

WE ARE IN!

Christmas came a little early this year for our elementary students and staff. All three of our building dedication ceremonies took place before packed auditoriums in each of our elementary schools. Our students were bussed to their new buildings on December 16th and 17th, taking with them their books and personal items. Moving has taken place since December 14th. For the most part, the move has been completed. All that remains is to finish unpacking and putting away supplies and materials before January 4th.

Various sub-contractor crews will also be in the elementary buildings over Christmas Break. These folks will be trying to address as many punch list items as possible before students return to classes in January. Actually, we still have some furniture to be delivered to the schools, so the Christmas Break will be a busy one for many folks.

On behalf of the Board of Education of the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District, I want to extend our collective “thanks” to anyone who played a part in designing and building our new schools. We are blessed in our school district to have such nice facilities for students to attend and learn. We should never take this for granted. I also want to thank the voters of our school district for their help, their support, their faith and trust in us, and their willingness to grab a hold of this opportunity and to make it happen in the AC/OVSD.

As I write this article, school districts across the State of Ohio are greatly relieved that the Ohio Senate has reached a compromise on the budget correction bill known as HB/SB

318. Many thanks to both the Republicans and Democrats who worked long and hard to reach a compromise. The passage of this bill means that many school districts, including ours, will be spared from making mid-year cuts in order to balance school district budgets. Many thanks to our Senators for working through their differences with this bill.

I would like to close this article by wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. More than this, I hope that the Holiday Season will be a safe one for you, your family and friends. From where I sit, 2010 looks to be a very challenging year. Working together, we will, hopefully, be able to meet the stiff challenges that lie ahead of us. In the meantime, Happy Holidays to all!

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