

Ten-Year Elementary Facilities Plan Update PHASE TWO

October 2018

Message from the Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to report that Phase Two, the construction of a new Eli Terry School and a new Philip R. Smith School, is well underway and preparations are being made for construction to begin in April. We hope this newsletter allows the community to follow our journey as we execute the Board of Education's Ten-Year Elementary Facilities Plan. The exterior and interior renderings within the pages that follow have been extremely well received, and the excitement for these two new schools continues to grow. I thank the community for its support as we endeavor to provide South Windsor's students and families a high quality education led by exceptional faculty and staff within modern and safe facilities.

Sincerely,

KATE CARTER

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Superintendent of Schools



Exterior Rendering of New Eli Terry School



Exterior Rendering of New Philip R. Smith School



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PHASE TWO PROGRESS UPDATE

In March 2017, the Town of South Windsor voted to approve Phase Two of the South Windsor Public Schools Ten-Year Elementary Facilities Master Plan. Phase Two includes the construction of new buildings for both Eli Terry and Philip R. Smith schools. Since approval of the referendum, the School Construction Grant (SCG) applications have been approved by the state; the Public Building Commission has selected Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, LLC as the architect, Colliers International as the Owner's Representative, and Gilbane Building Company as the Construction Manager. In late September, Planning and Zoning Commission approvals were secured.

Students enrolled in Eli Terry will remain in their existing building until construction of the new Eli Terry school building is complete. Eli Terry does not require the use of swing space as the site of the Eli Terry campus is large enough to allow for the construction of a new school to occur while students remain in their current school. This co-location allowed for Phase Two to accommodate the construction of two schools at once, and garnered significant savings within the overall Ten-Year Plan. Eli Terry students and staff will vacate their existing school in June at the close of the 2019-2020 academic year, and will enter their new school in August of 2020. The Eli Terry building will be razed during the summer of 2020 prior to the opening of the new school.

Philip R. Smith staff and students moved to the former Orchard Hill facility over the summer of 2018 and will return to their new school in August of 2020 (see page 6 for additional information regarding the PRS move).

Construction for both new schools is expected to begin in April 2019, and both buildings are expected to open for students and staff in August 2020.



KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

Throughout the course of our Ten-Year Plan, we have been committed to keeping the community informed. We have endeavored to do this through newsletters, mailings, website communications and a variety of different in-person meetings with both parents and community members. Highlights from recent meetings regarding Phase Two projects are provided below.

Philip R. Smith and Eli Terry Neighborhoods: On Wednesday, September 26, a community informational meeting was held at Timothy Edwards Middle School. The purpose of the meeting was to provide neighbors and abutters of Phase Two schools information regarding both Phase Two projects, including timelines and safety measures that will be in place during construction. Attendees also had the chance to view schematic design drawings of both new facilities. Members of the project team (which included the architect, owner's representative and construction manager) gave brief presentations and were on hand to answer questions from community members. Members of the Public Building Commission and Board of Education, as well as the Superintendent of Schools, school district staff and town staff, were present as well.

Eli Terry Parent Meeting: On Thursday, September 27, a separate informational meeting was held for Eli Terry parents. Dr. Carter and principal Vincent Federici discussed the impact of construction activity on the campus over the coming months and answered parent questions. Representatives from Gilbane Building Company, Moser Pilon Nelson Architects and Colliers International shared important information regarding the project, construction activity and safety measures that will be in place during construction.

A VIEW FROM ABOVE: ELI TERRY AND PHILIP R. SMITH CAMPUSES



Eli Terry Elementary School



Philip R. Smith Elementary School

INTERIOR SKETCH RENDERINGS: ELI TERRY SCHOOL



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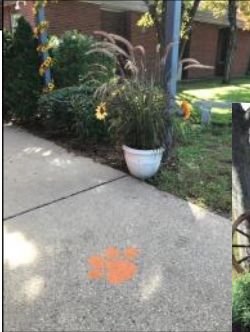


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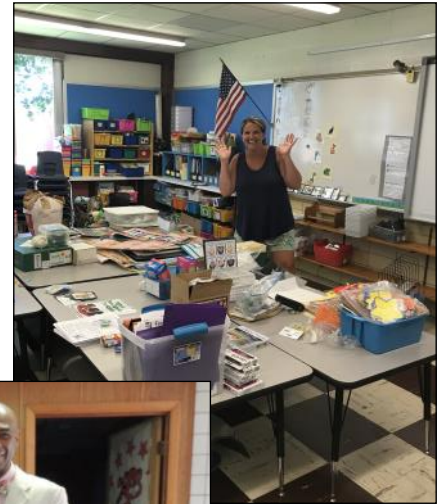
A SEAMLESS MOVE TO SWING SPACE FOR PHILIP R. SMITH SCHOOL



Landscaping artifacts relocated from Avery Street to Foster Street



Principal Michelle Dixon and School Social Worker Gary Walton on the first day of school



Teacher Nichole Long spent time in July setting up her new classroom

Over the summer, Philip R. Smith moved from 949 Avery Street to its new location at 350 Foster Street (the former Orchard Hill School). Staff and students will remain at this temporary location until August 2020, while the new school is being built. Staff are expected to move to the new Philip R. Smith school during the summer of 2020, in time for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. Principal Michelle Dixon reported that the PRS move was incredibly smooth. "The movers did a tremendous job expediting our move so that teachers could begin working in classrooms as soon as possible. We are excited about the upcoming school year as well as watching our new building become a reality over the next two years."

