

Update on Construction Bond – August

The 2016 Bond construction continues as District officials and the Board of Education continue to plan for enhanced technology, security, and facility upgrades.

Welcome back! We hope that your family enjoyed your summer break! We were hard at work, anticipating your return. Construction crews worked extremely hard on many upgrades throughout the District and will continue to work throughout the school year! Many projects are complete or near completion!

The **High School tennis courts** are moving right along. The new renovation will create an unparalleled training, playing and educational experience for all players, coaches and spectators. You will soon see 12 new enclosed courts with windscreens, a canopy covered team meeting area, and a hitting wall. Additionally, the courts will feature elevated seating with plenty of space for additional seating. If you happen to drive by, you will notice the courts are moving along and the fencing is in full swing. We cannot wait to see it complete!



The Transportation Department took delivery on **four (4) new 77-passanger buses** to its fleet. Over the last year, we have upgraded 16 buses! They are already in the bus routes for the start of the new school year!

Our Technology Department completed a **full district phone system upgrade**. This upgrade included new technology and security features. The transition to our new system was made without one delay or glitch. What an amazing group we have working in our Technology Department!

We have completed the installation of new **Security Cameras** and other equipment throughout the entire district.

A new **Collaboration Center at the Freshman Campus** is COMPLETE. This center is a mobile, technology-based, student-focused learning environment that fosters creative collaboration and encourages knowledge sharing. Teachers are provided the freedom to differentiate instruction based on individualized needs for all students. Furniture will be delivered before the first day of school!



Meadowlawn Elementary will receive a new kitchen and a new full-size, multi-purpose gymnasium. Construction is underway. This project will be complete in February of 2018.



The **Kentwood Athletic Department** began construction on a new entrance and office at the High School. This new addition will serve as a hub entrance for athletic events and will include additional parking. Our athletes, parents, community members and spectators are sure enjoy the ease and accessibility of this new entrance.

We are PROUD to announce that it is complete!! That last few, finishing touches, including landscaping will be done this week! It looks AMAZING!



Also completed this summer: Hamilton Elementary parking lot, Glenwood Elementary new HVAC and Led lighting throughout the building, East Kentwood High School roof, and Explorer Elementary gymnasium roof and floor.

Throughout the course of the year, District officials have communicated on progress of the construction projects across the District that are possible due to the passage of the Bond issue in 2016. **Thank you to our Kentwood Community for your support!**

New Projects for Fall 2017-2018:

Starting in the Fall of 2017, new collaboration centers for Valleywood Middle Schools, Explorer, Challenger and Glenwood elementary schools will begin.

We encourage you to visit our website (www.kentwoodps.org) for updates, including pictures and a link the construction vlog, for all of the projects. Detailed information is also available by contacting Todd Bell, Executive Director of Finance and Business Operations at 616.455.4400 ext. 79918.