

Update on the Status of Mansfield Elementary School

February 2, 2023

Dear Mansfield Students, Families, Staff and Community Members,

On behalf of the Town Council, the Board of Education, and the School Building Committee, we are pleased to share good news. The Town has secured the needed Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for the new Mansfield Elementary School building, and nearly achieved "Substantial Completion" as determined by the project's lead architect. This is a tremendous milestone for this project and another indication that Mansfield Elementary School will be ready for students in April. Students are scheduled to begin school in the new building on April 18 and 19.

This milestone allows the Town and School District staff to begin occupying the building to begin the final move-in phase. Contractor Newfield Construction will continue to finish "punch list" items and final landscaping into the warm weather season. This is not unusual on projects of this magnitude. Meanwhile, furniture and furnishings are being assembled and installed. Superintendent Dart has shared with school families and staff that professional learning, meetings, and various training sessions may now shift to the new building. Facilities and Information Technology staff members are attending trainings to prepare to take over the systems' operations. The district's detailed transition plan will ensure that students, families, and staff members are supported and ready for learning in April.

Family and community events are planned for March and April so that residents can visit the campus and building, but preparing the school for learning is our first priority. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for later in the spring that will include our community members. We will keep you informed about these plans when Mansfield students can show off their new school to you.

We sincerely thank the School Building Committee, the Board of Education, and the Town Council for their oversight of this important project. Additionally, we appreciate the Town departments including Fire Marshal, Building Department and Zoning Enforcement staff who have dedicated so much time to ensuring this new building is completed safely and thoroughly. We look forward to occupying this amazing building.

Sincerely,



Ryan J. Aylesworth
Town Manager



Peter Dart
Superintendent