

Community Forum and Building Update Wednesday, May 3, 2017

David Knotts, Fulton County Schools Executive Director of Capital Programs, and Lance Painter of Turner Construction provided a construction update.

Turner Construction reported the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) is expected soon, and is ahead of schedule. With a TCO, visitors will have access to the building without having to wear hard hats. The first floor “punch list” is more than 70% done, which is also ahead of schedule. The second floor is close to completion. Many exterior window panes are missing; the remaining 20-30 pieces are on back-order. Two remaining items are extending the driveway across the front of the new building and extending the canopy from the old building to the new entrance. The first phase of the building will be complete the last week of June.

Principal Shaw led the discussion about the classrooms which will move to the new building. Using the floor plans as a visual aid, he shared the new layout of teacher classrooms and departments. With the uncertainty of knowing how long it will actually take students to transition between the buildings next year, the Administration has developed three different bell schedules: one with five minutes between classes (which is the current time allotted), one with six minutes, and another with seven minutes. During the first days/weeks of school, the Administration will see which schedule works best.

The community heard for the first time that the campus will be closed beginning May 29 for asbestos removal. The estimated closure is two weeks. During this time, the front office staff and counseling center will move into the trailers at the front of the school. Seniors will return their graduation gowns and pick up their diplomas in the trailers while the front office is closed. Credit Recovery and sports camps will either move off campus (possibly Ridgeview?), or be rescheduled.