

# Central Middle School

## Week of September 6, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

I am working from a slight disadvantage this week as the power is out at home. I am at the office in Murfreesboro and am having problems accessing pictures. Now a little after 9 pm we have power at home.

Progress is evident as I walk through the construction with quite a few windows installed. The goal was to have all windows installed before the hurricane. Thursday afternoon it appeared the windows on the north side of the building including the band room and the art room are not installed.



The above picture taken Friday afternoon confirms those windows are not installed.

The brickwork on the outside of the gym is almost complete and looks very good. The bricks across the east side of the gym have to go up about two more feet to the eave of the weight room roof. The east wall of the gym above that level will be beige stucco finish metal panels.



Entering the gym through the weight room I find an electrician installing conduit on the east wall.



All that work and installation of insulation has to be completed before sheetrock can be installed.

Moving down the front hallway I find a workman caulking seams around ductwork. I notice a boot installed on the connection between a straight run and a through the wall fitting.



This is a normal way to correct misalignment. The boot is a rubberized fabric made for the purpose and holds up well. None of this will be visible when the ceilings are installed.

Quite a bit of HVAC work has taken place in the front entrance with air handlers and ductwork filling the space above the ceiling.



Work is taking place throughout the new construction but it takes a lot of looking

to see things that really catch the eye. You just walk through and realize the progress is evident.

In the computer lab I found grooves cut in the sheetrock with red tape covering the area.



This is where the drawings call for the sheetrock to be grooved to keep cracks

from appearing due to doors slamming shut. The groove is simply a relief very similar to the grooves cut into concrete slabs. It is going to crack so the idea is to make it crack where you want it. Red caulking was being applied to the bottom of



the firewalls to make sure they are properly sealed.



The outside at the back is looking much more like a finished product.



Housekeeping inside and out continues to be very well done. Drywall finishers

continue to work in the hallway next to the gym showing considerable progress.



Hopefully, the drywall finishers will start finishing walls during the coming week. The eighth grade wing is ready for the finishers and the front hall will be ready shortly followed by the hallway beside the gym. Things are taking shape nicely. I continue to be impressed with all phases of the work especially including the housekeeping which make good progress easier and safer.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

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