Renovations of existing buildings,  
construction of new schools on schedule

BEAVERCREEK, Ohio, Wednesday, August 3, 2011 – In the eight short weeks since the school year ended, contractors and Beavercreek Schools officials have made significant progress on the district's bond-funded renovation and construction projects.

At Shaw and Valley elementary schools, crews have been focused on upgrades that will enhance air circulation and instructional conditions in classrooms. These upgrades are similar to those carried out last summer at Fairbrook, Main and Parkwood elementaries.

Contractors have installed chillers, along with heating and cooling piping, ductwork and ventilators for heating and air conditioning, at both schools, and old boilers have been replaced with new, high-efficiency models. These changes will enhance air circulation within individual classrooms and improve temperature regulation building-wide.

Workers also upgraded electrical service to both buildings and replaced existing electric switchgear with newer equipment that is better suited to manage modern electric loads. They also installed Web-enabled energy control systems that allow school officials to remotely monitor and manage temperatures and mechanical equipment as well.

Crews have replaced existing light fixtures with new, energy-efficient models, and installed energy-saving occupancy detectors in both buildings. These detectors sense whether rooms are occupied, and turn off light fixtures when the rooms are not in use.

Workers are installing new ceilings and flooring in both buildings, and all walls will receive a fresh coat of paint. Wheelchair lifts are being installed in Shaw, Valley, Parkwood and Fairbrook elementary schools' multi-purpose rooms to make the stage accessible to all students and adults.

Contractors are reconfiguring the entrances at Shaw, Valley and Ankeney Middle School to improve security. When complete, visitors to the buildings will be routed through the schools' main offices. These changes will create a brighter and safer school environment for students and staff.
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The last phase of renovations to the district's existing school buildings, which includes extensive improvements to Ferguson Middle School, will be carried out in the summer of 2012.

New elementary and middle school construction update

Phase II of construction for the new elementary and middle school building is underway and on schedule. Contractors installed pipe for sanitary plumbing and mechanical equipment in late spring, and began work on the foundation of the building in early July. Footers and walls are now visible, and the outline of the building is now distinguishable from the air (see attached aerial photo). Drilling of closed-loop wells that will be part of the building’s geothermal heating and cooling system also began in mid-July.

"The building is starting to take shape, and by fall, the structure of the schools should be noticeable to residents as they drive past the property," said Gary Sattler, Beavercreek Schools' director of Business Services. He noted that the buildings are still on schedule to open in August 2013.

About Beavercreek City Schools

For more information about construction and renovations progress, individuals are encouraged to visit the District's Web site, www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us, and select "Construction Updates" from the "Quicklinks" box at left. This section includes a wide variety of resources including an archive of news and updates, as well as site plan drawings, Q&As and photos of the new construction and renovations projects.

The Beavercreek City School District is one of a handful of school districts statewide that have earned the Ohio Department of Education’s highest possible academic rating—"Excellent"—on ten consecutive occasions. In addition to academic instruction, all Beavercreek students participate in character education programming, where students learn the importance of a core set of ethical values that include caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.

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