

## New High School Update

January 2016

Despite a break for the holidays, there continues to be a lot of activity on the early design process for our new school. SHP Leading Design has submitted the *first draft* POR (Program of Requirements) document to the Ohio Facility Construction Commission (OFCC) for review and approval. This document is a template that helps determine the specific square footage allotted to all of the various spaces within the building such as the academic core, special needs, arts, music, vocational education, athletic, administrative offices, kitchen/cafeteria, and mechanical equipment. Once approved by OFCC, this document will help guide us in developing a more detailed building floor plan to present to staff for their review and comments. At the current time, the new building is “on target” in terms of the size allotted by the overall project template, at approximately 160,000 sq. ft. As a comparison, our elementary school is 141,000 sq. ft., our middle school is 91,000 sq. ft., and the current high school is approximately 127,000 sq. ft.

The design team will be meeting once again with high school staff members during our upcoming student waiver day on January 29<sup>th</sup>. They will meet with each department to review the current building plan and seek input and feedback as they work to further refine the plans.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, officials from OFCC and the district met with four (4) construction firms to review their bids and project proposals for the project. These firms were pared from an initial pool of eleven (11) firms that submitted proposals for the project. The four (4) finalists were: Summit Construction, Smoot Construction, Setterlin Construction, and Ruscilli Construction. After listening to their project ideas and reviewing the specific staffing and fee proposals from each firm, the firms were ranked according to an OFCC-mandated rubric. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that Columbus-based Ruscilli Construction was selected for our project. Ruscilli has many years of experience in school construction (including a long relationship with *The Ohio State University*), with over \$3 billion of past experience, and a solid partnership with our design firm SHP Leading Design. We are extremely excited to have Ruscilli as a partner on our project.

For more information on Ruscilli, we have provided a link to their website: <http://www.ruscilli.com/>

Ruscilli’s engineering and estimating team will soon begin to work in tandem with the SHP design team to review the design which will allow the project to be constructed within budget and on schedule. Once the final design is solidified, Ruscilli will begin constructing our new school! At the present time, we are confident that early site preparations such as drainage tile, site electric services, water and sewer lines, and building and parking lot pads will begin in late summer 2016. You will see the building begin to rise from the ground in the early spring of 2017!

Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments related to the project. We may be reached at (740) 335-3010, or by email at [bfranke@mtrace.org](mailto:bfranke@mtrace.org). Thank you for your continued support and Go Panthers!