

New Miami Trace High School Construction Update Summer 2018

With the cold, snow, and rain of the winter months behind us, the pace of the new high school project has really begun to accelerate. At any given time, there are as many as 100-125 workers on the site working on all of the various tasks that need to be completed to open the school in January.

Due to the large size of the school, the various wings of the building are in various states of completion. Some areas of the building are nearly completed, awaiting ceiling tile installation, flooring, and casework installation. Other areas such as the gym and auditorium are still undergoing work related to the heating and cooling systems, plumbing, and electrical installation.

The kitchen is awaiting the installation of the cooler/freezer units, kitchen exhaust hoods-which are set to be installed by late June. Following this work, crews will begin installing ceramic tile flooring, followed by the actual cooking equipment.

The exterior brick and window work is completed and the crews have begun the installation of exterior metal wall panels where specified. Crews have also begun pouring exterior sidewalks and ramps and conducting final grading of the site. The central loading dock is completed. On June 5th, the geo-thermal well contractor began filling and flushing the geo-thermal well field that will heat and cool the building. Dayton Power and Light has established permanent power service to the building. We expect to begin start-up of the building air-conditioning systems by July 1st.

We are aware that there has been some discussion in the community regarding potential issues with the roofing on the new school. In order to set the record straight, it is important to reassure the community and our taxpayers that while there have been some “bumps” regarding this process, the construction oversight team, Ruscilli Construction Company, and district officials are on top of things and will confirm that all needed corrections are completed without financial impact to the project. In short, an incorrect product was installed as part of the overall roofing system. This product did not meet project specifications for roof ventilation as set by the architect. We do not believe this was in any way an intentional act on the part of the subcontractor. The issue was not discovered until much of the incorrect material was already installed on the building. The error was discovered as part of our ongoing construction oversight process. After a series of meetings, the roofing subcontractor has agreed to remove and replace the incorrect material-which they are currently in the process of completing. Throughout this process, the interior of the building has been protected from moisture and no damage to the interior has occurred. Once completed, we do not anticipate any future issues with this system.

Within the next 30 days, crews are scheduled to begin work on the Bloomingburg-New Holland turn lane project, which will improve safety and access to the site. By late summer, the same crews will be working to install the final layer of pavement for all roadways and parking areas around the school.

At this time, the team does not foresee any issues that will delay the anticipated opening of the school in January 2019. The project is proceeding well, thanks to a strong design and construction team, as well as solid support from our community and Board of Education.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions about the project. We may be reached at (740) 335-3010 or via email at bfranke@mtpanthers.org.