

Carrollton Exempted Village School District
Construction Update: 11/23/16

Hello Community Members,

The Board of Education and district central administration thanks everyone for allowing the district to share information about the construction project for the new 6th-12th grade building in Carrollton, which will positively impact this community for generations to come.

The Board and administration also fully understands the importance of monitoring the cost to receive the very best benefit from the district funds and the partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). The Board and OFCC are committed to a cost-effective and high quality workmanship for the entire project being built to the specifications of the Ohio School Design Manual. A copy of the standard agreement can be found at the OFCC website at <http://ofcc.ohio.gov>.

This past spring, the Board and OFCC selected the firm of Lesko Architecture of Cleveland, Ohio, from 15 applicants statewide, to provide a seamless cost-efficient transition from the feasibility/building sketch phase into the design and bidding phase. Lesko Architecture (<http://www.lesko-associates.com>) has significant expertise in Ohio school construction projects and working in partnership with the OFCC. The first duty for the district and design team was to hold a series of meetings that were attended by approximately 60 volunteers from the community and school district, including students and parents, to collaborate on the Carrollton Educational Visioning Proposal.

The Board has since taken action on two bond bids in the past several months, which were very favorable for the school district to fund its share of 61% of the total project cost. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. of St. Louis, MO. (<http://www.stifel.com/>) has worked closely with the district in securing \$13,170,000 in Classroom Facilities Improvement Bonds, Series 2016, which took place on July 20, 2016 and \$10,647,544.04 in Certificates of Participation, Series 2016, on October 5, 2016. These bonds sales were made possible by the CEVSD's partnership with Carroll County Energy, LLC, the Carroll County Commissioners and Washington Township in an Enterprise Zone Agreement.

In August, the Board and OFCC interviewed three construction management firms, reviewed their bids, and selected Shook-Touchtone LLC from Dayton, Ohio as construction manager at risk (<http://www.shookconstruction.com/education/>) to oversee the project on a daily basis. Presently, the District and OFCC has also hired three engineering firms, CESO (<http://ceso.com>) for topographic and boundary surveys and PSI (<https://www.psiusa.com>) for the geotechnical analysis of the grounds upon which the new construction will take place. Stan and Associates (<http://www.stanengineers.com/commissioning>) have also been selected as the commissioning

agent for the district throughout the construction and initial occupancy of the building. Commissioning ensures that the building systems meet owner requirements and operates as intended to meet maximum efficiency.

To date, the district administration has been involved in over 30 planning sessions that began in 2015 with the OFCC. These “core” meetings take place bi-monthly in the district and have grown to include numerous entities currently involved in the overall project. The updated timeline is as follows: (1) Bidding for the 6-12 building project in January/February 2017 and (2) Construction of the building in March/April of 2017. The projected completion date is the spring of 2019.

Throughout the course of the construction, the district will provide community tours of the progress in areas determined to be safe for visitors. The district will also incorporate a construction camera that will allow the public to access images of the new school project as it progresses on the district website.

This is an exciting time for the Carrollton Exempted Village School District, the Village of Carrollton, and Carroll County as a whole. We continue to build a strong future and thank you for your support and interest. Have a safe and joyful holiday season!

Best Regards and go Warriors,

Dr. David P. Quattrochi