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Dear Flatirons Parents and Students,

We soon will kick off construction for building improvements provided under the BVSD Bond Program, and I wanted to take a moment to let you and our students know what to expect in the coming months.

The generosity of Boulder Valley voters has provided us with a \$4.2 million project that includes a 10,258-square foot addition which will include a new gym with a raised stage, a new music room, kitchen and support spaces. The project also includes improvements to the administrative offices, teachers lounge and computer lab. Other bond work at the school will include IT infrastructure upgrades, improvements to building systems such as HVAC and electrical wiring, as well as interior finishes renovations.

Our project will begin in January and is anticipated to be complete for the start of school in August. The first phase of the project will be construction of the new wing off the northeast side of the building. This work is essentially isolated from the main building and every effort will be made not to interfere with student activities. Most of the renovation work in classrooms and other student spaces will occur over the summer while students are away. The construction staging area will be on the northeast portion of the school site and we will temporarily lose some of our outside play area and some staff parking. There will be a plan for coping with the loss of play space, and I will share more details with you when students return in January. We will regain access to the play area and parking when construction is complete.

We are committed to communicating with you regularly during construction. I will be meeting weekly with the construction company and the project manager. I will update you as necessary about how construction activities will affect you and your student 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/Pages/default.aspx> and then follow the "What's Happening at Schools" link.

Safety and security for students and staff during construction is our top priority. Our message to students is, "Stay away and stay safe." Faculty and staff will work to convey this to students. You can help by reinforcing this message at home. Prior to construction, our staff will receive safety training from the district's Bond Safety Manager. The construction areas will be separated from the rest of the school by fences and/or construction walls that are clearly marked with warning signs. Workers will have separate foot traffic entrances/exits for the construction area. There will be no reason for faculty or students to interact with the workers. All workers who have completed a BVSD safety orientation and are authorized to be on site will have numbered project stickers on their hard hats.

You may already be aware, given the era in which our building was originally constructed, asbestos is present in certain areas. Before construction can begin in these areas, these materials need to be removed. Abatement is scheduled to occur over spring break and summer break when the building is not occupied. All work will be conducted by qualified personnel according to EPA regulations.

If you have any questions regarding the Bond work, please contact the Project Manager, Rex Hartman at 303/245-5591, rex.hartman@bvsd.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Flatirons Elementary School. We hope you share our excitement for the great changes happening at our school.

Sincerely,

Scott Boesel
Principal