



# HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Michael McElduff, Superintendent of Schools

February 8, 2025

Dear Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery Community,

I am pleased to share an update on the progress of our Capital Project, which continues to bring exciting improvements to our school facilities. These enhancements will support our students, staff, and community by ensuring our buildings remain safe, modern, and equipped for future learning needs.

**Phase 1:** Fort Montgomery Elementary School (FMES) is making steady progress. The underground plumbing for the new kitchen equipment has been completed and tested, ensuring the foundation for a fully upgraded space. Contractors are currently installing stone under the slab and are waiting for the ground to thaw before proceeding with the concrete pour. In the first floor classrooms, mechanical ceiling units and piping are being installed, while ceiling grids, tiles, and framing work continues in the nurse's office area. Structural columns and some beams are expected to arrive next week, further advancing the project. Additionally, temporary heaters have been provided to maintain warmth and allow finishing work to continue without delays.

**Phase 3:** James I. O'Neill High School (JIO) and Highland Falls Intermediate School (HFIS) Upgrades, bid interviews with the lowest qualified bidders took place on January 31, 2025, with contracts officially awarded at the Board of Education meeting on February 6, 2025. One of the primary priorities moving forward will be securing submittals for rooftop units (RTUs) and kitchen equipment to ensure a smooth implementation process.

To give you a firsthand look at the progress, we have attached photos from the FMES project, showcasing the incredible work being done.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community in making these essential upgrades possible. These improvements will have a lasting impact on the quality of education and resources available to our students. We will continue to keep you informed as the project advances, and we appreciate your patience and enthusiasm throughout this process.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michael McElduff

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Superintendent of Schools