

April 2016

Dear Creekside Elementary Families,

Soon, we will kick off construction for our new building provided through the 2014 Bond Program, and I want to let you know what to expect in the coming months.

Preliminary construction work will begin this month, and we are on schedule to open the new building August 2017. As I have shared with you previously, our building will be partially demolished to make room for the new building on site. We will be able to continue our regular school routine in the rest of the building while construction takes place around us. As such, we will be sharing our small school site with construction crews for the rest of the spring and next school year. This will be an exciting opportunity for the kids to watch our new building take shape and is a preferred alternative to moving off site for an entire school year. We will need to make changes to our regular routine, and I ask you to please be flexible and understanding, and keep your eyes on the prize as we move through this together.

General Overview

The major activities that will take place between now and the end of the school year will be moving out of classrooms in the southwest wing, asbestos abatement in these rooms and preparation for demolition. Moving crews will complete the relocation of the six classrooms April 15-18. Affected staff, students and parents have already been notified about the relocation of classrooms. Evacuation and circulation routes will be adjusted as necessary. Asbestos abatement will occur April 20 – May 6. More information about the abatement work is included later in this letter. Demolition could begin as early as mid-May.

Until the end of the year, construction activity will be light and limited to the southwest corner of the school and the exterior area immediately adjacent to it. Over the summer the construction area will expand to include the entire southern part of the site. We will lose use of the west side playground next school year. The general contractor primarily will access the site from Dartmouth Avenue off of 38th Street. There may also be an access point from Martin Drive to the west of the parking lot if necessary. Pick-up and drop off will remain the same for buses and drivers. There will be no access to the south side of the building during construction so students who walk to school via the bridge over the creek will need to walk to the front of the building next year. Deliveries will be scheduled to avoid the high traffic times at the start and end of the day.

Asbestos Abatement

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber found in many building materials which poses a health risk when disturbed and inhaled. To avoid exposure to airborne fibers, asbestos abatement will be conducted prior to construction. The abatement work in the school will be conducted by a State licensed contractor in accordance with BVSD, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Federal regulations.

A number of measures will be put in place to ensure the building is safe to occupy during and after the abatement work. To prevent unauthorized entry into the abatement area, a plywood barrier will be installed across the hallway inside the building and fencing will be set up around the work area on the exterior of the

building. The work will occur in an airtight containment area created with sealed layers of plastic sheeting. The ventilation system for the area is completely separate from the rest of the school. Once containment area is sealed, there will be no shared ventilation between this space and the rest of the building. The contractor will create a negative air space in the containment area. To do this, air will be drawn from the area and passed through a HEPA filter before being exhausted to the outside.

The asbestos containing materials will be sealed in polyethylene sheet plastic, then removed from the work area, placed in hazardous waste transportation containers and transported off site for disposal at an EPA authorized disposal site. All filters and all plastic used to seal the containment area will be disposed of following regulations.

Air monitoring will be conducted continuously around the perimeter of the containment area. All of the air monitoring will be performed by an experienced and accredited asbestos abatement consulting firm retained by BVSD to oversee the project and ensure the work is performed in accordance with all current regulatory requirements. Air monitoring to determine if the work is complete and the air inside the work area meets regulatory requirements will be performed prior to the work area being released for normal occupancy.

Construction Safety

Safety and security for students and staff during construction is our top priority. Staff and students will receive safety training from the district's Project Manager. Our message to students is, "respect the boundaries and stay safe." Faculty and staff will work to convey this to students. You can help by reinforcing this message at home. The construction areas will be separated from the rest of the school by fences and/or construction walls that are clearly marked with warning signs. Workers will have separate access for the construction area and there will be no reason for faculty or students to interact with the workers. All workers who are authorized to be on site will have numbered project stickers on their hard hats.

I am committed to communicating with you regularly during construction. I will meet weekly with the construction company and the project manager, and will update you as necessary about how construction activities will affect the school. I also encourage you to visit the Creekside Elementary page of the BVSD Bond Program website at bond.bvsd.org/projects/Creekside. For questions regarding the Bond work, please contact Project Manager Doug Hagen at 720-561-5952/doug.hagen@bvsd.org or Dave Eggen at 720-561-6194/david.eggen@bvsd.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Creekside Elementary School. We hope you share our excitement for the great changes happening at our school.

Sincerely,

Francine Eufemia
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