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Bowling Green City Schools Breaks Ground on New High School

The new high school engages BGCS' educational facilities master plan and transforms the educational experience for students and staff in the community.

(BOWLING GREEN, Ohio – May 1, 2025) — Bowling Green City Schools officially broke ground on its new high school set to be complete in fall 2027. The partial demolition and renovation of the existing high school for its conversion into an activity center will commence after the new high school opens. The new high school is the flagship project from the \$72.8 million bond passed November 2023, which was supported by the input and feedback from community members. It's the first transformational project advocated for by the district's educational facilities master plan since its approval in October 2023.

"The start of construction for the new Bowling Green High School is the beginning of a new era," says Bowling Green City Schools Superintendent Dr. Ted Haselman. "We are happy to be to the point where dirt is moving and progress is happening on the project. I am excited to see the building begin to rise out of the ground and look forward to the construction of a wonderful facility that will serve our Bowling Green students for decades to come."

The current high school has been serving the community for over 60 years, originally built in 1963. Community engagement is a crucial part of the model for the new high school. Students and teachers made a point of emphasis in visioning meetings that they wanted the new school to be a central point of pride for the Bowling Green community.

"This is a very exciting time for our students, staff, and community," says Bowling Green High School Principal Dan Black. "This building will be something we can all be proud of and it will serve everyone in our community. I am looking forward to everyone seeing this project come to life."

DLR Group, in partnership with emersionDESIGN, is designing the 155,000 SF high school and activity center. The new high school will serve 880 Bowling Green 9-12th graders. The three-story facility is centered around the Learning Hub and commons where hallways from all academic departments converge. Learning will be put on display and celebrated throughout the school showcasing educational

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programming in general classrooms and labs, agriculture, marketing, performing and fine arts, business, robotics, and broadcasting spaces. A new competition gymnasium serving 1,750 spectators with full court views from an elevated walking track is another focal point of the design.

“The new Bowling Green High School embodies the design excellence that’s possible when everyone works together with a shared commitment to student success,” says DLR Group K-12 Education Client Leader Dusty Lake, AIA, ALEP. “Our extensive planning and visioning with the district have driven the design of this new school. Every decision has been a collaborative effort, ensuring the outcome not only meets but exceeds expectations. Together, the team is laying the foundation to embrace the opportunities of tomorrow.”

Construction management efforts are being led by Rudolph Libbe Group who has been working alongside the team since August 2024. Work is set to be complete for the 2027-28 school year.

“Rudolph Libbe is proud to partner with Bowling Green City Schools on a project that is vital to its educational mission,” says Rudolph Libbe Senior Vice President Brad Deal. “Constructing a project of this size on an active campus is challenging. BGCS and Rudolph Libbe have worked closely to develop new traffic patterns and temporary parking intended to minimize the impacts and facilitate an environment conducive to learning.”

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