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### AN UPDATE ON THE SANDUSKY CITY SCHOOLS BUILDING PROGRAM

## A November 2017 Update Breaking Ground for Building Better Dreams

As we pause to celebrate the holiday season between Thanksgiving and Christmas, all Sandusky City Schools employees are reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a community that has cares about students and families. We are all thankful to the citizens of our city who voted on a historic measure to build \$72 million dollars of new schools in order to preserve and advance the cause of public education in Sandusky. Our building project is the largest single construction project in the nearly 200 year history of our city. Sandusky City Schools is indeed Sandusky Proud to be a part of a thriving and dynamic city. We are on our way.

We are thankful for the strongest academic growth we have had in nearly the last decade on our standardized tests and are especially thankful for the two groundbreaking activities we held over the last several weeks. The weather conditions were not good on the day of the Sandusky Intermediate School groundbreaking so we had to take our ceremony inside the lobby of our high school. We acknowledged the contributions of Mr. George Mylander and Mr. Mel Stauffer, who helped to make the groundbreaking possible. Pictured above are students who will be attending the Intermediate School when it opens in August 2019. And yes, all of our kids are adorable!

The Ontario groundbreaking ceremony acknowledged a portion of our school personnel who helped define the Ontario School experience, specifically former principal Mr. Ron Maschari and current Chief of Staff, Mr. Dan Poggiali. Mr. Maschari served as principal of Ontario for over 15 years and Mr. Poggiali's father, also served as principal of Ontario for over 22 years.

We are pleased that we are on schedule and on budget for our project. We will provide a more comprehensive update on our facilities project at the State of the Schools Address on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Sandusky High School. We also encourage you to check out our district website where we have more detailed information on the building project. This monthly newsletter that we are sending home via student book bags and posting on social media is also intended to keep you updated in real time on our developments. You can always call me at 419.984.1000 or email me at any time at ASKDRSANDERS@SCS-K12.NET.

As always, thank you for your support and for the privilege of educating your children.



# A November 2017 Update from Lesko Architecture

#### **Design of the New Schools**

As in October, the team is continuing to work toward the completion of the Construction Documents by mid-January 2018. These documents consist of the drawings and specifications for all three new schools that show in detail how the buildings are to be constructed. The documents, also called working drawings, define the quantity and quality, and relationship of all the materials required to construct the new schools. The documents include drawings and specifications that address the site, landscaping, architecture, interiors, structural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and technology design. They will be used by the Construction Manager to obtain bids from Contractors in order to build the new schools. Ontario Primary School and Hayes Intermediate School are on schedule to begin construction in Spring 2018.

Our team continues to work with the City Building Department to secure planning approvals for the site plans of Hancock and Ontario. Our goal is to receive final approval from the Planning Commission for these two sites in early December.

# Renovations to Sandusky Middle School and High School

Having completed the Design Development, we are now in the Construction Documents phase for the renovations and upgrades to the Science Rooms, Rooms 300/301, Planetarium and Auditorium. The drawings and specifications for these projects will be completed at the end of December. The Construction Manager team will then bid the projects for construction to begin as soon as school lets out for the Summer 2018 and be completed in time for the start of school in the Fall.

# DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR DR. SANDERS? EMAIL HIM AT: ASKDRSANDERS@SCS-K12.NET

# UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS



Winter Break December 25th - January 5th School Resumes January 8TH



Join us for the annual Parent Summit on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>! The day will start at 8:00 am and be held at Sandusky High School. Be on the look out for more information regarding sessions, registration, child care information, and more!

Introducing... PROGRAM

The 22+ Diploma program from Sandusky High School is a new opportunity for you to consider. Anyone 22 years old or older, residing in Ohio, may earn a high school diploma at no cost. You will be able to complete work from home at your convenience with the support of qualified teachers.