

## Facilities Facts – August 2011

The month of August has been busy as the Board of Education has accepted updated design plans and foundation work has begun at all three sites. Due to higher than expected bids in June, the Board of Education announced modifications to the plans in order to maintain the project budget. The specific changes and the bid results summary may be found on the district website. During the process of adjusting the building plans the BOE maintained the educational spaces requested by the community and maintained the architectural integrity of the buildings.

The Board of Education has awarded contracts for foundation work, plumbing, masonry and HVAC. The Board is currently seeking pricing for a General Trades package and an Electric Package. It is important to note that Ohio Law requires the BOE to bid the project using the multiple prime system (separate contracts for plumbing, electric, HVAC, etc.). This process is very different than the typical approach used in the private sector. The Ohio Legislature has voted to change this law but the new regulations will not be ready in time to impact our project.

During the 2011/2012 school year there will be several open houses scheduled on weekends so that residents may tour the buildings during the construction process and witness the progress being made. These are exciting times in our community as we prepare for future generations of students.

### THE TIMELINE

- August 2011 – Construction begins
- Fall 2012 – Both elementary schools complete in time for school to begin and Junior High is scheduled for completion in late September

### THE TRANSITION

- Junior high students will remain in their current building until they occupy the new building in the fall of 2012
- Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary students will remain in modular classrooms through the 2011/2012 school year.

Please visit our website frequently to get the most up to date information. Thank you for your support of our schools and do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments.

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