

Hello Buckeye Community:

I wanted to send a quick message to everyone and update you on the status of our elementary building additions. Please share the good news with your friends and neighbors who live in the Buckeye Local School District! We are very excited about the project and I personally hope that it serves as a reminder to our staff, students, parents and community members that your Superintendent and Board of Education are committed to insuring that our children, staff and school community have the resources they need to be successful in the 21st century!

As I am sure you have noticed, the addition is coming together quickly. Over the summer, I met with architects, administrators and teachers to go through the design phase of the project. We determined that in order to stay under the 3.5 million dollar budget and meet all of our needs, we would build 10 classrooms, two sets of restrooms, two 1700 square foot science centers and two green houses. We broke ground around the middle of November. The project is “on time and under budget”! We are anticipating 95% completion by July 1st, the furniture being delivered and installed the week of July 19th and 100% completion by August 6th. Our hope is to have our teachers moved into the classrooms and be ready for the children by the first day of school (August 25, 2010).

Another important part of the project is the financing through the Medina County sales tax. We are able to finance the entire project through sales tax dollars. The district was able to secure a low finance rate (approximately 5%) which enabled us to spend only half of our sales tax money per year for the next 15 years. This will insure that we will be able to address other permanent improvements around the district. The additions were also designed so that if there was a need for additional classrooms, we could do that at a minimal expense and construct the classrooms very quickly.

As always, please do not hesitate to call, email or stop by with any questions or concerns. I appreciate the positive feedback that I am receiving from numerous community members and I am looking forward to continuing to move the district in a positive direction.

Respectfully,

Dennis Honkala
Superintendent