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Dear Coal Creek Families,

Construction of the renovations provided through our \$3.2 million Bond project is moving right along! Some exciting improvements, such as renovations to the computer lab, already have been completed. I wanted to let you know what we can expect related to construction this year and remind you of the safety protocols we have in place.

Our main office has moved to the library where it will remain for the duration of construction. The existing art room is under construction along with the new cafeteria and kitchen. Our art curriculum will be delivered directly to classrooms via 'art on a cart.' Renovation of the existing kitchen and cafeteria into the new instrumental music and art room, as well as playground and exterior site improvements will occur next summer. While we are "under construction," the contractor will do whatever possible to minimize impact to the school from noise, dust and smells.

I have received some inquiries from families regarding what we are doing to ensure Coal Creek Elementary remains a safe place during construction. I want to assure you, **safety and security for students and staff is our top priority.** Within the next few weeks, our staff will receive a safety orientation from the Project Manager. Our construction contractors are required to adhere to the BVSD Safety Manual and to provide an orientation on the manual for their employees. Once workers have completed the safety orientation, they receive stickers for their hard hats which indicate they are authorized to be onsite. Each sticker has a unique identification number. The construction areas are separated from the rest of the school by fences and/or construction walls that are clearly marked with warning signs. Workers have separate foot traffic entrances/exits for the construction area. In general, there should be no contact between the workers and BVSD staff or students. Occasionally, a worker may need to leave the construction zone and enter the building for a specific task. These workers will have a BVSD badge issued by BVSD Security. Many of the contractors conduct background checks on their employees, however, this is not a BVSD requirement.

If you witness a member of the construction crew not adhering to these protocols, please report the instance to me so that I may follow up with our Project Manager and the contractor.

I will be meeting regularly with the construction company and the project manager and will update you as necessary about how construction activities will affect life at Coal Creek Elementary in the upcoming weeks. For more information, I also encourage you to visit the Boulder Valley School District web site at <http://bvsd.org/bondproject> and then follow the "What's Happening at Schools" link.

If you have any questions regarding the Bond work, please contact the Project Manager, Steve Schumacher at 720-839-1005 or [steve.schumacher@bvsd.org](mailto:steve.schumacher@bvsd.org).

Thank you for your continued support of Coal Creek Elementary School. We hope you share our excitement for the great changes coming our way.

Sincerely,

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