

October 1, 2020

### Construction Update

Good afternoon! Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this difficult time.

#### **Where We Are To Date**

- Design development documents were delivered September 1st. BOE administration continues to work with Clark Nexsen staff regarding equipment placement/needs and value engineering items.
- Footprints have been finalized.
- Staff meetings have been held at both sites with good participation and feedback. We continue to field questions from staff and try to incorporate feedback.
- School administration at both sites have been diligently working on schedules, moves, etc. during phasing.
- We are now working to finalize room layouts, equipment placement, utility requirements, etc., at both sites. Specialty teachers have been provided suggested room layouts to review, modify, and comment on. We have gotten great feedback so far and are aiming to have all input in by October 15.
- At its September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the BOE approved the Design Development documents and the phasing plans at both schools. A copy of Exhibit A from the resolution is included with this update. Keep in mind phasing is dependent on many factors, including weather, governmental approvals, timing of semesters and phased work, etc.

#### **Next Steps**

- Work on construction documents has now begun full force.
- Weekly virtual meetings are now taking place between administration, Vannoy, and Clark Nexsen as Vannoy gears up to provide another cost estimate in mid-October. These meetings are used to clarify everything from staging areas to storage, clear paths to temporary parking, and a variety of other issues. This will allow Vannoy to “sharpen their pencils” as we move closer to an initial GMP.
- **This mid-October cost estimate will be critical in determining our path forward.**
- Architects will be working on construction documents through March, and Vannoy will then provide their initial GMP.

#### **Thank You!**

We appreciate your support and understanding as we proceed with the largest public building project in Transylvania County history! Your ideas and input are a valuable part of this process so don't hesitate to call or email if you have questions or comments. We will do our best to balance requests and input with the budget we have available.