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Dear Friends,

RE: BOND CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!

I am happy to finally be able to report that construction has begun on several bond projects and planning for work to be done in the summers of 2016 and 2017 is underway. Listed below is a complete summary of the work that began on June 5.

Security improvements will be built and installed this summer for Pine Creek, Sheldon Woods, North Holland, Lakewood, Lakeshore, Great Lakes, and Woodside.

Construction will begin on secured entrances at Waukazoo, Harbor Lights and Macatawa Bay next spring.

Waukazoo, Macatawa Bay, and the middle school campus design plans are in the works with construction to begin on all of these in the spring/summer of 2016. While boiler replacement is already underway at Sheldon Woods and Harbor Lights, substantial improvements to the heating and cooling system at Macatawa Bay with the installation of a geothermal system in 2016 will bring that building the full replacement system that is badly needed.

Traffic studies have been conducted at the middle school site and Waukazoo to assist in improving the traffic challenges at those sites. We have also held a meeting with the Ottawa County Road Commission to gain their input. (As a quick note for those who travel Holland in the summer, expect Riley Street between Butternut and 136th to be under construction for a time period this summer for repaving.)

The oldest section of Glerum will undergo demolition in the late summer or fall. The "newer" section that runs along Beech Street will house the Building Services Department offices in 2015-2016. In time, this will be the new home of transportation staff.

High School South will get re-cabled this summer, and a large majority of the computers at High School North will be replaced.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank the community for supporting the bond in May of 2014, which makes all of this work possible. We will be updating our bond web page frequently this summer to keep you posted on the construction. You can find the bond web page at www.westottawa.net.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Martin
Superintendent of Schools