

## **Most Rock Removed, WMS Starts to Roll**

Welcome to the Third Edition of the Warwick Middle School Construction Update.

Until a few weeks ago, the Warwick Middle School Project (hereinafter referred to as “MSP”) had been dominated by site work .. featuring the installation of the new Limerock Road extension into the campus, installation of new underground storm piping and related basins, regrading of much of the fields and creation of a brand new JV baseball field as well as shot put and discus areas.

As for the building, out of respect for the local water supply, blasting has been prohibited on the MSP, so, for the past five months rock has been exposed, drilled, chipped and excavated for transport to “the rock pile” where it has been scooped up for deposit into a large rock crushing machine for processing and reuse on site. Thrilling to watch!

While the MSP has a relatively small lower level, digging out that basement has been tantamount to removing an underground block of rock. The good news is that the basement foundation is substantially out of the way and excavation on the rest of the building foundation has progressed smoothly and quickly. Notably, foundation workforce has more than quadrupled in the past three weeks and is expected to further expand .. The construction of the new Middle School building now dominates the Project’s focus.

### **THE PROJECT:**

**“Site Logistics & Security”:** No news is good news here. The Warwick School District has taken every step to ensure that the project was set up safely as economically and programmatically as possible. Construction traffic has been separated from the existing campus traffic, all construction activity is being performed within a gated chain link fence, personalized badges are assigned to all personnel after proper background criminal and child abuse security clearances are obtained and five full-time security cameras monitor and record all activity within the construction site.

**The Schedule:** The Project Milestones and their respective current status are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
Project Award	June 1, 2008	Completed
Complete All Site Logistics	July 15, 2008	Completed
Enclosure of New Building	May 1, 2009	On Schedule
Renovate Gym/Lockers	6/15 – 8/7/2009	On Schedule
Substantial Completion of New Building	October 16, 2009	On Schedule
Final Completion of New Building	November 13, 2009	On Schedule
Occupy New Middle School	January, 2010	On schedule
Removal of Existing Building & Construct New Parking Lot	1/4 - 6/15/2010	On Schedule
Final Completion of Entire Project	June 15, 2010	On Schedule

From the beginning of the Project, The general contractor has indicated a desire to revisit some of the milestones in order to better sequence the Work. While some agreed upon modification to the milestone schedule is anticipated, the project will be completed on time and the January 2010 occupancy date shall be met.

**Community Event:** Currently, no events are planned. However, we are currently mulling over several ideas as to how to integrate the MSP with the community and hope to announce something soon. Ideas are welcomed and encouraged!

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