning, and energy engineering for building systems across a broad range of facilities throughout the country. STAN has been selected by OFCC as an approved Commissioning Agent since the inception of the program in January 2005. For more information about STAN, click [HERE](#)

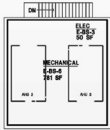
The bonds sold for the new elementary schools and middle school project received an AA2 bond rating, generating \$87,830,000 over 37 years.



North ES First Floor Plan
 Facility Master Plan



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TROY HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

Things are looking up at Troy High School this summer.

Literally.

If you look up at the ceiling at Troy High School, you'll notice all of the ceiling tiles have been removed, revealing miles of pipes, cables and wires. The ceiling above will look this way for a good reason, as it is part of the process necessary to bring long-awaited air conditioning to the high school.

The ceiling panels were removed to get 3D images of the area to begin planning for the updated HVAC system. Putting in new heating and air conditioning is just one part of the process in renovating the high school, however.

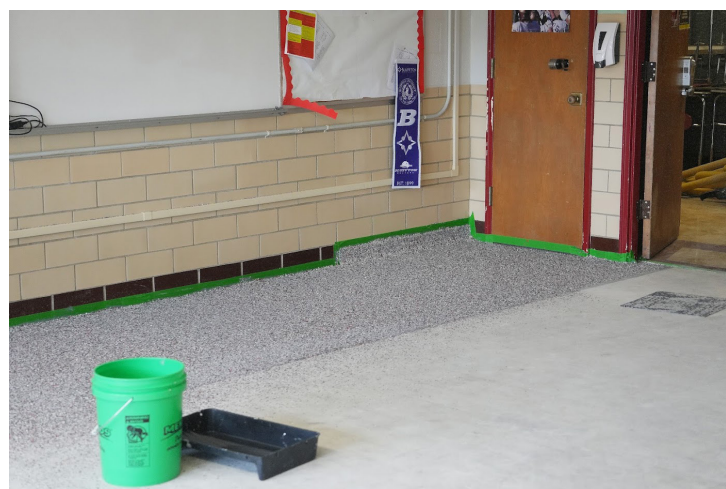
Currently, Classroom 160 has been abated. All of the floor tiles in the room have been removed (see the bottom two pictures on the right). All of the tiles have been examined and contain non-friable asbestos, meaning they are bonded and do not release asbestos fibers into the air. All of our buildings are checked regularly for asbestos, and are completely safe.

The entire high school will be abated in the summer of 2025.

The HVAC installation project will begin in the summer of 2026 and run through the 2026-27 school year and end in the summer of 2027. The plan is for the new HVAC system to be completely installed before the 2027-28 school year begins.

"When we were looking at building new elementary school buildings, we thought it would also be the right time to make some much-needed improvements at the high school," Troy City Schools Superintendent Chris Piper said. "When all of our projects are completed in 2027, all of our school buildings will have air conditioning. We know there will be some growing pains at the high school while we complete this process, but we are confident it will be worth it in the end. We are incredibly excited about this project."

The bonds sold for the Troy High School renovation project received an AA3 bond rating, raising \$23 million.





TURF PROJECTS COMPLETE AT TROY MEMORIAL STADIUM, FERGUSON FIELD

The Stadium & Turf Enhancement Project (STEP) Committee is pleased to announce that the installation of the artificial turf surfaces at both Troy Memorial Stadium and the Ferguson Field soccer field have been completed and will be available for Troy student-athletes and Troy High School marching band members on which to play not only their 2024 season, but well into the future.

The \$3.9 million project was funded 100 percent by donations from individuals, businesses, civic organizations and foundations.

"We are extremely pleased with the support from the community," said Troy City Schools Superintendent Chris Piper. "The completed project provides our students with two excellent fields that will be second to none."

