

Dear parents,

It has come to my attention that there are some questions and concerns regarding our construction project and how it will affect the school year. I hope I can address these concerns in this letter.

First of all, please know that it is completely safe for students to return to school. Several air and water quality tests have been conducted and we have been deemed safe for occupancy by the state fire marshal. We would never put your children at risk if it wasn't safe to be in the building. The safety and protection of your kids is top priority and if I didn't think it was safe to hold school, I would be the first one in line fighting for our students.

A few have expressed concern about building security. With the demolition and remodel of the front of the school, a large opening is visible from the street, looking into what once was our commons area/cafeteria. While it may appear that the school is wide open for anyone to wander in, this is absolutely not the case. We would never allow that. Walls have been built inside the school to keep the construction site secure as well as to prevent unwanted visitors having access to the building.

Some have questioned why the front of the building will not be completed by the start of school. Demolition of that part of the building couldn't start until after graduation last year. To completely demolish and rebuild that area into what it will be is architecturally impossible. This has always been the plan.

On that note, our remodel/addition project is being completed in phases. This allows us to hold school while construction is going on. It is going to be approximately a 4 year process from start to finish. Again, this is not new information. We have known that this was the plan all along.

Phase 1A is the new lunchroom and commons area. It is beautiful and spacious and we have been given clearance for occupancy for next week! It will serve our students for years to come. Phase 1B is the new building that will house our music classes as well as our Family and Consumer Science classes. That area is on schedule to be completed by December of this year.

Hughes Construction has been great to work with. They have communicated with me every step of the way. If I have ever had questions or concerns, they have been quick to address them. Like every other construction project in the world right now, there are sometimes delays with supply chain or other things. However, Hughes has continually communicated those things with me. This project is being done right and corners are not being cut.

While I cannot speak to the past, during my time as an administrator at EHS, the school district administration and the school board have been very supportive of Enterprise High School. Because of that support, we have recently received other incredible upgrades such as a brand new state of the art track, safety netting and other upgrades to our baseball/softball complex, a newly redone and repainted floor in the auxiliary gym and other major upgrades to our physical facilities that few schools our size could do or have.

With all of that said, of course there will be some inconveniences that we will deal with. For the upcoming school year, we will be using the north entrance (new gym entrance) as our front doors. All students, parents, and visitors will enter there. We will have a front office attendant conveniently located just inside those doors to monitor people coming and going and to check visitors in and out. Our school resource officer will be visible and monitoring all areas of the school.

You will have to be patient with us. As construction progresses, changes may need to be made to routines (for example bus drop off/pick up zones, etc.) to ensure the safety of everyone. If this is the case, we will communicate important information to you by email and through social media.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school. Coming directly to the source will be much more effective than anything else. There are so many rumors and so much false information floating around, so if you have sincere concerns, please give us the opportunity to address them.

I am so excited for our construction and the flexibility it will give us and our students. I am grateful to the school board and the district administration for their support to our school and our students.

Most of all, we are excited for your students to return next week. They are the reason we do what we do. All of this is for them. Thank you for entrusting them to us.

Warm Regards,

Calvin Holt
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Enterprise High School