



## RHS Modernization Project Director Newsletter #9

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This groundbreaking is a celebration, but not just of the new School that will be the end result of our efforts. This is a celebration of our next step in this journey. Up until today, we have been planning. Now we step outside and truly begin.

Yes, we are constructing a building but this is not just about the spaces that are built, it is not just about money and schedules. Through this process, we are setting our expectations for our future as a school community. We must create an expectation of excellence in achievement through every act from this day forward. We must trust in the honor and integrity of the people working beside us as we set those same expectations for ourselves to be good neighbors and coworkers.

If we all start here, together, today, in the spirit of camaraderie, offering our heads, our hearts and our hands; if we work to our common goals, not condemning our differences, but accepting those differences as opportunities for others to take on those things that we cannot; then we will be successful. What we have before us is an adventure. Over the next two years, we will meet new faces and forge new friendships, creating the stories that we will tell years from now about how we worked together. There will be challenges, a few setbacks, and many triumphs. We need to remember and celebrate each one of them.

Each of us here has a part to play. Some are already working to preserve our history and ensure that as we move forward, we never forget our past. Some are planning for students to learn from and be a part of the building process itself. Some are planning new educational programs that will provide new opportunities to explore what is possible in our world. And many are doing the most important work of reaching out to each of our students to help them recognize the strength and character that they have inside themselves so that they, too, can participate and we can become better for their contributions. This is what it means to be a community.

The construction of Roosevelt High School is an opportunity for us all to come together to support a common cause. And when we all meet again at the first opening of the first new building, what will be significant will be the greater strength of this community that will have been forged by this process.

### **Until the Next Update...**

We appreciate all of the comments and participation that we have seen from so many over these past two years and look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces as we move forward with the development of our school. A quick reminder that project documents and previous newsletters can be found on our website:

<http://RooseveltBond.pps.net>. As always, please be in touch with any questions you may have by contacting us at [rhsmod@pps.net](mailto:rhsmod@pps.net).

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“Go Riders!”