

**Capital Project FAQ**  
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**Safety**

**How will our buildings be secured and safe for students while construction is happening?**

Maintaining a safe and secure job site means controlling access which is standard operating procedure. All construction areas will be secured with fencing and locking gates that limit entry points. These barriers are designed to keep students and construction activity separated.

Furthermore, signage warns everyone that only authorized personnel are allowed in construction areas. Workers secure their equipment and supplies during non-working hours. All construction workers wear photo identification badges and will not regularly work in areas occupied by students and will not interact with students.

The Board of Education closely monitors construction progress and safety measures through site tours and formal monthly reports.

**What safety checks and balances are required during construction?**

Daily safety inspections will be conducted by the Field Managers. All fire safety devices and current requirements must be maintained throughout the project. Once a space is completed, a separate fire inspection is required prior to students occupying the area.

The District is required to have monthly safety meetings to discuss upcoming construction and possible impacts on the students and staff in the building. A special meeting will take place monthly that involves teachers, parents and administrators along with the construction management and architectural team.

**How will hazardous material abatement be managed?**

Hazardous material abatement such as asbestos removal, will be conducted by licensed contractors under strict federal and state regulations.

**What if my regular emergency exit is not available during construction?**

The current construction plan works around all safety plans. However, emergency preparedness procedures may be modified as necessary during construction. Some fire escape routes may be modified - all egress routes must be maintained for the safety of the building occupants and the construction workers. For example, fire escape routes and exits may be adjusted on a permanent or temporary basis. Emergency evacuation plans will be communicated and practiced by students and staff on a regular schedule.

## **Disruption to Instruction**

### **Will we hear construction noise throughout the school day?**

Every effort will be made to minimize the potential distractions of construction on the learning process. Although some noise is inevitable, a schedule is being developed to keep distractions to a minimum. Everyone's patience and flexibility will be most appreciated during construction.

### **How will I know when my classroom/area is going to be under construction?**

Careful planning and scheduling allow for a phased process. The occupants of each phase will receive ample lead time to know their section is next and to which temporary space they will be moved.

## **Barker Road Middle School**

### **Will the parking lots be reconfigured?**

In every construction project the staging of equipment and supplies will impact parking. In the case of the Barker Road Middle School project, the rear/East parking lot will be impacted.

Designated **visitor spaces** will be provided in the west parking lot for all visitors to the District Office. All **teachers and paraprofessional staff** that currently park in the back lot of BRMS (parking lot off Bloomfield Road) will need to park in the side main parking lot off Barker Road. **Technology and Communication staff** along with **standards leaders** will still be permitted to park in the back lot off Bloomfield Road. All **Barker Road East, Business Office, District Clerk and receptionists' staff** will be permitted park in the front parking lot.

### **How will District Meetings and the District Office Main Entrance be affected?**

District Office meetings will be shifted to various locations throughout the District as needed based on timeline of the project.

Additionally, the main entrance of the District Office will be closed from approximately **June 30<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>**. The alternate location will become entrance number 4 near the Superintendent's Office.

## **Mendon High School**

### **Will the parking lots be reconfigured?**

In every construction project the staging of equipment and supplies will impact parking. There will be disruption to parking in the current main lot which will be reserved for staff only. Students will be instructed to park at Thornell Farm Park.

**Which MHS classroom spaces will be disrupted?**

There are six classrooms/spaces that will be impacted during construction:

- **First floor:** Rooms 106, 108 and the teacher/faculty room
- **Second floor:** Rooms 204, 208 and the restroom area across from room 208