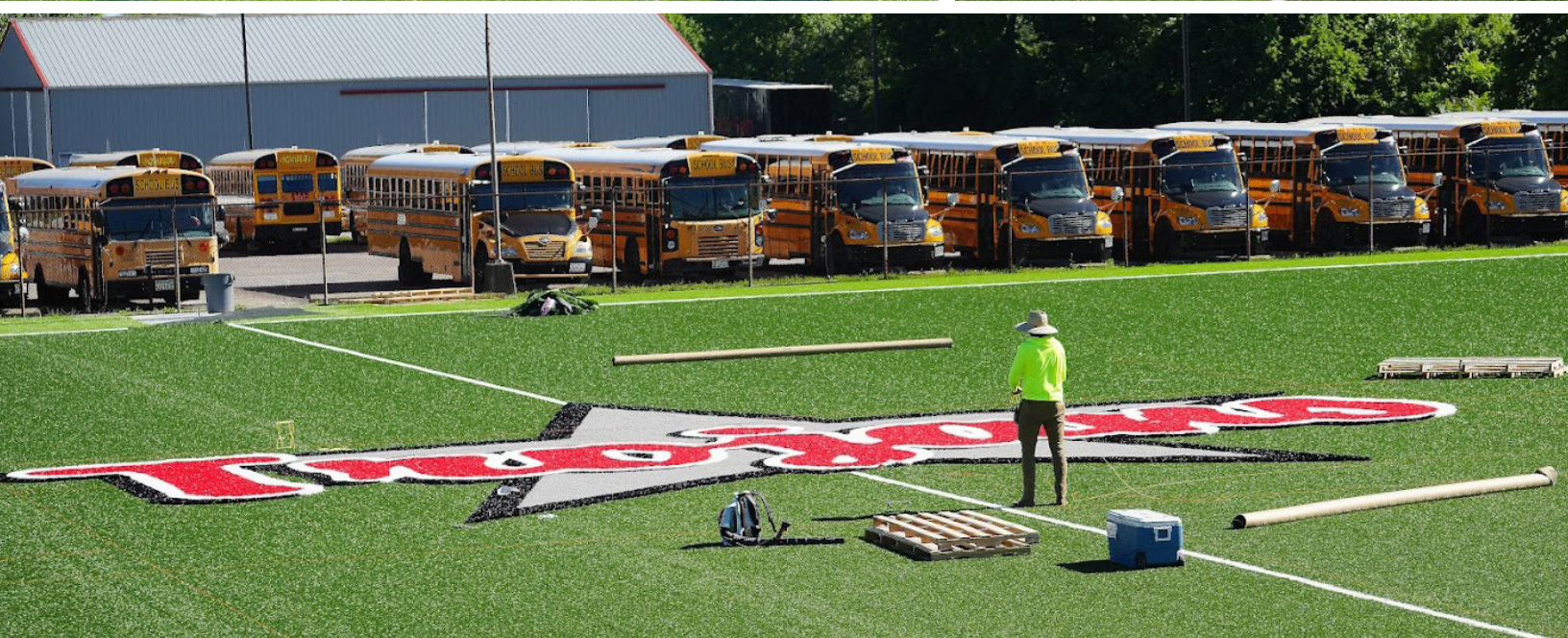
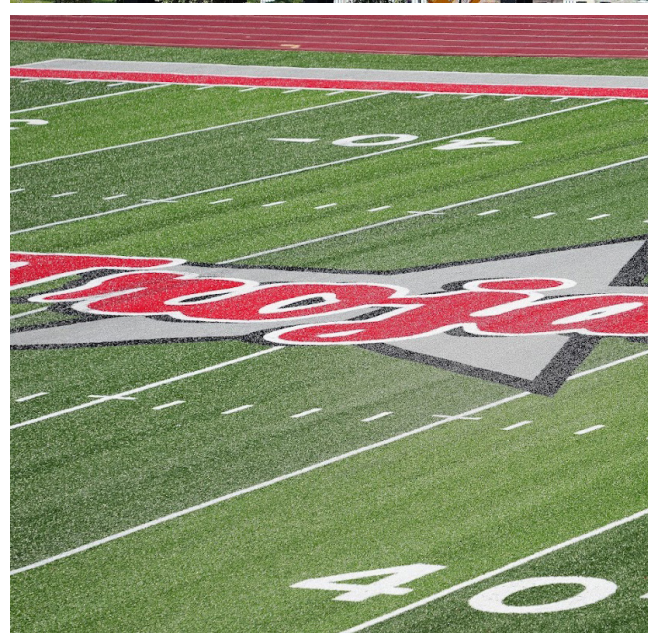
The project included the installation of artificial surfaces on both fields, new lights and netting for the soccer field, and a new scoreboard at Memorial Stadium. New bleachers at the soccer field are a part of the project, however, due to the increase in material costs since the fundraising began, an additional \$350,000 still needs to be raised by the Committee before they can be installed.

