

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The building project is moving along on schedule and on budget. We are currently looking for a new member to complete the Committee. If you are interested please contact the office of the Town Manager, James Smith.

In April we will begin building the foundations for the modular classrooms. These modulators are being built to our specifications and they will include their own HVAC systems, restrooms, security, technology and electrical and telephone wiring. They are of far better quality than the existing conditions that our children are currently exposed to in the middle school and high school. The administrative offices and the nurse's office will be contained in the modulators, as well as the library / media center. The middle school students will move into these modulators at the beginning of the 2011 / 2012 school year. They will remain there until January 2013. At that time the middle school will be complete and ready for occupancy. The modulators will then house the high school students into the 2013 / 2014 school year. Attached are graphic examples of a sample classroom, an exterior view, the site plan and the layout of the modulators. The structures will be built in front of the existing middle school area. They will be attached to the existing schools by paved walkways. The students will only need to access the existing structures for lunch, gym and music programs.

The delivery of these modular classrooms will be followed by the demolition of the existing middle school immediately after school recesses for summer vacation. The demolition of the middle school will be followed by the construction of the new middle school and the renovation of the core building. Finally, this will be followed by the construction of the new high school. During the 2014 summer the high school will be demolished and the area surrounding the facilities will be improved and prepared for the beginning of the 2014 school year.

The School Building Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month. We strongly encourage members of the community to attend the meetings, or alternatively, to view the meetings on local cable networks. These meetings will provide extensive information on the building timelines, budgets, and all other information relative to this extensive project. Please forward any questions to Wendy Mead, Committee Chair, at wendymeadpc@verizon.net.