

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Memorandum

TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent
School Committee

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 13, 2013

RE: Angier Elementary School Project
Carr School Swing Space Project
Day Middle School Construction Project
Elementary Modular Project

This update addresses information on the Angier Elementary School project, the Carr School swing space project, the Day Middle School construction project and the elementary modular project.

I. Angier Elementary School Project:

DiNisco Design Partnership (DDP) is in the process of preparing 50% schematic design and site plan documents which will require review at a number of key meetings:

May 15, 2013: City's advisory Design Review Team

May 15, 2013: Design Review Committee

May 23, 2013: Angier School Building Committee/Design Review Committee

May 29, 2013: Angier Parent/Community update meeting

June 3, 2013: Joint Board of Aldermen/School Committee

The schedule for completion of schematic design is mid-June 2013. Next steps will include preparing for a scope and budget submittal to the MSBA as well as funding approval and site plan approval by the Board of Aldermen in August 2013.

On May 10, 2013, the selection committee for the construction-manager-at risk interviewed five prequalified firms. The committee consists of representatives from city and school staff, School Committee, Board of Aldermen, Designer Selection Committee, designers and project manager. The committee will submit its recommendations to the Mayor.

On April 25, 2013, the Newton Historic Commission (NHC) met with representatives of the project team, City historic planners, the Angier school community, including Principal Loreta Lamberti and members of the Waban Improvement Society, to discuss the project and the work to incorporate the history of the site and building into a new Angier building. The NHC approved a resolution supporting the project which is being submitted to the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC) together with requested additional information about the property and adjoining properties.

II. Carr School Swing Space Project:

An Invitation to Bid was issued on May 6, 2013 to all prequalified bidders. A walk through for bidders will be held on May 15, 2013. Subcontractor bids are due May 21, 2013 and general contractor bids on May 31, 2013. Hearings before the Public Facilities and Finance Committees will be held in early June 2013 so that construction may begin by July 1, 2013.

III. Day Middle School Construction Project:

Considerable progress has been made in the past two weeks. Installation of windows in the administration addition is 100% complete, while the brick façade continues to be in process and is approximately 80% complete. Framing of interior partitions and mechanical systems are approximately 65% complete. The framing and slab installation for the new third floor classroom addition is complete and the construction of the exterior walls of the new third floor has begun. The new roof of the classroom addition is 95% complete.

Coordination of schedules for purchase, delivery and installation of furnishings is on-going. Sprinkler work will begin as soon as the school closes for summer vacation. The Day administration will be temporarily moving back to the Central High annex at the Education Center during the summer. Weekly meetings are held to ensure smooth coordination of construction work with other summer projects for the building.

Please follow the link below to view updated photographs of the construction project:

http://www3.newton.k12.ma.us/schoolcommittee/documents/linked_resources

IV. Elementary Modular Project:

Bids were received on April 25, 2013 for a base bid of installing 7 new modulares and repair or relocation of an 8th existing modular; in addition, a bid alternate was received for 2 additional modulares at Mason-Rice. Triumph Modular, Inc. was awarded the project for a price of \$2,189,900 including the base and alternate bids, as well as replacement of the existing modular. As outlined in the package distributed at the May 2, 2013 special School Committee meeting, modulares will be installed as follows:

- Bowen: 3, plus 1 new replacement
- Burr: 1
- Horace Mann: 1
- Mason-Rice: 4

The Board of Aldermen approved the project on May 6, 2013. The contract will be executed on May 28, 2013 upon conclusion of the required 20-day funding waiting period. In early June 2013 the Public Buildings Department will begin preliminary site preparations such as removal/relocation of benches and trees, as appropriate. Actual construction will begin as soon as the school year ends.