



Fremont Middle School: Plan to help smooth transition

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FREMONT -- The new Fremont Middle School should be completed in November 2011, and the district has been preparing for that mid-year move.

"Throughout the two years of planning, I have kept track of all the work everyone has talked about and created a plan from that," Superintendent Traci McCaudy said.

The FMS transition plan is a comprehensive plan that outlines all of the work that needs to be completed before moving. The plan also includes deadlines when the work must be completed along with who is responsible for completing the work.

McCaudy said because they will be moving in the middle of the school year, it's critical the move is well-planned because they do not want to interrupt the educational process of the students.

"We will be moving sixth graders from seven elementary buildings, and we will be moving seventh and eighth graders from the current building to the new building," McCaudy stated.

The building is on budget and the construction is on schedule.

An FMS transition committee, consisting of teachers, administrators and support staff, meets on a regular basis to monitor the progress. Status reports are shared with members of the board of education on a monthly basis, and meetings are held with Fremont City School personnel.

As the district gets closer to the move-in date, information will be shared with parents and students.

Some of the plans for this fall include determining technology needs and a budget, and extra-curricular and athletic programs.

At the beginning of next year, they will look into hiring an HVAC specialist, identifying all staffing needs at the FMS, determining school times along with busing needs and routes, and reviewing the campus wear plan and other student handbook items.

By next spring, new scoreboards will be ordered for the gymnasium and an elementary staffing schedule will be created. A master schedule will be created, the determining of room assignments for staff, workroom space, personal space and team planning space will also be done.

Throughout next summer, athletic schedules will be reviewed along with determining athletic/field trip bus pick up and drop off at FMS and the high school. Some other plans include identifying equipment and facility training for all staff and developing a training schedule.

Some of the plans next September include determining a process for moving student files and classroom materials.

To look at more of the plan, visit the district's website at www.fremontschools.net.



Work continues on the grounds of the new Fremont Middle School. (Jonathon Bird | News-Messenger)