

Sherman County School District "Builds" Opportunities for Student Success



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Every day the Students and Staff in the Sherman County School District excitedly watch as the contractors move the Comprehensive Pre K through 12 Facility along in production.

For the past month, the students have been enjoying attending their classes in the new James Weir Agricultural Science and Technology Center. The contractors are working hard on the last few punch list items before and after school, so that Mr. Collins classes are not disturbed. It is heartwarming to hear Mr. Collins say, "I feel like my new classroom makes me a better teacher and I also feel more organized and energized." We are all very grateful to the James Weir Foundation for their substantial donation of \$500,000 that made this facility possible. The School District is planning a ceremony sometime in March, including a ribbon cutting and the dedication of a bronze plaque to honor the generosity of the James Weir Foundation. The Sherman County community will be invited to this ceremony to see our wonderful new facility.

Kitchen staff members, Ree Ella von Borstel and Darcy Henry are now utilizing their new space too. Cooking operations were a seamless transition from the old kitchen to the new state-of-the-art kitchen. The students have nick-named the kitchen the "Husky Diner" and they say the food tastes even better than it did before.

Phase II has been progressing nicely over the past few weeks. Demolition work of the old Ag shop is now complete and demolition of the old kitchen has begun in order to prepare for the new foundation. Site work is wrapping up this week and the underground electrical and plumbing will be installed next week.

Perhaps the most noticeable change is at the elementary school wing where the first slab pour has just been completed and the exterior walls are now being framed, sheathed and erected.

As always, if you have any questions or would be interested in a tour, please contact me at (541) 565-3500, (541) 333-2250 or wowens@sherman.k12.or.us. Thank you for your support of the Sherman County School District.

Sincerely,

Wes Owens

Superintendent



Above: View from Hwy 97.



Above: Exterior walls are being framed, sheathed, stood and braced.