"The Motz group, along with project manager Chad Lavender, have done an excellent job in completing the project ahead of schedule and with no surprises," noted Jeff Price, Troy City Schools Treasurer, who oversaw the project on behalf of the district. "We are also very appreciative to The Troy Foundation for their help in collecting all of the project's donations and serving as the paying agent at no cost to the Committee or the District."

Donations are still being accepted and can be made by sending a check to The Troy Foundation, 216 W. Franklin Street, Troy, OH 45373 with noting STEP on the memo line.

Online donations can also be made through The Troy Foundation's website: www.thetroyfoundation.org. Once the goal has been reached, a donor board recognizing all donors will be placed at both fields.

A ribbon cutting has been scheduled for the soccer field on Thursday, August 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. and for the football field on Friday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Kleptz at tkleptz@turnstonefinancial.com or (937) 875-2550.



OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION INFORMATION

TROY HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 13-20: Schedule Pick-Up (main office), 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Aug. 19: Troy High School Open House, 6-7:30 p.m.
Aug. 20: Freshman Focus Day (Only freshmen attend)
Aug. 21: First Day for All THS Students (All students in grades 9-12 attend)

TROY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 19: Open House 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Day of School

VAN CLEVE SIXTH GRADE BUILDING

Aug. 19: Open House, 4-5 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Day of School

CONCORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aug. 18: Open House
Third grade, 1-2 p.m.
First grade, 2-3 p.m.
Second grade, 3-4 p.m.
Aug. 19: Kindergarten Open House, 5-6 p.m. Aug.
20: First Day of School
Sept. 5: Fourth Grade Parent Meeting, 6-7 p.m.

COOKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aug. 19: Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 5-6 p.m.
Aug. 19: Open House, 6-7:15 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Day of School

FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aug. 19: Open House, 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Day of School

HEYWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aug. 19: Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 5-6 p.m.
Aug. 19: Open House, 6-7 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Day of School

HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aug. 19: Open House (Grades K, 2-5), 5-6 p.m. Aug.
20: First Day of School

KYLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aug. 19: Open House for Grades 1 and 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Day of School
Aug. 23: Open House for Kindergarten, 1-2 p.m.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



There are a number of things you, as parents, will need to know as we begin the 2024-25 school year.

Library Books Policy

All parents of students in grades K-12 will now receive an email every time their student checks out a book from one of our libraries. We are working very hard to ensure that our libraries are filled with high-quality, age-appropriate books for our students.

If parents have any questions at any time about the books their children are checking out from our libraries, we encourage parents to contact the school for more information. We also encourage parents to take an active role in talking to their children about the books they are checking out of the library and reading.

Back-to-School Forms

It is imperative that parents/guardians fill out back-to-school forms for their students. We must have accurate, up-to-date information from these forms before students go on field trips and/or participate in extracurricular activities. You can find the forms [HERE](#).

School Supplies

You can find our school supplies lists for grades K-8 [HERE](#). Please note that due to the wide variance in classes high school students take, they will receive their supply lists on the first day of school.

Bus Routes

The state of Ohio requires transportation for students in grades K-8 who live more than 2 miles or more from their school. We provide transportation for all students in grades K-12 who live 1 mile or more from their school. To find your students' bus route, click [HERE](#).

School Breakfasts/Lunches

Students have the opportunity to purchase breakfast and lunch daily in our cafeterias.

Grades K-6: breakfast \$1.10; lunch \$2.60

Grades 8-12: breakfast \$1.35; lunch \$2.85

Free and reduced breakfasts and lunches are available for students who qualify. For more information on free and reduced lunches click [HERE](#).

Technology

All students will be provided with a Chromebook and charger to use during the school year. Students also will receive headsets to use with their Chromebook. Students are responsible for returning their equipment intact at the end of the school year. Parents have the option to receive free insurance for their student's Chromebook. This free insurance is available when filling out the back-to-school forms.



SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

The district completed a number of capital improvement projects this summer.

The biggest summer project took place at Troy High School, where there was a partial roof replacement. Roof areas were replaced above the science wing, part of the commons outside the Trojan Activities Center and the area of the building near the bus circle. The cost of the project was \$253,622, in addition to \$22,000 for replacement design services.

The district also spent a total of \$55,410.17 in repaving two areas near the high school, including Ferguson Drive and the parking area outside the district's technology department.

All told, the district expects to spend \$532,778.26 this year in capital improvement projects.

These projects will be paid for by a 1.1-mil permanent improvement levy first passed in November of 1984 and most recently renewed in November of 2018.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY RENEWAL ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

The Troy City Schools will have a 1.1-mil permanent improvement levy on the ballot this November. Since this is a renewal of an existing levy, it will not raise taxes.

This levy first passed in 1984 and was most recently renewed in November of 2018. If renewed, this levy will cost homeowners \$1.92 per month for every \$100,000 of home valuation.

Money raised by this levy can only be used for permanent improvements, and cannot be used for such things as payroll.

"While we look forward to getting new elementary school buildings in the very near future, the fact remains we still need to work hard to maintain the schools we do have in order to achieve our goal of keeping our students warm, safe and dry," Troy City Schools Superintendent Chris Piper said. "Our custodial staff and maintenance staff do a fantastic job on our buildings on a daily basis, but we need to continue to maintain our facilities, in particular Troy High School and Troy Junior High School.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Hunger never goes on summer vacation.

And that's why the Troy City Schools food service team, along with the generosity of the community and help from volunteers, does what it can to make sure students who need a meal during the summer are able to find one.

Once again, the district's food service team provided free lunches at various locations in Troy this summer. The program ran from June 10 through Aug. 9 and was available to anyone 18 and under, regardless of what school they attend.

"We know every child comes from a different background or situation so our goal is to help parents and children in any way we can," Troy City Schools Food Service Director Clint Hufford said. "That is what makes this program great, these meals are for all Troy kids, regardless of free, reduced, or paying status during the school year. We see the hunger of certain students during the school year and the thought of them going without a guaranteed meal during the summer is heartbreaking. Having plenty of food is a luxury for a lot of people, but there is certainly a need in our community and for our children."

The program served about 300 meals per day, five days per week.

"We serve mostly hot food, since that is what the kids enjoy most, but we also serve different deli sandwiches or peanut butter and jelly," Hufford said. "We also serve a lot of different hot and cold vegetables and various kinds of fruit. We put popular items on the menu that we know the kids will eat, while also menuing new items in hopes of encouraging them to try new things."

All of the food is prepared at Troy High School, then sent out to the sites around Troy. Hufford said he is blessed to have hard-working staff members preparing and delivering the meals.

"Our program has four employees who lead the operation: Kate Kurmas, Erin Sizemore, Olivia Hughes, and Janel Latif," Hufford said. "One or two of them work daily, and then we have an additional volunteer or two helping each day, for a total of three people each day. We have various volunteers who sign-up to help through the summer. We have a mother/daughter



team who rotate on picking up and delivering the meals to the sites, mom Jessica Ross and daughter Peyton Dunn.

"We have four Troy Food Service staff members who do a fantastic job of cooking and preparing meals with the help of so many great community volunteers. Without the staff and volunteers, this program wouldn't be able to exist. Those three staff members and volunteers take such pride in the meals they provide to our children while having fun in the process. From the minute they get here, they are working diligently to ensure the food they provide is healthy and of great quality."

All of the meals are free to children thanks to the generosity of sponsors within the community.

"The Summer Feeding Program is a team effort with so many great partnerships that help make this a success every summer," Hufford said. "First and foremost, the Troy Foundation. Their generosity to fund this program is a blessing. They understand and share the vision for feeding the youth. Partners in Hope does a great job of getting volunteers for the site and overseeing the grant this year. Troy Rec continues to offer help and feedback to ensure the program runs smoothly. The Lincoln Center is always willing to help on anything that is needed. When you have so many organizations and people within those organizations who are so selfless and willing to help, it makes for such a seamless operation. And obviously, we wouldn't be able to do this without our incredible volunteers who step up and help with this program every day."



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