



# *Southwest Licking Local Schools*

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## **SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

### **New Completion Dates for WMHS and WIS Buildings**

In a March 2018 construction update, I indicated that the new 4/5 building (WIS) would be completed by August 2020 and the construction on the new high school (WMHS) would be completed by December 2020. I had also indicated that these timelines would be contingent upon several things including obtaining the necessary EPA permits, good weather and no unforeseen delays.

In the fall of 2018, the Army Corp of Engineers informed the District that we would need the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of Ohio to sign off on a required Nationwide Permit (NWP). Due to the wetlands found on the construction site, this permit was required before any work could occur on the site or buildings. In order for the District to get SHPO's signature, SHPO required the District to perform both a Phase I and Phase II Cultural Study. These two studies, which took several months to complete, changed the expected completion dates for both buildings.

With the required permit now in hand, the OFCC team has established new timelines for both buildings. The new completion date for WIS is the fall of 2020 and the new completion date for WMHS is the summer of 2021. If these adjusted timelines hold true, it would make the senior class of 2021-22, the first class to graduate from the new WMHS.