



Dorothy Hamm Middle School

Community Newsletter (July 2019)

Introduction

We are 13 months into the project with about 1 months before the school is occupied in September 2019. Except for one extremely bad rain day, the weather has been favorably dry and has allowed considerable field progress: specifically, the addition foundation work, building steel, sidewalk, curb and gutter, athletic field hard, courtyard grading with sidewalk installation, soft scape improvements and the site drainage work.

Addition

With respect to the addition; the auxiliary gym exterior walls are now completed, the below slab soil stabilization methods have been installed for both the auxiliary gym and a large portion of the 1st floor, the second level slab on grade has been poured, and three of the four exterior bio retention structures have been poured while only number two remains in progress. Steel has been received, two cranes are on site and the second-floor steel is being installed.

The athletic field sidewalks connecting bio retention structures #05 and #06, including grading are complete, the field sod installation has been completed, as has been the irrigation system. The curb and gutter system for the new employee parking lot as well as the base coat of the new employee parking lot has been installed. Also, the curb and gutter for the new Drop-Off roadway has been complete along the field side except for one section to allow for field access for the

installation of the field sod. The sidewalk on the upper section of the drive way has been completed. The parking lot, athletic field, and much of the new Drop-Off road will be completed in time for start of school in September. The bad weather encountered earlier this year and over the winter has resulted in the addition completion trailing into the first quarter of 2020. The Construction Team is continuing to evaluate whether to costs associated with any accelerate of the construction represents a good financial investment. Construction strategies include additional crews, alternative design methods to allow multiple trades working in the same space, pre-fabricating sections of ductwork and overhead piping to name a few.

Renovation

With respect to the renovation, completion in August is still on track. All demolition and associated hazardous remediation work have been completed. Rooms receiving major renovation work, including the new Arts/Tech wing, the converted Life Prep classroom, the reconfiguration of the administrative office suite, the complete upgrade of the cafeteria, the new elevator, the redesign of the black box theatre and the reconfiguration of the old Stratford wing have commenced and are in various stages of completion. County inspections of renovated spaces are in progress. The field and design teams have been meeting daily to address any issues or impediments immediately. Weekly Owner's Progress Meeting continue to address all issues both construction, design, schedule and financial. Numerous areas of the building are being cleaned and prepped for functional occupancy.

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