

The Enfield High School Building Committee has been hard at work since December, 2012. The committee understands how critical the success of this project is to Enfield. They have been meeting on a regular basis to ensure steady and consistent progress working towards the goals of the referendum passed in November, 2012.

### The Team

The EHS Building Committee consists of 11 members and 2 alternates. Committee members include:

Randy Daigle (Chairperson), Wendy Osada (Vice-Chairperson), Lynn Scull (Secretary), Virginia Austin, Jason Kilty, Walter Kruzel, Doug Maxellon, Joe Muller, Jim Nasuta, George Rypysc, Gina Sullivan, Greg Strich (Alternate), and Laura Vella (Alternate).

There are several other key partners involved in the project work. Art Pongratz is the Education and Construction Consultant working for the Town of Enfield. The architecture firm, Silver/Petrucci and Associates, and our Construction Manager at Risk, The Gilbane Building Company, were both selected by the committee using a thorough review and interview process.

The Town Council and Board of Education have each assigned members to act as liaisons between the Building Committee and their respective boards. These representatives share information between the groups and facilitate resolution when needed.

Town Council Representatives: Donna Szewczak and Gina Cekala.

Board of Education Representatives: Timothy Neville and Tom Sirard

### The Plan

The construction for the new high school includes multiple phases. There will be several new additions to the building with the largest being the Enrico Fermi STEAM Wing. This will house the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math programs.

Existing structures will be treated as "Renovate as New". This means that all existing portions of the school remaining when construction is complete will have been updated and the school will be 100% compliant with all applicable codes.

A portion of the existing school, currently known as D wing, will be demolished. This structure was built in the early 1960's. The new Enrico Fermi STEAM wing will house the classes currently in D wing.

### Features of the Completed High School

- The new high school will have 113 classrooms and will accommodate 1,600 students. The anticipated population at the time the school is scheduled to open is approximately 1400 students.

- The STEAM wing will be 4 stories high and approximately 105,000 square feet. It will include combined classrooms and laboratories for certain science classes and student and teacher collaborative workspaces.
- Our new cafeteria will be approximately 8,700 square feet and will seat 720 people. It will feature state of the art kitchen facilities that will prepare food for the entire school system.
- The new music wing will be 13,500 square feet and will feature an expanded auditorium with seating for 975 people.
- The gymnasium will be part of a two story addition and will seat 1,600 people in the bleachers. Cardio, Wellness, and Health rooms will also be part of this addition.

### The Timeline

The committee, along with Silver/Petrucci and Gilbane, has been working very closely with the Superintendent, Dr. Schumann, and other educators to create a timeline for construction. Below is a high level timeline the committee is working towards. This is a work in progress as adjustments may need to be made to accommodate for any issues that arise during construction.

GROUND BREAKING - May, 2014

Enrico Fermi STEAM Wing - June, 2014 through October, 2015

Cafeteria / Health Addition - October, 2014 through August, 2015

Kitchen / Renovate Existing Cafeteria - March 2015 through August, 2015

Site Parking - June, 2015 through August, 2015

Renovate Gymnasium and Locker Rooms - June, 2015 through January, 2016

Occupation of Enrico Fermi STEAM Wing - September, 2015

Abate and Demolition of Existing D Wing - October, 2015 through March, 2016

Lobby Addition - October, 2015 through March, 2016

Renovation of Existing A and B Wings - October, 2015 through July, 2016

Music Addition - December, 2015 through December, 2016

Renovate and Complete Auditorium - December, 2015 through December, 2016

Site Parking - June, 2016 through August, 2016

The current plan allows for the combining of the high schools to occur at the beginning of the 2016 - 2017 school year. Construction of the Music Addition and completion of the auditorium will still be in progress.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What will happen with Fermi High School once it is closed?

A. The decision around the use of Fermi High School after the schools are consolidated is out of scope for the Enfield High School Building Committee. This is a decision that will be made by the Board of Education and Town Council.

Q. How will students be kept safe during construction?

A. Student safety will be treated as the highest priority. Construction activities should never create any hazard for the surrounding community members. The separation of construction

operations from campus activities is paramount for everyone's safety. Protection will be in place to isolate students and the general public from all construction areas.

Enfield High School administration will provide regular communications to students regarding expectations during construction, changes in transportation routes, areas of access, impact of staging, and other pertinent information. Parents will receive similar communications via the website and at Parent Advisory Council meetings.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks and drug screening will be mandatory for all workers by the school administration prior to their access to the site with the results issued to the school superintendent. All workers will have a project-issued security badge or a hard hat sticker authorizing access to the site.

Additionally, all trade contractors will be required to participate in a safety orientation when they report to work. It will include a review of procedures for working near the existing school operations, appropriate attire and behavior, parking restrictions, and break areas.

Q. My student is interested in going into a trade after graduation. Will there be any opportunity for students to follow the construction process while it is in progress?

A. There will be several opportunities for both Enfield High and Fermi students to become involved in the construction process. Students should notify their current Guidance Counselor of their interest so as opportunities come up they can be included. The Building Committee is working with the school system on the Workforce Development program and the ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) program. Gilbane will conduct scheduled site tours at critical project milestone dates and events or as requested by the school system. They will conduct exterior building and interior construction progress tours. During the tours Gilbane on site staff will provide a description of the building materials that are being used on the project as well as describing the means and methods including safety procedures that are being implemented by the various trades involved on the project.

Q. How will parking be impacted and how many spaces will there be once construction is complete?

A. As we go through the different phases of construction, beginning in May, 2014, the onsite parking will be impacted. The administration plans to include any information regarding site changes in their regular communications to students, faculty, and parents. Once construction is complete there are 666 parking spaces planned for the site, more parking than is currently at both high schools combined.

For more information on the Enfield High School Building Construction visit the Enfield High School Consolidation Facebook page or contact the Town Manager's Office.