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Dear Douglass Families,

Soon we will kick off construction for building improvements provided under the BVSD Bond Program, and I wanted to take a moment to let you know what to expect in the coming months.

The generosity of Boulder Valley voters has provided us with a \$3.4 million Bond project that includes remodeling of the library, art room, classrooms, computer labs and the main office including a new entry. Other Bond work at the school includes IT infrastructure upgrades, improvements to building systems such as ventilation and communications and playground improvements, which were completed in 2009. The construction project also will include a new preschool classroom. This classroom is funded by the mill levy override approved by voters in November 2010.

Construction will begin in June and is scheduled to be complete in time for school in August 2012. Before construction can begin, asbestos containing materials will be removed from areas which will be affected by the project. The abatement work will be done immediately after school lets out for the summer. All work will be conducted by qualified personnel according to EPA regulations.

Students and staff can expect a few changes when they return to the school in August:

- Construction equipment will be staged in the front parking lot and the southeast corner of the school site.
- While the main office is under construction, our administrative staff will be located in the Quonset hut on the northern end of the school site. We will relocate there in June. The main entrance will be moved to the northeast door.
- Bus loading and unloading and parent pick up/drop off will be moved to the north parking lot for the duration of construction. More information about how this will work will be provided in August.
- Renovations in the library, art room, classrooms and computer lab will be completed over the summer. Work on the office, as well as construction of the preschool classrooms, will continue through the school year.

The contractor will do whatever possible to minimize impact to the school from noise, dust and smells.

Safety and security for students and staff during construction is our top priority. Our message to students will be, "Respect the boundaries and stay safe." Faculty and staff will work to convey this to students. You can help by reinforcing this message at home. At the beginning of the school year, our staff will receive a safety orientation from the Project Manager. The construction areas will be separated from the rest of the school by fences and/or construction walls that are clearly marked with warning signs. Workers will have separate foot traffic entrances/exits for the construction area. All construction workers who have completed a BVSD safety orientation and are authorized to be on site

will have numbered project stickers on their hard hats. It will be possible for teachers to arrange guided class tours of the construction site

I will be meeting regularly with the construction company and the project manager. I will update you as necessary about how construction activities will affect you and your student. For more information, I also encourage you to visit the Boulder Valley School District web site at <http://bvsd.org/bondproject/Pages/default.aspx> and then follow the "What's Happening at Schools" link.

If you have any questions regarding the Bond work, please contact the Project Manager, Steve Schumacher at 720-839-1005 or steve.schumacher@bvsd.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Douglass Elementary School. We hope you share our excitement for the great changes coming our way.

Sincerely,

Jon Wolfer
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