

**June 2019**

**Dear Greenacres Neighbors**

Happy Summer! I'm writing to provide you with an update and information regarding the soon-to-commence Greenacres Elementary School capital project. I will also send you an update after the work has been completed this summer and again before the beginning of summer 2020. Please excuse the length of this first update, which includes some background information.

It's difficult to believe that it has been over a year since the 2018 Bond Project was approved by District voters, authorizing substantial capital improvements to Greenacres Elementary School in addition to improvements at all the buildings across the District.

Since that time, the Greenacres project has gone through the architect's and engineer's final detailing and received final approval from the State Education Department. Bids and contracts for the project have now also been approved by the Board of Education. With these tasks completed, contractors are working closely with Park East (the District's construction management firm) and BBS Architects to finalize their construction plans.

Park East is tasked with managing all facets of the construction project. This includes not only assuring that the project is built to architect specifications, but also that it is done in a safe manner, focusing on building occupants, neighbors, and contractors. As you might imagine there are also many logistical components to such a large-scale project. In order to assist Park East, and to keep all parties informed of project developments, a Greenacres Construction Safety Committee has been formed, comprised of key District personnel, parents, Scarsdale Police and Village representatives.

### **SUMMER 2019 WORK**

Swiftly following the last day of school (June 26th), you will notice that fencing, delineating the construction staging area and construction zones, will be installed. The staging area will be located on the eastern third of the asphalt play area on Huntington Avenue and will provide a secure space for contractor trailers and storage. Across the street from the staging area on the school side of the sidewalk, construction fencing will encompass the school's parking lot and continue around the front of the building on Sage Terrace. Both of these areas will only be accessible to authorized individuals.

During these first few days of set-up, this area will be very busy. We ask that you avoid the area during this time if possible. If you live nearby or must travel in near proximity, you may experience some delays.

Also after the last day of school, construction crews will start on interior renovations, beginning with demolition and related asbestos removal. During those first few weeks you may notice dumpsters outside the building which will be labelled as containing hazardous waste. These will be sealed and locked.

A total of 11 classrooms will be renovated and completed by the end of this summer. Renovations on the remaining parts of the building will take place in the summer of 2020.

External construction work on the addition along Huntington Avenue will also commence immediately, with preparation of the site, including any necessary tree and shrub removal, followed by excavation for the addition's foundation. Work on the addition will continue for the next 15 months, concluding in late summer of 2020.

**WHAT TO EXPECT THIS SUMMER:**

*Traffic and Parking* - You will notice more traffic in the immediate area of the school, including construction worker vehicles, delivery trucks, and cement trucks (during certain times). As we are all aware, parking can be challenging in the area, and this will be further complicated by the additional vehicles. In order for you to identify which cars belong in the area, construction workers will be given small placards which they will display on their dashboards. The Scarsdale Police Department is aware of the increased volume of vehicles anticipated for this project and will be strictly enforcing all traffic and parking controls. You may contact Scarsdale Police with any concerns about traffic or parking enforcement.

*Work Day and Noise* - Work will commence first thing in the morning and may continue into the evening as required to complete the work in a timely fashion. You will experience sounds typical for any large construction site. You may contact John Trenholm, Director of School Facilities, with any noise or workday scheduling concerns at [jtrenholm@scarsdaleschools.org](mailto:jtrenholm@scarsdaleschools.org) or at 721-2440.

The District thanks you in advance for your patience and understanding as we embark on this exciting project. Thank you also to the Greenacres Neighborhood Association for assisting with the transmission of this communication. Please be on the look-out for the next communication after the summer season or as needed.

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