



CHARLES A. BEARD MEMORIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

KNIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL 🐾 KNIGHTSTOWN INTERMEDIATE 🐾 KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

Re: Building Project Update: We're Moving Forward

Dear Panthers,

We're excited to share that our building project is officially back underway.

We are moving forward with confidence alongside our architect firm, CSO, and our construction partner, Meyer Najem. This marks an important next step in our continued work to invest in our students, staff, and community.

When we first introduced Project 2024, it was based on a clear vision: improve student opportunities, modernize our facilities, and operate more efficiently, all while protecting taxpayers by avoiding a referendum or any project that would cause an increase to the tax rate.

When construction bids came in significantly over budget, we had to step back and carefully evaluate whether a one-campus design could still meet our needs within our financial parameters. We committed from the start that we would not pursue a project that increased taxes, and we would not move forward without certainty.

Over the past several months, we evaluated every scenario we could. We worked with financial analysts, design experts, and construction professionals to test the feasibility of this approach in detail.

The result is clear. We can move forward with a project that meets our core goals—no referendum, no project-based tax rate increase, no compromise on quality.

We're also pleased to share that our staff design committees and community advisory group will be reconvened in the coming weeks. Their input will continue to shape the vision and priorities of this project as we move into the next design phases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jediah Behny".

Jediah Behny



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Superintendent

Project Timeline

Spring 2025

- Project re-engagement with CSO and Meyer Najem
- Design committee and community advisory group reconvened
- Schematic design process restarts

Summer 2025

- Schematic design finalized
- Move into design development
- Pre-construction planning

Fall 2025

- Finalize construction documents
- Permitting and bidding phase

Winter 2025–Spring 2026

- Groundbreaking and initial site preparation

Summer–Fall 2026

- Full construction underway
- Interior and exterior structure development

Winter 2026–Spring 2027

- Interior buildout and systems installation
- Final finishes and inspections



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August 2027

- Students and staff transition into new campus facilities
- Full operations begin for the 2027–28 school year