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Dear Douglass Elementary Families,

Construction of the renovations provided through our \$3.4 million Bond project is moving right along! As we start the year, I wanted to update you on the progress of the construction and remind you of the safety protocols we have in place.

Some improvements, such as renovations in the library, art room, Kindergarten, KE and other classrooms as well as music room already have been completed. Work on the office, as well as construction of the preschool classrooms, will continue through the school year. Our main office has moved to the Quonset hut where it will remain for the duration of construction. While we are "under construction," the contractor will do whatever possible to minimize impact to the school from noise, dust and smells.

I have received some inquiries from families regarding what we are doing to ensure Douglass Elementary remains a safe place during construction. I want to assure you, **safety and security for students and staff is our top priority.** We will have a safety assembly for students. Our construction contractors are required to adhere to the BVSD Safety Manual and to provide an orientation on the manual for their employees. Once workers have completed the safety orientation, they receive stickers for their hard hats which indicate they are authorized to be onsite. Each sticker has a unique identification number.

The construction areas are separated from the rest of the school by fences and/or construction walls that are clearly marked with warning signs. Workers have separate foot traffic entrances/exits for the construction area. In general, there should be no contact between the workers and BVSD staff or students. Occasionally, a worker may need to leave the construction zone and enter the building for a specific task. These workers will have a BVSD badge issued by BVSD Security.

All Mark Young Construction employees are subject to a background (criminal history) investigation and a drug test. Mark Young superintendents are responsible to observe the behavior of all subcontractor employees and remove any personnel from the site that do not comply with BVSD safety and security policies. Construction workers are strictly forbidden from contact with children on the construction site and will be removed from the site for any violation. If you witness a member of the construction crew not adhering to these protocols, please report the instance to me so that I may follow up with our Project Manager and the contractor.

I will be meeting regularly with the construction company and the project manager and will update you as necessary about how construction activities will affect life at Douglass Elementary in the upcoming

weeks. For more information, I also encourage you to visit the Boulder Valley School District web site at <http://bvsd.org/bondproject> 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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