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WPS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT



Dear Wyoming Staff and Community,

What a summer it has been for our Primary Schools Construction Project! Over the past several months, significant progress has been made for each of our new primary schools. Construction at Hilltop has moved from site preparation to a new building beginning to rise; the former Elm Primary School has come down and construction of the new school is underway; and planning and approvals for Vermont continue to move forward. At the same time, an incredible amount of work took place to prepare our temporary school locations for students and staff.

As we begin a new school year, the progress happening throughout our community provides a very visible reminder that we are truly Laying the Foundation and Leading the Future!



EXTERIOR VIEW
Hilltop Primary School



HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

This summer marked an exciting transition at the Hilltop worksite as the project moved from site preparation into building construction. Following receipt of the final building permit, crews completed the building pad, installed stormwater infrastructure, laid out the building footprint, and began foundation work.

By July, exterior footers were approximately 95% complete, foundation walls were taking shape, the kindergarten wing had been backfilled and brought to grade, and underground plumbing and electrical work was underway. Masonry crews also made significant progress in the cafeteria, gymnasium, kitchen, music, and art areas.

That progress continued throughout August and into early September. In Area A, which includes the office, library, and classrooms, the first concrete floor slab was poured on August 4. Installation of the steel joists began on August 27, providing another visible sign of the new school beginning to rise.

In Area B, which contains the cafeteria, gymnasium, music and art spaces, and more classrooms, masonry work is nearing completion while electrical and plumbing work continues. Another major milestone was reached on September 2 with an additional concrete floor pour. With masonry walls,

concrete floors, and structural steel now taking shape, the size and layout of the future Hilltop Primary School are becoming increasingly easy to see.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Join us at 6 p.m. Monday, September 14, at the Hilltop School On-Campus Community Update. All are invited to gather at the construction fence for an on-site update on progress on the new Hilltop School. We'll meet on the Oliver Road side of the site with representatives from the school district, architecture firm, and construction management company.



ELM PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

This summer also represented an important transition for Elm. In May, the Elm Retirement Open House brought together students, families, staff, alumni, and community members to celebrate the history of the school and the many memories created there.

Following the conclusion of the school year, Elm was successfully moved to its temporary home at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming. Demolition of the former building began July 6 and moved ahead of schedule. By later in the month, the building had been completely removed, allowing crews to remove the slab and foundation, lower and grade the site, and prepare for construction.

The Board also approved important construction packages, including GMP 2.1, which includes many of the major components of the new school and came in approximately \$450,000 below the original estimate.

Most excitingly, Elm has now officially moved from site preparation into construction! We celebrated the moment with the Elm School Ceremonial Groundbreaking on August 25. Placement of stone for the new building pad is complete, foundation layout is underway, and the first foundation concrete pours have been completed. Stem wall framing began on September 2 as crews prepared for additional foundation work.

The Elm project continues to be on schedule, and over the coming weeks, the footprint of the new school will become increasingly visible.



VERMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

While construction is highly visible at Hilltop and Elm, important planning and design work continued throughout the summer for the future Vermont Primary School.

District representatives met with neighboring property owners to discuss property lines, fencing, drainage, trees, and other considerations associated with the project. These conversations helped inform plans for fencing and an underground water retention system designed to support long-term site drainage and stormwater management.

The district also hosted the third and final Vermont Design Workshop on May 20, providing another opportunity for community members to review the project and share feedback. Input received throughout all three workshops has played an important role in shaping the design of the new school.

The Board approved early procurement of the Vermont elevator to lock in pricing and help mitigate potential future cost increases. In July, the latest plans were presented to the City of Wyoming Planning Commission. These plans incorporated recommendations from the Architectural Review Board as the project continued through the City's approval process.



OUR TEMPORARY SCHOOL HOMES

A tremendous amount of work also took place this summer to prepare our temporary school locations, and that work paid off with a successful start to the school year!

Following the end of the school year, Elm Primary School was successfully moved to its temporary home at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, allowing demolition and construction to begin immediately at the Elm site.

At Friendship United Methodist Church, preparations continued throughout the summer to ensure the temporary Hilltop Primary School site was ready for another successful school year. Building on the extensive work completed last year, district staff and our church partners focused on final facility, technology, safety, and operational needs to welcome students and staff back for the start of school.

Today, both temporary locations are filled with students and staff. We remain incredibly grateful to the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming and Friendship United Methodist Church for their extraordinary partnership and willingness to open their facilities to our students, staff, and families.

WHAT'S NEXT?

There is plenty to watch for this fall! Hilltop will continue to rise as structural steel, masonry, and other building systems move forward. At Elm, foundations and construction of the new school will continue to take shape. Planning and approvals will also continue at Vermont as that project moves closer to construction.

Every foundation poured, wall constructed, design decision made, and milestone reached brings us another step closer to three outstanding new primary schools that will serve generations of Wyoming students.

We are Laying the Foundation. Leading the Future.