

# Licking Heights Local School District

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RE: Building Project Update

Dear Licking Heights Families:


A little over a month has passed since the bond issue was approved by the community. On behalf of our faculty, staff, students and board of education, thank you for your support! The passage of the bond issue means plans are advancing for the construction of a new high school; expected to be open for the start of the 2020/2021 school year. The construction of a new high school will then allow the student population to be divided among six buildings to provide relief from overcrowding at every school building.

While the students are out of school for break, summer is one of our busiest times when we hire staff, deep clean the buildings and to keep up with facility repairs. However, this summer is especially busy as we continue to prepare to build a new high school. Because the building project is a co-funded endeavor with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), currently we are working collaboratively in the development of plans, financing of the project and overall next steps. One of the key tasks with the OFCC is the selection of the architect for the building project. As of the date of this letter, OFCC representatives are working to develop a request for proposals (RFPs) to guide the architect selection process. Once the RFP is finalized, it will be circulated and architects will respond to express their interest in our project. Throughout the summer, OFCC and district representatives will be reviewing architect submissions. We anticipate that the architect selection process will be complete by late August.

The Licking Heights Board of Education has outlined community engagement as an important aspect to be included in the building process and it will be an essential component of the upcoming architect proposals. Therefore, in the future, there will be opportunities for parents and community members to help shape the design of our new school. In advance of the upcoming architect selection process, please contact my administrative assistant, Mrs. Linda Aitken, at [laitken@lhschools.org](mailto:laitken@lhschools.org) or 740-927-6926 to let her know if you are interested in serving as a resource for the building project.

This is truly an exciting time for all and I invite you to continue to watch for updates on our website, [lhschools.org](http://lhschools.org), as we begin the journey to build a new high school for Licking Heights. Strong communities support strong schools and I am extremely grateful to be a part of this wonderful school district!

Sincerely,



Philip H. Wagner, Ph.D.  
Superintendent