



Ground Broken on \$20 Million MHS Renovation

Mooresville High School's \$20 million renovation is officially underway. Dignitaries broke ground in the school courtyard, which will be entirely redone, at a ceremony Saturday before the annual Mooresville High School Alumni Banquet.

"This is an exciting and historic time in Mooresville High School

history," said Superintendent Brad Lindsay. "These renovations are going to significantly enhance learning for Mooresville's students in the years to come."

Adding to the festivities were two members of the original Mooresville High School Building Committee. Russell Lambert and Richard Kellum were part of the team that worked on building a new Mooresville High School in 1959. Both took part in the groundbreaking ceremony. "We're so thankful they were here to begin the original building of this facility and that they are here to share this moment with us," said Lindsay.

The building originally cost a little more than \$700,000 to build and housed 400 students. MHS has grown with six building additions in the past 54 years and now accommodates more than 1,350 students.



School board president Dr. Bill Roberson explained the project to the alumni group, noting that the project will be completed without a tax increase. "We completed three free building audits to look at the entire facility, including our campus, the building envelope, safety systems, the building utilities, and the interiors," said Roberson. "We looked at all of those audits to address the most pressing needs, not simply wants. There are infrastructure issues which need to be addressed and many renovations which will result in energy savings for the future."



Renovation plans include, but are not limited to:

- Campus: includes moving water main which runs under the building, and improving sidewalks
- Building Envelope: includes replacement of original single-pane windows, replacement of single-pane and hollow doors, re-covering and adding insulation to pre-1975 brick siding, and roof repairs
- Safety: includes upgrading all fire systems to current code, creating a secure entry, and alleviating hallway congestion
- Building Systems: includes upgrading electrical systems, upgrading heating and air conditioning systems, replacing old lighting, and enhancing wireless Internet through the facility
- Interior: includes renovating classrooms, updating the kitchen, refurbishing original locker rooms, and replacing bleachers to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements

A noticeable difference and the only change in the building footprint will be the addition of a new concourse running from the school office to the cafeteria, which will allow for better traffic flow for students as well as guests at school events. The concourse, which will take up part of the existing courtyard, will also create a buffer for south-facing classrooms from glare and heat on sunny afternoons.



The project will continue through the summer and the 2013-2014 school year and conclude before school begins in the fall of 2014.

Top photo from left: Russell Lambert (MHS '35) – 1959 building committee member; Richard Kellum (MHS '44) - 1959 building committee member; Jennifer Perkins – MHS Assistant Principal; Brian Disney – MHS Principal beginning July 2013; Brad Lindsay – Superintendent; Dr. Bill Roberson – School Board President; Perry King – School Board Secretary; Randy Davis – School Board Member; and Todd Korte – Korte Construction



Second photo: An artist's rendering of the new MHS entry.

Third photo: An artist's rendering of the MHS concourse as seen from the courtyard.

Fourth photo: An artist's rendering of the interior of the MHS concourse.