A New Era Begins: Bowling Green Breaks Ground on New High School

On Thursday, May 1, 2025, Bowling Green City Schools officially broke ground on its new high school—a project years in the making and a symbol of community pride and belief in the future.

Held under a packed tent in the current high school parking lot, the ceremony had the energy of a pep rally and the weight of a milestone. Superintendent Ted Haselman called it "the beginning of a new era" for education in Bowling Green. Serving as emcee was BGHS alum and retired news anchor Jerry Anderson (Class of '71), who brought energy, humor, and a sense of continuity to the event. Anderson masterfully kept the program moving while honoring both the legacy of the current school and the promise of the new.

Board of Education President Norm Geer thanked the community and everyone involved in the project. Mr. Geer praised the community's unity and vision. "This is a monument to what can happen when a community believes in its youth," he said.

BGHS Principal Mr. Dan Black emphasized that stakeholders were involved in the design of the new building and they had to challenge themselves to not only think about how we currently educate students, but what education will look like in the future.

"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."

Mr. Black mentioned his excitement for students and staff to be in a space that is designed for 21st century learning and collaboration. BGHS senior Sam Challu also spoke at the event. Though he won't attend the new school, Challu spoke of the importance of community investment in students and shared words from his classmates—"excited," "hopeful," and "thankful"—to describe the promise of the new building.

Set to open in fall 2027, the three-story, 155,000-square-foot high school will serve about 880 students and feature flexible classrooms, collaborative spaces, a central Learning Hub, and a 1,750-seat gymnasium. The building reflects a modern approach to education—designed for today's learners and tomorrow's opportunities.

Parts of the current high school, will be preserved and converted into a new Activity Center for community and student use, with a target opening of spring 2028.

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Construction management efforts are being led by Rudolph Libbe Group who has been working alongside the team since August 2024.

"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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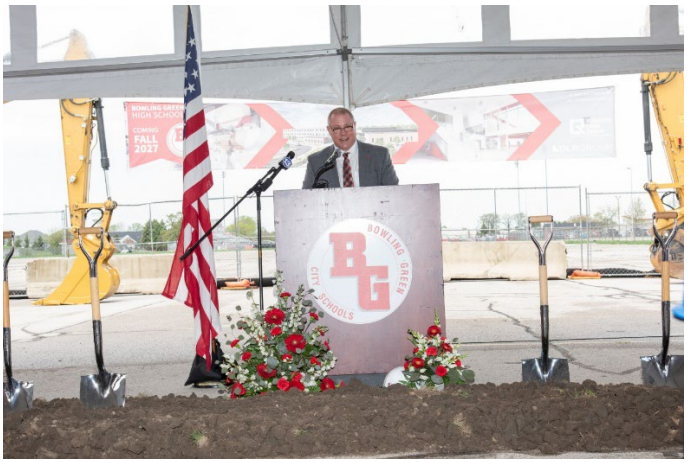

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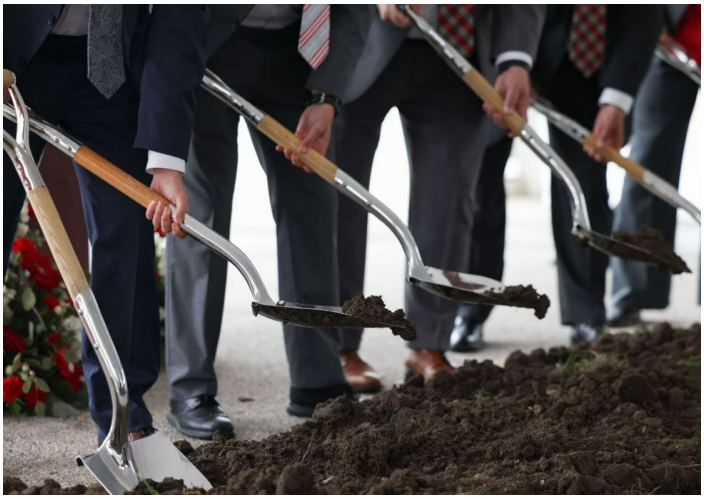

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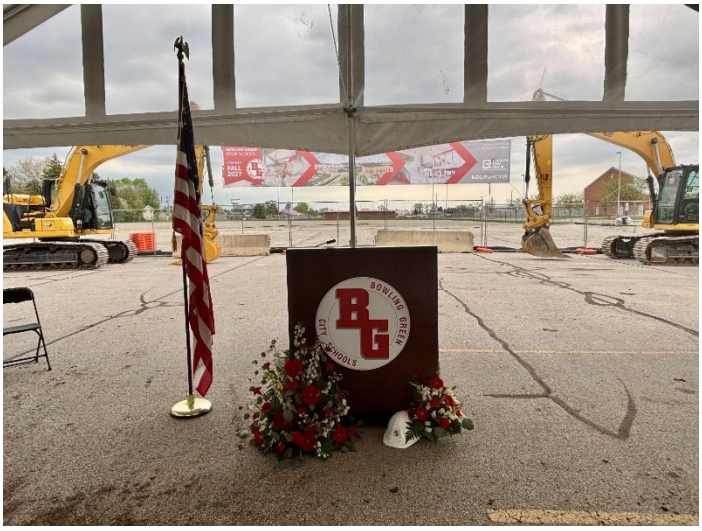

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