



Pasadena Unified School District District Service Center Facilities Department

January 13, 2011: UPDATE to Blair Middle School Site / Construction

To Our Neighbors:

After an unusually wet and rather cold Holiday season the weather seems to have given us a bit of a break. The site has held its own during this very wet period.

As work picks up again, the exterior walls are undergoing completion of the skinning phase. All the exterior cladding is on the main building and the remainder of the scaffold will be removed by Friday of this week. Metal decking is complete for the skylight frame in the atrium and once painted, the skylight will be installed. All caulking samples have been submitted to the Architect for review and approval.

On the interior of the building, T-bar ceilings are complete in most of the classrooms and the setting of millwork and casework has begun. Interior HVAC connections are complete and we are dry-walling the interior of the restrooms in preparation for tile. Light rows are being hung in the classrooms however; the architect will need to adjust the location of one of the rows due to an unplanned interference.

Equipment in the elevator room is in place and the elevator doors are expected to install on Wednesday of next week. The exterior tile is being placed on the lunch shelter and we are preparing for application of the protective coating once the mortar base and grout has had sufficient time to dry.

The finish of the perimeter wall is expected to begin on Wednesday of next week and move quickly and efficiently toward completion in dry weather out toward Marengo Ave. Also, I have requested that the finish height on the trash enclosure be lowered back to nine feet as opposed to the twenty feet that it currently sits at. It was originally built this tall in anticipation of installing a trash compactor. This of course, we cannot do as our waste is sorted at the receiving plant to separate the recyclables.

The finish line is in sight now as we start reviewing and approving landscape plans. The expected project completion date is April 11th.

Please feel free to contact me anytime here at the office if there are further questions that I may answer for you, or if there are any activities occurring on site after hours that should not be going on.

Here's looking forward to an exciting and successful 2011!

Sincerely,

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