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Dear Stakeholders,

I know there has been and is a lot of talk in the community about whether or not the new high school will be completed in time to start school by August 20. I've held off sharing information to this point because the schedule and details have changed almost daily over the past few weeks. Due to uncontrollable and unforeseen circumstances, mostly related to supply chain issues we have no control over, there have been some delays that we haven't been able to overcome. That said, we have a plan in place now that we can share and are confident that we will be able to meet the new timelines I'll lay out below.

Elementary students, kindergarten through 6th grade, will start school as planned, with the first day being August 20. Please watch for more information coming from the elementary administration regarding this start day.

Secondary students, grades 7-12, will start school on September 3. This means we will have to make up seven days throughout the school year. We are currently considering options for how and when to do this. It will likely involve coming to school a few Fridays throughout the school year or possibly having some Friday remote learning days, or a hybrid of these two options. We are planning a back to school night for parents and students on August 29th, to allow students to walk through the building and become familiar with where their teachers/classrooms are located. Look for more information on this coming very soon.

We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we work through these delays. We look forward to being in our beautiful new facility very soon.

Sincerely,

Randy Shelley Superintendent

Wayne County School District