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Concord-Carlisle
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Superintendent's Message

March 1, 2024

Dear Families:

With great excitement, this week is the one year mark from our move into a new Concord Middle School. I thought it would be a great opportunity to remind you of all that we have to look forward to! For further information, the [CMS Building Project](#) website is continually updated.

When is the new school scheduled to open to students? The project is on schedule for occupancy in February of 2025. CMS will move from Peabody and Sanborn during the February vacation with students and staff in classrooms on February 24, 2025.

Is the project on schedule and budget? Yes. To date, the project is running smoothly and remains on schedule and on budget.

What will happen to Sanborn and Peabody after being vacated? Sanborn will be demolished to allow for the replacement of the CMS fields. Peabody will be surplus back to the Town of Concord. The Concord Select Board will have oversight of the building from then on.

Is planning underway for the transition from the old buildings to the new one? Yes! CMS Principal Cameron and the central office leaders are already in discussion of the logistics and process of the move.

Is the new CMS air conditioned? Yes! Once open, we will be fortunate to have all of our schools climate controlled.

How are classrooms configured in the new CMS? We are excited for the CMS teams to finally be proximate to each other. Each team consists of an ELA, math, social studies, and science teacher all around a flexible team commons space. CMS students are currently on teams but they are spread

throughout the building. This physical proximity completes the long-term vision for the team approach.

Does the new CMS have a full-size gym? Yes! The gym is full sized to MIAA regulations. During the school day, it also divides into two appropriate spaces for gym class and practice courts.

Does the new CMS have an auditorium? Yes! A 400-seat auditorium and fully equipped stage will be a wonderful new setting for gatherings and performances.

What is the cafeteria like in the new school? The cafeteria will more closely resemble the food stations at CCHS allowing for multiple options every day. A variety of seating is included from booths to both small and large tables.

Are we taking the current furniture with us? No! We are in the process right now of selecting new furnishings for the building.

Is the new school environmentally friendly? The new CMS will be fully electric and net-zero with solar panels on the roof and parking lot. We are working closely with CMLP on the solar component of the project. It will be Concord's most sustainable building when complete.

Are there unique aspects of the school that make it special to Concord? Yes! The school is purposely built along the treeline to allow for a strong connection to the outdoors and nature. A glass bridge allows for immersion in the woods while passing through and an outdoor amphitheater beneath. The main lobby will include design elements of a river and natural elements found in Concord. And so much more!

Best,

Laurie