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WPS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Wyoming Staff and Community,

Exciting progress continues across our Primary Schools Construction Project! Since our last update, the new Hilltop Primary School has continued to rise, with roofing, exterior walls, and interior spaces beginning to take shape. At Elm, major concrete pours have marked an important transition from foundational work to the next stages of construction. Meanwhile, planning and design work for Vermont continues to move forward as we prepare for the construction of our third new primary school.

Beyond the construction itself, one of the most exciting developments has been the opportunity to connect this work directly to student learning. This week, our Hilltop third- and fourth-grade students had a unique opportunity to experience the construction process firsthand through a special learning experience called *Hard Hats & Big Dreams!*

Each milestone brings us closer to three incredible new schools that will serve generations of Wyoming students. We continue to be excited about the progress as we are **Laying the Foundation. Leading the Future!**

HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

The new Hilltop Primary School continues to take shape both inside and out! Since September, significant progress has been made on the building's structural components, exterior walls, roofing, and interior learning spaces.

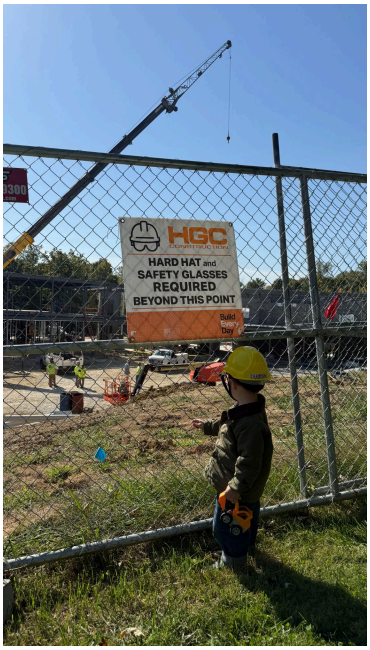
One of the most exciting recent milestones has been the completion and inspection of roof decking in Area A, which includes the school's offices, library, and classrooms. With this work complete, crews have begun installing the roof, bringing us another step closer to having portions of the building enclosed.

Throughout the building, exterior and interior wall framing continues, making it increasingly easy to envision the future classrooms, hallways, and learning spaces. Electrical, plumbing, and HVAC installations are also progressing on both the first and second floors. In Area B, which includes the cafeteria, gymnasium, music and art spaces, and additional classrooms, crews continue to make progress on exterior brickwork, insulation, steel framing, and roof decking.

Another memorable milestone took place in October, when students, staff, and community members had the opportunity to sign the final steel beam before it was placed atop the building. It was a wonderful way for our community to become a permanent part of the new Hilltop Primary School!



Looking ahead, crews will continue installing roofing, completing exterior brickwork, and framing interior spaces. We can also look forward to the completion of roof decking between the cafeteria and gymnasium, along with the beginning of construction on the school's front entrance canopy. With each passing week, the overall appearance of the new Hilltop Primary School is becoming more recognizable!



ELM PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Construction at Elm Primary School has also reached some exciting milestones as the new building begins to take shape! Following the completion of much of the underground infrastructure and foundation work, crews have moved into the next major phase of construction.

One of the most significant recent developments has been the pouring of the first concrete floor slabs for the new school. The first major pour took place on October 26, followed by a second pour on November 3. These are important milestones because they establish the floors of the new building and prepare the site for the installation of structural steel.

Masonry crews have continued constructing the gymnasium walls, providing one of the first visible signs of the new school's size and layout. Work around the elevator area continues, while underground electrical and plumbing installations are progressing throughout the site.

With the foundations taking shape and the first concrete floors now in place, Elm is beginning to transition from work happening primarily below ground to the much more visible stages of construction.

Looking ahead, crews will continue masonry work around the gymnasium and elevator areas, and we are especially excited about the upcoming installation of structural steel. As the steel begins to rise, our community will begin to see the new Elm Primary School take shape above ground, much like we have experienced at Hilltop over the past several months!

VERMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

While construction continues at Hilltop and Elm, important planning and design work is moving forward for the future Vermont Primary School.

Following a recent meeting with the City of Wyoming Architectural Review Board, our architects made adjustments to the building's exterior design. This ongoing collaboration is an important part of ensuring the new school complements the surrounding neighborhood while providing outstanding learning spaces for our students and staff.

Although much of this work is less visible than the construction underway at Hilltop and Elm, each design refinement and planning decision represents another important step toward bringing the new Vermont Primary School to life.

HARD HATS & BIG DREAMS: BUILDING MORE THAN SCHOOLS!

One of the most exciting parts of our Primary Schools Construction Project is the opportunity to turn the construction of our new schools into meaningful learning experiences for our students!

On Wednesday, November 4, our Hilltop third and fourth grade students participated in a special educational experience called **Hard Hats & Big Dreams!** Thanks to the collaboration and generosity of our construction team, students had the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to bring a new school to life.

The experience was designed around three important stages: *Dream It! See It! Build It!*

Before the visit, students explored the many careers involved in designing and constructing a school, learned how subjects such as math, science, and communication connect to these professions, and developed questions to ask members of the construction team.

During their visit, students had the opportunity to meet construction professionals, learn about their different roles and career pathways, and view the progress of their future school from a safe location. They also explored how teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, and perseverance are essential to overcoming challenges and turning big ideas into reality. Students received special "Wyoming Building the Future" drawstring bags filled with construction career-related items to help commemorate the experience.

Following the visit, classroom reflection activities will provide opportunities for students to think more deeply about the careers and skills they discovered, as well as how their new school will make a difference for future generations of Wyoming students.

A special thank you to our HGC construction team for helping create such a meaningful learning opportunity! Not only are they building incredible new schools for our community, but they are also helping inspire the next generation of thinkers, problem-solvers, and dreamers.

We look forward to creating similar experiences for Elm and Vermont students as their construction projects progress!











WHAT'S NEXT?

There is plenty to look forward to as we move through the final months of 2026!

At Hilltop, continued roofing, exterior brickwork, and interior construction will bring the building closer to being enclosed and allow even more of the future learning spaces to take shape. At Elm, the upcoming installation of structural steel will mark another exciting milestone as the new school begins to rise above ground. At Vermont, continued design refinements and planning will help prepare the project for its next stages.

We are also excited to continue finding opportunities to connect the construction of our new schools with meaningful learning experiences for students. *Hard Hats & Big Dreams* is a wonderful example of how this project is about so much more than constructing buildings. It is about inspiring students, strengthening our community, and creating outstanding learning environments for generations to come.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, community partners, architects, and construction teams for the continued support and enthusiasm throughout this journey.

We are Laying the Foundation. Leading the Future.