

CONSTRUCTION TIME AT LAST!

If you have been past any of our elementary construction sites recently, you know that dirt is being moved, and that the long awaited construction phase of the project has begun. Perhaps, you have already observed work taking place. No doubt, from time to time, there will be some inconveniences that occur, especially during the site preparation work. Don't assume that we in the Central Administration Office will be aware of these inconveniences. Let us know, and we will check into whatever it is.

I do ask for your patience and understanding as we go through the construction phase of the project over the next several months. Weather and other factors have now put our project off schedule. Whether the new construction portion of the project can be completed by the start of the 2009-2010 school year remains to be seen. Our schedule was always an aggressive and best case scenario from the beginning. Delays and problems are a normal part of the process. As of now, our targeted completion date is November, 2009. Again, we will all need to exercise patience. We are closer today to our completed project than we were a month ago, a week ago, or even yesterday.

There is so much work that has been accomplished on this project to date, and so much more work left to do until we finally are finished with the project. At least, with the beginning of the construction work, we are to the point where all of us will be able to see tangible evidence of all of this work. However, keep in mind that we still have a long way to go. We hope to have construction cameras installed at each of the elementary sites in the near future. Once this occurs, you will be able to log on to our District

Website to check on the construction progress anytime that you want to do so. Don't forget, our website address is www.ovsd.us.

It is so easy for me to allow myself to be totally immersed in the construction and renovation project. This is something that I have to personally guard against. While this project is truly a great thing for all involved, which includes you, too, it is not the real reason why we are here. Student learning and achievement has always been, and will continue to be the major reason for the existence of schools.

I truly believe that our staffs are working with more purpose and more commitment to student achievement and success than ever before. The excitement and anticipation of the new or renovated buildings among staff is exceeded only by their determination to help students achieve success. This is who we are. Our staffs are more knowledgeable in their areas of expertise than ever before. New buildings are wonderful, but helping student reach academic success is really what it's all about.

Please feel free to contact me at 544-5586 if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you.

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