

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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## CONSTRUCTION IS COMING!

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Sparta Area Schools will have two active construction sites, starting as soon as students exit this school year:

- ◆ Ridgeview Elementary
- ◆ Applevue Elementary

And one site beginning as early as April 3 west of the high school:

- ◆ HS Athletics (West of HS)

Here's a quick overview of the work:

### RIDGEVIEW

- Air conditioning in classrooms
- Offices and media center virtually flipped
- Extensive site work to include rework of traffic flow and extensive playground renovations

- Tech Upgrades

### APPLEVIEW

- Moving offices just north of the current main entry
- Renovation of the cafeteria and media center
- Extensive site work to include rework of traffic flow and major playground upgrades.
- Tech additions/upgrades

### ATHLETIC COMPLEX

- Construction of a new football/soccer stadium (with track, field events, team rooms, bathrooms and concessions)
- Extensive upgrades to current baseball/softball

fields at HS to include a scoring tower and dugouts

- Expansion of west parking lot to accommodate athletic additions.



**Ridgeview and Applevue construction starts June 12!**



## GETTING READY FOR CONSTRUCTION

Both Ridgeview and Applevue will be completely inaccessible during construction—this means the interior and the exterior grounds, as there is extensive site work to be done at both locations. Planning is underway for temporary offices for both locations, but those details are not finalized at this time. We

are also finalizing details for moving the Before & After Daycare programming at Applevue, since they cannot be there during construction.

*Please note that the playgrounds at both elementaries will not be available for use during the summer of 2017.*



"You don't know what you got...until you move."

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

It may seem like things have gone silent since the bond was passed in May 2016; however, we have been extremely busy planning for all the work that will begin this spring. Planning began this past summer working with staff, parents and community members.

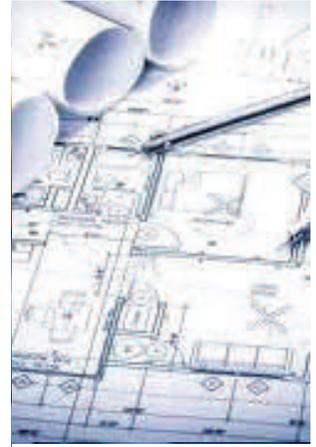
Currently we have weekly construction meetings to prepare for all of the exciting work that is ahead of us.

Those meetings are comprised of district staff, architects, engineers and construction managers. There are multiple phases of construction:

- Schematic Design
- Design & Development
- Construction Documentation
- Bidding
- Actual Construction
- Occupancy

We have completed the bidding stage for all three pro-

jects. We have also completed the Construction Documentation phase. Very soon we will begin the actual construction. It is possible as early as April 3 you will see work begin for the athletic complex west of the high school. The work planned for RV and AV will begin as soon as students are out of the building for the summer. Some minor work will happen over spring break at AV.



*Happiness is feeling excited for the future!*

## PREPPING FOR CONSTRUCTION

As great as construction can be, it will be a disruption and inconvenience for normal business. Although construction is scheduled as soon as students leave, there are still a lot of summer activities that happen—in short, school doesn't really close!

We have been compiling a list of known activities and talking to building administrators and our athletic supervi-

sor to start to trickle down the information to all stakeholders that this disruption will happen, and we are trying to plan for everything that will be temporarily misplaced.

For both RV and AV, the offices and media centers need to be completely packed up and moved. For RV, when students leave, the classrooms need to be packed up.

All summer activities need to

be on the radar for potential conflicts. The playgrounds at both RV and AV will not be assessable for the summer of 2017.

Feel free to pass other items along so we can ensure we have thought of everything in this huge transition, and we thank you ahead of time for your help in moving Sparta forward.

*“The road to success is always under construction”*



## WHAT'S AHEAD

This is an exciting time for our district and our community.

We realize as exciting as it is, it will also be disruptive while we are in the middle of the construction process.

We look forward to all of us working together to make this the best process that it

can be, and to go as smoothly as possible.

We welcome suggestions/comments as we navigate through this process. We will continue to provide updates to keep you informed on the exciting progress. We will include pictures when possible.

Thank you!

*“It's not the beauty of a building you should look at, it's the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time”*

