

Progress report.
Period of 9/9/2020 to 10/14/2020.

The most obvious of progress is at the Harold Martin School as it is all outside and visible.

Here are some major accomplishments at **Harold Martin School**.

For the sprinkler service, we have determined the cistern for water storage will be on the side of the building by the "dinosaur" and the hole has been excavated. Tank is on order.

Fire pump is on order for sprinkler system as is the significant piping. We are looking to have the sprinkler system 90% complete by 12/31/2020. This will qualify us for the state funding that has been allowed to the District.

The new addition is making significant progress. All under ground work is complete. The footings are in as well as the concrete floor for the addition. All the steel for the project is onsite and erection is commencing today. This should take about 3 weeks to have all the steel up and the various deckings (floor decking and roof deckings) completed.

We will begin the exterior framing of the structure as well as the roof effort. Goal is to have a weather tight building before the major part of winter commences. Work can then proceed inside during the winter months.

At Harold Martin we also have a COVID check-in station for all contractors on site. This is an electronic system that takes a temperature of the person and gives them a sticker for their helmet daily to verify they have been COVID checked prior to commencing work. We are taking the COVID protocols very seriously and have had no problems with contractor cooperation.

The **Middle/High School** had a great majority of the summer effort being concentrated on the new restrooms. The restrooms came to full conclusion in the last 30 days. The new tile work is very substantial and will last for many DECADES to come. A great investment in your schools future. You should begin to see some of the fine design efforts of The Turner Group with the color combinations and efficient use of space that the restrooms provide.

The **Maple Street School** has its most visible work in the new Handicapped area at the rear of the building.

This handicap ramp is a significant accomplishment and was an efficient use of space.

Maple Street also had some restroom work. Again, good quality and good design. Construction is currently chasing down elusive roof leaks and resolving some long standing roof issues.

There are many silent items going on that are not visible to the general public but are being done in the background.

First, and most is the COVID protocols and overall general workplace SAFETY. Construction group takes safety very seriously and this goes on without much note. Every thing we do all day is to ensure the safety of the students, staff and construction workers.

Second is a subject call Submittals. Here is how that process works. The Architect design something. A window for example. The construction firm, BPS, then puts out the windows to competitive bidding. The bids come in and the vendor for windows is chosen. The vendor then sends in a SUBMITTAL that is the paperwork for the exact window they will be ordering. The Architect then verifies that is the correct window or an acceptable alternate. The window is then ordered and arrives. This is all quietly going on in the background but is essential to the success of the project. By the time the item, in this case a window, arrives it has been touched and reviewed multiple times by multiple people to ensure it is the proper window and will give the best LIFE SPAN for the benefit of the people of the Hopkinton District.

So, much of the work at this time is "behind the scenes" in submittals approvals, corrections, modifications, etc.

Third, is the budget side. Michelle and Gordon spend time ensuring the billing is consistent with the progress of the project. This is an area where many unsuccessful school projects get into trouble. "No one is watching the dollars". At Hopkinton we have an excellent system of checks and balances so we are sure the dollars are matching the work effort as projected by the contracts in place. A very significant safety valve for the Districts fiscal protection.

Four, weekly job meetings. Hosted by BPS but attended by the entire construction senior team. As well your Superintendent of Schools attends and participates as well as Finance Manager. We have participation by the Building Committee (Jay Burgess) and your Board Chair (Goupil). This group responds to emergent issues and questions which allow the project to resolve obstacles and keep the project flowing on schedule and on budget.

So, in summation, alot of visible items going on but just as many items going on that are not visible to the local resident.

As always, the entire construction team welcomes any questions or comments from the public. We are here to serve you so your project will be a success and get the most value for your ongoing generations of Hopkinton students.