

# Rossford Schools

Dear Rossford Schools Families,

During the Aug. 26 Board of Education meeting a construction update was given to our board and community. It is a thrill to see the tremendous work The Collaborative-TMP, Gilbane Construction, and Program Solutions delivered to us at the dedication ceremony for the new Rossford Elementary School earlier this month, and we are looking forward to welcoming the community into Jackson-Ferguson Stadium on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.

“There is a lot of energy right now, I’m really excited to see the students get into the new buildings,” said Board Member Jackie Huffman said during the meeting.

We are also pleased to share that we are on budget with these projects using funds generated by the community’s support in November of 2016. As reported to the Board at its regular July meeting, the proceeds from the bond passage in 2016 have been carefully invested by Red Tree Management in a manner that meets Ohio Revised Code and maximizes the funds by also generating interest on these investments. These funds are now being used to pay for the construction projects as supported by voters in 2016 and required by Ohio Revised Code.

During the meeting some of the construction challenges at the downtown site were described. Unexpected delays came from loose soils that were difficult to stabilize and required a process called concrete stabilization, and one of the wettest springs on record in this area. These items have been addressed, allowing the project to move forward. These obstacles have, however, created delays to some portions of the project. While the school offices and classrooms will be operational to service our students upon their return from winter break in January 2020, the district’s central/board office portion of the front offices will not be completed until later in the school year, currently projected for completion in early March. The main competition gym and locker room area for it are also delayed, with a projected date of hosting our first varsity athletic event sometime in February. In the meantime, the office of the superintendent and treasurer’s department will continue to be located at 325 N. Superior Street in downtown Rossford. Our curriculum, student services, technology, and enrollment offices will be temporarily located at Rossford Elementary School until the central offices are complete.

“We are happy it’s a minimal impact and we’re getting the kids in the building as we planned,” Chad Stevers of Gilbane Construction said during his presentation to the board.

We are excited to see our students return to the downtown campus in January 2020. To stay up to date with construction please view [rossfordschools.org/constructionupdates.aspx](http://rossfordschools.org/constructionupdates.aspx). If you have any questions regarding these plans, please contact your school office or the board office at 419-666-2010.

Thank you,

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