

Work continues on new Fremont City Schools buildings

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Construction continued at the new Atkinson Elementary School site in Fremont. Superintendent Jon Detwiler said there should be membrane roofs on all four new elementary school buildings by the end of 2019. (Photo: Daniel Carson/The News-Messenger)

FREMONT - All four of Fremont City Schools' new elementary school sites should be "dry" by the end of the year, Superintendent Jon Detwiler said Tuesday.

Detwiler said there should be membrane roofs atop the buildings in the coming weeks, with HVAC units installed by mid-December at the four sites.

"There should be heat in those buildings after the first of the year," Detwiler said.

The FCS superintendent said colored bricks were going up at the Atkinson Elementary site's exterior walls this week, with similar work starting at Otis Elementary soon.

[The FCS board approved a \\$49.5 million guaranteed maximum price](#) amendment in October for construction on the district's new Fremont Ross High School building project.

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.

The Fremont City Schools board approved a guaranteed maximum project cost of more than \$49.7 million for its four new elementary schools in February.

Of the \$49,732,823 approved by the board, almost \$48 million is co-funded between the state and the Fremont school district, with about \$1.8 million locally funded with Fremont City Schools' permanent improvement dollars or levy funds.

The vote included approval of guaranteed maximum price amendments for construction, demolition and abatement costs at the new Atkinson, Croghan, Lutz and Otis elementary school sites.

The new elementary schools are slated to be ready for the school year starting in the fall of 2020.

[Early site work, which has included drainage and a temporary road](#) into the construction site, has been completed at the Ross site.

Detwiler said bids on the new high school had come back and were within budget.

He said foundation work at Ross should start next week.

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