



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: School Committee

Subj: FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES

PROJECTS STATUS AT SPRING STREET AND PATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In late March contracts were awarded by the Town Manager's Office to two different contractors to install new HVAC systems at Spring Street and Paton Elementary Schools. Contractors ordered equipment and began some limited demolition towards the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

At the end of the school year, teachers and other staff boxed up classroom supplies and equipment in preparation for the work. The contractors also "took over" the facilities and began their work in earnest. There is about an eight-week window of time to get the majority of the work done over the summer months, a very tight timeline given the scope of work.

As of this writing, we have no reason to believe these projects will impede the opening of the 2016-2017 school year. However, contractors will continue to work on site likely through the month of September and possibly into early October. Of course the primary objective is to get the boilers and mechanical equipment operating properly for the heating season. Some work such as electrical connections and plumbing in the boilers rooms or on roof tops can continue while school is in session. However, the contractors will have to complete tasks requiring access to educational or administrative spaces during "off-hours" and/or weekends. In general, Paton School has reached a greater percentage of project completion than Spring Street School.

The **associated Powerpoint file** shows a series of pictures depicting the status of work as of 8.16.2016.

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL TURF PROJECT UPDATE

Planning and coordination efforts have continued towards "Priority 1", installing turf on the high school stadium field. A contract was executed with Gale Associates to design the project, and then to develop the bid package, and supervise the construction and installation, if and when the project goes forward. Detailed surveying and measuring is complete along with a soil/sub-surface test by digging four pits around the field. We have a final design coordination meeting on September 7th and plan to bring a final plan back to the full School Committee sometime in October.

In addition, Kathleen Keohane and Michelle Biscotti have assembled a Fundraising Committee and they have met several times to chart out a fundraising campaign and engage other people who can assist in this effort. A brochure is being designed that will be our "case statement" to prospective donors.

On a final note, I will provide a more comprehensive report at a September School Committee meeting on all the summer facility projects/repairs.