



Rebuilding Albany High School Project Update – February 2019

Dear Falcon Families:

Our Rebuilding Albany High School construction project is moving right along! While we are involved in our daily and weekly routines, there is a lot going on as our construction partners make progress on Phase I and plan for the start of Phase II. To keep you updated, we are sending home a monthly update. These updates, along with much more information about the project, also are available at albanyschools.org/RebuildingAHS.

General overview

Phase I consists primarily of a new three-story, 120,000-square-foot academic building in back of our school. It is scheduled to be ready in January 2020 (*please note that this is a change from the original target completion date of fall 2019 due to delays caused by bad weather during the summer and fall, unforeseen conditions during excavation and the unanticipated rubber-gym renovations*). Phase I also includes a new mechanical building in an area behind the auditorium and adjacent to the old Washington Avenue parking lot.

Phase II will begin this spring. The bidding process for work on Phase II will be completed in February and March. The work for Phase II will consist primarily of another new academic building in the front of our school, extending east from the auditorium along Washington Avenue. It will be the home of Music, Art and Foreign Language classrooms when it is done in the fall of 2020.

Phases III and IV will include renovation of the auditorium, including the addition of a balcony, the addition of an elevated jogging track in the main gym, the enclosure of the courtyard, and a complete renovation of the current academic building to accommodate four academies on the top two floors and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs on the first floor. The full project is scheduled to be finished in the fall of 2025.

Phase I updates

- **New academic building:**
 - The structure has been wrapped and heated for the winter to allow crews to pour the concrete floors and also to begin wiring, plumbing, and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air condition) inside during the cold months.
 - The flooring decks have been completed in sections of the second and third floors. Crews will pour the remaining concrete for the second- and third-floor decks during February.
 - Classroom framing is well underway on the second floor and starting in progress on the third.
 - Steel installation and roofing for the building are nearing completion.

- **Gymnasium and athletic facilities:**
 - On the Athletics main floor, the equipment room, mud lobby, and team room off the boys' locker room are again in use.
- **Rubber gym renovations:**
 - Repairs to the deteriorated steel support columns on the northeast side of the rubber gym are expected to be done by mid-March. The rubber gym remains closed until then.
 - Mercury abatement of the rubber gym for the steel repairs is complete.
 - The shoring support and steel repairs are scheduled to be completed in February.
 - The girls' locker room below the rubber gym will remain closed until the current renovations of the rubber gym are completed in mid-March. Both pool locker rooms are serving as temporary replacements for the girls' locker room.
 - Full renovation of the rubber gym, including full replacement of the flooring, is scheduled to be completed during Phase III of the overall construction project.
- **Parking reminders:**
 - The new Washington Avenue parking lot is available for visitors. The old lot is closed permanently and will be removed this spring for Phase II construction.
 - There is no student parking available on campus throughout the 2018-19 school year.
- **Courtyard reminders:**
 - While the courtyard is open for access to all east stair towers on the academic building (towers 4, 5 and 6), it is closed off between towers 5 and 6. You can access tower 6 from the rear of the campus (North Main Avenue entrance) and towers 4-5 from the front of the campus (Washington Avenue).
- **Questions or comments?**
 - If you have any questions or comments about the construction project, please contact:
 - Director of Facilities Planning Ben Marra
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We appreciate your continued cooperation as we work to rebuild Albany High and provide our students and our community with an exceptional high-school facility and campus that we all can be proud of for decades to come.

Sincerely,



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Principal