

# Construction Projects Update

NCSD has entered the next phase of its Transition Process as our district moves from four elementary buildings to two...**CONSTRUCTION!** As we move through this stage, we will be sending out an informational document the Friday after each School Board Meeting. There is a link for you to submit questions, these will be answered in the following updates & be compiled into a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document.



**Issue #14: May 23, 2025**

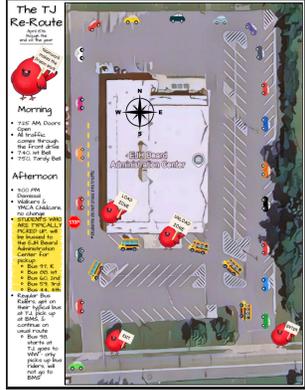
## General Notes:

This communication is sent via email at 9:00 AM on the Friday after each School Board Meeting to our school board members and district teachers & staff. We also send this update to our district families via Parent Square, and post to public social media. See below for the link to submit any questions you may have on this week's Construction Project Update. *Questions should only relate to Construction Projects taking place at Aurora Heights or Thomas Jefferson.* The updates and FAQs are archived on the district website in the announcements ([www.newtoncsd.org](http://www.newtoncsd.org)).

- **Questions on this week's Construction Projects Update?** Submit them here! [Link to submit questions](#)
- The Construction Project Update and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) will be found on our [website](#) in the announcements - **you will find answers to last week's questions there!**

Topic	Status	Related Files	Update	Two-Week Outlook
Aurora Heights Elementary	In pr... ▾	File	<p><b>Timeline: Addition &amp; Renovation Project</b></p> <p>The <b>construction documents</b> for Aurora Heights Elementary were brought to the school board and approved at the <b>September 23, 2024</b> regular board meeting. Click here to view the <a href="#">proposed timeline</a> &amp; <a href="#">project cost estimate</a> information.</p> <p><b>October 24, 2024</b> - Bid Opening  <b>October 28, 2024</b> - Public Hearing &amp; Resolutions  <b>October 28, 2024</b> - Contract Awarded to Graphite Construction Group (Des Moines, Iowa) for a total contract amount of \$12,895,000  <b>November 6, 2024</b> - Pre-Construction Meeting</p> <p>Most Recent Construction Meeting Notes:  <b>Updates from Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor</b>  <i>May 23, 2025</i></p> <p><b>EXTERIOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building pad compaction is done, footings are beginning</li> <li>• Gym piers are complete, with underpinning completed</li> <li>• Geo piers are beginning</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERIOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprinkler attic work is nearly complete</li> </ul>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Construction Progress Meeting:</b>  May 28, 2025  June 11, 2025</p>

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<b>Thomas Jefferson Elementary</b>	<span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">In pr... ▾</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid gray; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">📁 File</span>	<p><b>Timeline: Addition &amp; Renovation Project</b></p> <p>The <b>construction documents</b> for Thomas Jefferson Elementary were brought to the school board and approved at the <b>August 26, 2024</b> regular board meeting. <a href="#">Click here</a> to view the proposed timeline &amp; project cost estimate information.</p> <p><b>September 26, 2024</b> - Bid Opening  <b>September 30, 2024</b> - Public Hearing &amp; Resolutions  <b>September 30, 2024</b> - Contract Awarded to Bi-State Contracting, Inc (West Burlington, Iowa) for a total contract amount of \$5,492,748  <b>November 6, 2024</b> - Pre-Construction Meeting</p> <p>Most Recent Construction Meeting Notes:  <b>Updates from Jack Suttek, Maintenance Supervisor</b>  <i>May 23, 2025</i></p> <p><b>EXTERIOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trash bin is near completion</li> </ul> <p><b>INTERIOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drywall finished</li> <li>● Door frames are set</li> <li>● Tunnel pipe and steam boiler demolition is complete</li> </ul>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Construction Progress Meeting:</b>  May 28, 2025</p>

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<p><b>Thomas Jefferson Elementary</b> (continued)</p>	<p><b>In pr...</b></p>	<p> <b>File</b></p>	<p><b>Changes to Drop Off / Pick Up Process &amp; Bell Schedule</b></p> <p>At the March 10, 2025 board meeting Jolene Comer, Principal (TJ) gave a thorough description of the upcoming changes at Thomas Jefferson Elementary regarding their <b>drop off and pick up process</b> and how this will also affect the <b>bell schedule</b>. The changes began on April 15, 2025 and will last for the remainder of the 2024 - 2025 school year, and are necessary due to the next construction phase which will affect access to the north driveway and current bus lane area. The project timeline, beginning in the Spring 2025, will allow for this construction phase to be completed by the Fall 2025.</p> <p>On March 11, 2025 a <a href="#">communication</a> was sent from Mrs. Comer via ParentSquare to TJ families explaining the temporary changes. <a href="#">Click Here</a> to view the map illustrating the changes, which are intended to alleviate traffic congestion with vehicles and buses in the front circle drive at Thomas Jefferson Elementary during this construction phase.</p> <p><b><i>We appreciate our families working together with us on this as we work toward expanding and improving the drop off and pick up area at Thomas Jefferson Elementary for the 2025 - 2026 school year!</i></b></p>	

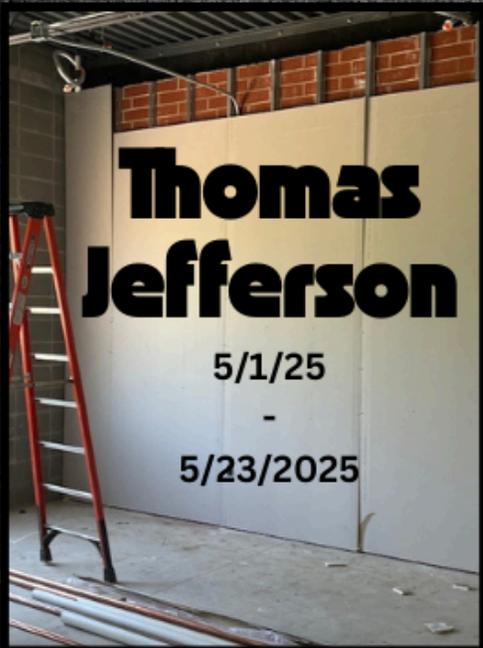
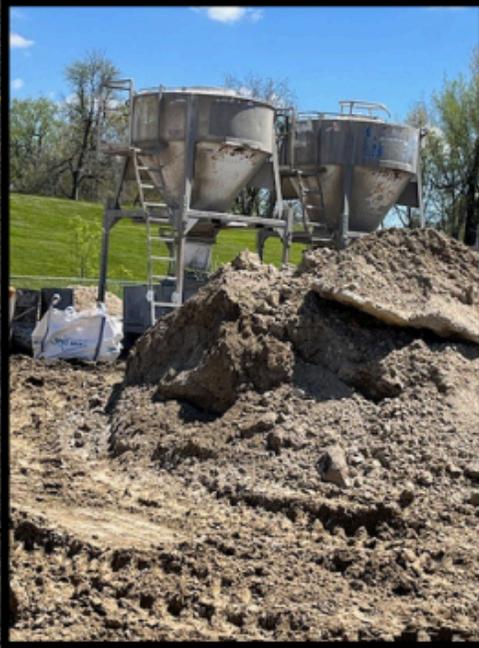
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