

New Miami Trace High School Update

March/April 2017

With the start of warmer weather, we are happy to say that work has begun on the building foundations. On April 3, 2017 the first concrete trucks began to deliver concrete to the contractor responsible for the building footings. The crews started in the “D” wing, which is the two-story academic wing of the facility. Recent warmer and wetter than normal weather provided several challenges to the crews as they worked through lots of mud and water. It is nice to see the drier weather arrive with the start of Spring. The crews hope to begin assembling the concrete block walls in this area within the next few weeks. Crews will also focus on installing the under slab plumbing and electric services during the coming weeks. The building is so large (over 162,000 square feet) that the building has been divided into several sections of construction activities-almost like separate buildings. Each section will progress at a different pace and activity based on the number of contractors available to focus on things such as concrete, masonry, plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling, fire protection, and finishes such as drywall and flooring. The role of the construction manager is to manage the various trades and schedule them efficiently during the entire process. This role is sort of like a conductor in front of a large orchestra of contractors! In the end, everything will come together and the building ready for students by January 2019.

The geo-thermal contractor has continued to work to complete the installation of the 286 geo-thermal wells that will heat and cool the building. At last count, they had over 200 wells completed and are progressing at a rate of 4 to 7 wells per day.

The site contractor has been focusing on the installation of the storm sewers that will drain the entire site. They are also working on the sanitary sewer, which will tie into the existing lift station in the front of the old high school.

Development of the final plans for the Bloomingburg-New Holland roadway improvements has continued. These improvements will provide turn lanes into the new school to enhance safety and traffic flow. As part of these improvements, it is necessary to acquire easements in the area in order to widen the roadway.

On April 6, 2017 the district was notified that the furniture bid packages for the building have been received. The project budgeted \$900,000 for the entire furniture package. Basic costs for the package came in approximately \$20,000 below this estimate.

If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to view the link on our district website to take a “virtual tour” of the new school. This feature gives a very realistic and exciting opportunity to “fly” through the building, even though the start of construction of the actual building is still a few months away! The project continues to be on track to open for students in January 2019.

Please contact us at (740) 335-3010 or email bfranke@mtrace.org if you have any questions concerning the project. Thank you for your continued support and Go Panthers!