Much was done to make the transition as seamless and comfortable as possible for families. Last spring, PRS students travelled to the new location to get a preview of classroom spaces, and the classroom visits for incoming kindergarten students were held at the new location as well. Following the move, PRS banners, memorabilia, artifacts and pictures were hung around the new building, and tiger paws were painted at the building's entrance to welcome everyone to the new location.

The demolition of the Philip R. Smith school on Avery Street is expected to begin in January 2019. The first phase of this demolition will involve removal of hazardous materials, including the underground fuel oil tank and the septic tank. The next phase will be the actual demolition of the building, and that will include the segregation of any materials that can be recycled or salvaged such as copper pipe, masonry, structural steel and electrical wire. The demolition is expected to be completed in March 2019. During demolition, activity will be confined to the hours of 7AM-5PM and noise is expected to be minimal. As a reminder, the PRS campus is closed for public traffic, and community members are asked to stay off the premises for safety.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The PRS Gymnasium is a South Windsor polling location and will be open for Election Day voting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Over the summer, the engraved bricks from the Philip R. Smith memorial walkway were carefully removed, cleaned and placed into storage. The walkway will be reassembled following construction of the new campus, and supplemented with new bricks which are available through the PRS PTO. Additional exterior monuments and plantings were recently excavated and moved to a safe location and will be incorporated into the new campus.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM RELOCATED TO TIMOTHY EDWARDS

Due to increased K-5 enrollment, the Preschool Outreach Program (POP) and Intensive Preschool Outreach Program (IPOP) moved to their new location within a newly renovated wing of dedicated space at Timothy Edwards Middle School. The Special Services Department, TEMS staff, and the Facilities Department worked diligently over the summer to ensure a smooth transition from Orchard Hill to TEMS. Renovations were made to the wing at TEMS to ensure that preschool children have a warm, welcoming, and developmentally appropriate space. Facilities staff installed new carpets, applied fresh paint to all the preschool classrooms, remodeled bathrooms, and added new sinks in each classroom. A new outdoor playground was also installed.

TEMS principal Nancy Larson and her staff are thrilled to welcome the preschool program to the TEMS community. She shared that, "Moving preschoolers to Timothy Edwards has created a sense of positive energy and excitement among staff and students. TEMS staff have enthusiastically welcomed POP to the Timothy Edwards community." Members of the POP instructional team have also been very positive about the move, collectively offering that, "POP staff, administrators, custodians and maintainers worked together to assure a smooth transition to Timothy Edwards Middle School. We are now settled in as part of the TEMS community. POP students are enjoying their spacious playground most of all."



Students working together



Teacher Dana Vitterito welcomes two new students



One of the new classroom spaces



New playground



Students at play in learning center



One of the new classroom spaces

PHASE TWO MILESTONES TO-DATE

Items listed below apply to both Phase Two projects unless otherwise noted

6/2016	Development of Educational Specifications for Eli Terry (ET) and Philip R. Smith (PRS) schools
6/2016	Commencement of Early Site Services
6/2016	Development of Enrollment Analysis and Redistricting Plans
8/2016	Early Site Services completed
9/2016	Refreshed Elementary Facilities Ten-Year Timeline approved by the Board of Education (BOE)
10/2016	Educational Specifications approved by BOE
10/2016	Phase Two Project Budgets approved by BOE
3/2017	Phase Two Referendum passed by South Windsor residents
3/2017	Public Building Commission (PBC) appointed by Town Council
7/2017	Moser Pilon Nelson (MPN) selected by PBC to serve as architect
7/2017	Colliers International selected by PBC to serve as Owner's Representative
8/2017	Education programming meetings held
10/2017	Gilbane Building Company selected by PBC to serve as Construction Manager
11/2017	Commissioning Agent selected by PBC
12/2017	Community public information session held for neighbors and property abutters
1/2018	Schematic Design documents approved by PBC
1/2018	Swing space transition meeting held with PRS families
6/2018	Design Development documents approved by PBC
7/2018	OSCG grant applications approved by the state
7/2018	PRS faculty and staff relocated to swing space
9/2018	Community information session held for neighbors and property abutters
9/2018	Meeting held with Eli Terry parents
9/2018	Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission approvals
9/2018	Planning and Zoning Commission approvals

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