

Welcome Back Lizzy Families!

I am excited to be able to provide a construction update as we head into the 18-19 school year. The construction at EH is completed and we are excited to have our students return to cool classrooms next week!

First and foremost, we will begin the year with air conditioning school-wide! This means that our students and teachers can learn and teach in a comfortable environment regardless of the heat and humidity.

Unfortunately, in Mrs. Ohl's 2nd grade classroom there was an installation issue with the a/c unit causing the floor to buckle from water build up. This issue is currently being addressed, but 20 will likely need to begin the school year in the Library for up to a few weeks. I will be providing a more detailed update to these families as a firmer timeline is established.

Over the past year we experienced many upgrades to the building facade, some more visible than others. You may notice new front steps and handrails have been installed. The sidewalks have been replaced/repared and the brick drop off zones have been repaired and replaced as needed. A handicap accessible drop-off space has been created; please don't park here to ensure accessibility for our students and friends.

Maybe less noticeable, but just as important, are the gutter repairs, roof replacement, cornice work, electricity upgrades, a new clock and phone system, and masonry work that have taken place over the last year. The wall outside the Art Room and Room 101 has been repaired. All windows in the building have been replaced.

During the first week of school a significant security upgrade will take place. The locks will be replaced on all internal doors. The internal locks will be replaced with classroom function security locks. The outside lever is locked and unlocked by a key from either the inside or outside of the classroom allowing the teachers to lock the classroom from the inside in an emergency situation. The inside lever is always unlocked to allow for immediate egress. The classroom doors are all operated by the same key so that any teacher can lock any door from the inside or outside. This is crucial for our teachers who travel between buildings or travel to different classrooms to teach. Student and staff safety is a priority and the upgraded locks ensure that we are providing a safe place to come each day.

Certainly a job well done by all of those involved in this large scale construction project. I would like to thank the faculty for their flexibility during construction as they moved rooms, went on carts to rooms (Library and Art), and were extremely flexible during a complex project. We thank you and your family for your patience and positivity as we worked to complete the job efficiently and safely. The hard work and flexibility of the contractors, students, facilities team, BOE, and the school staff is admirable.

Be on the lookout for opening of school information coming tomorrow. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Best,
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