

Progress reported on new Fremont City Schools buildings

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Design development phase approved, work started on 2 sites



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FREMONT - Early site preparations have started on two of Fremont City Schools' new elementary school buildings and the district's superintendent anticipates that foundation work on all four schools will begin next spring.

FCS Superintendent Jon Detwiler said Wednesday that dirt has already been moved and fencing put up at the Otis and Lutz Elementary School building sites.

Early site work could start as soon as next week at Croghan and Atkinson Elementary Schools.

"Our goal is to get all four elementary schools to the same point before wintry weather sets in," Detwiler said.

[Voters in 2017 approved a \\$58.6 million levy to construct four new elementary buildings and a new Ross High School](#) as part of a facilities plan to upgrade building quality and technologies.

Detwiler said the Fremont school board approved a design development phase Friday for the new elementary school buildings.

The superintendent expects the board to vote on the buildings' construction bid documents and a guaranteed maximum price amendment by the end of January.

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Between 80 and 90 percent of the elementary school buildings' design is completed.

Detwiler said some fine-tuning on the elementary school buildings' design still needs to be done, which likely will be completed in January.

Construction on the new Fremont Ross high school building is expected to begin sometime next summer, Detwiler said.

District officials and project architect Scott Alleman have previously said completion of the new Ross building is scheduled for the summer of 2021.

The existing Ross High School, built in 1958, will remain open for classes while the new building is under construction on the property.

Once the new building opens in 2021, workers will immediately begin tearing down the old Fremont Ross building.

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