



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Charlotte Public Schools' officials announced today a three-phased program to design and deliver the \$23.6 million in district wide improvements approved by area voters on November 2, 2010.

“Based on meeting with our architectural firm, Beta Design of Grand Rapids, and our Construction Manager, Granger Construction of Lansing, construction work is scheduled to begin in June of 2011 and will be projected to be entirely completed by the start of the 2013-14 school year,” said Mark Rosekrans, Assistant Superintendent for Operations for the district,

Rosekrans noted that the three phases of construction will be comprised of:

- 1) Initial work packages that can be designed, bid, and delivered by the start of the 2011-12 school year.
- 2) The majority of the construction work package will be designed and bid in 2012 and 2013. This work includes upgrading the High School's heating and ventilation (HVAC) system, new science classrooms and other renovations throughout the 2012 and 2013 school years. Other improvements to all of the district facilities, is projected to be completed by the end of the summer in 2013.
- 3) An equipment and furnishings package will then be bid out in 2012 and installed in the fall of 2013.

“Wherever possible, the district will strive to employ local subcontractors and suppliers,” stated Rosekrans. “This includes Granger Construction Company conducting informational meetings to promote and encourage local participation.”

Board of Education President, Ron Schultheiss, also affirmed the district's intent to maximize progress communications with parents and community members throughout the design and construction process. “Our intent is to keep all stakeholders informed regarding our work schedules; we'll do this through a variety of avenues, including our website and

frequent press releases.” This will enable the district to clearly demonstrate its on-going commitment to effectively deliver all improvements outlined within the approved bond program.

“Our campaign slogan for the November vote was “*Now’s the Time.*” Our post election theme for construction progress is “*Promises Made, Promises Kept,*” said Superintendent Dr. Nancy Hipskind.

Charlotte community members interested in more information about the district’s upcoming construction schedule are urged to visit www.charlottebond2010.com or to contact Mark Rosekrans directly at 517-541-5113. The web-site is currently “under construction” and will be available in the next few days.