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## **Sherman County School District Board Votes to Consolidate Schools into a K-12 Facility in Moro**

On Monday, December 8, 2014 the Sherman County School Board voted to formalize the intent of the District to consolidate the educational program into a single K-12 campus and officially entered into a contract with BBT Architects for architectural services. This action came after nearly three years of planning, which has included feedback from staff, parents, and school community members and extensive evaluations of cost savings and student benefits.

“Our priority is, and will remain, what is best for our students. This decision will create a facility that will provide all Sherman County students with a safe place to receive the quality, 21<sup>st</sup> century education that they need to succeed in the classroom,” said Bill Martin, Chairman of the School Board. “I want to thank each member of all of the various committees and my fellow board members for their tireless efforts over the past several years that have brought us to this decision.”

Work will now begin for the board appointed Architectural Design Committee Members. This group of 13 members includes board members, school staff, parents, and community members. Owner Representative Mike Marino and BBT Architects will lead this group as they rigorously engage in the design of the new addition and minor remodel. The project is scheduled for completion for the elementary students to begin to attend the campus in Moro in September 2016. Some of the major priorities and logistics the committee will consider are student safety, separation of students, improved food service facility, and creative space planning for teaching. “I am confident that our final plan will benefit Sherman County students for generations to come,” said Board Member, Kyle Blagg.

The District will keep the public informed of the progress of the consolidation project on the website <http://shermancountyschooldistrict.weebly.com>