



Project: Ashe County Middle School

Board of Education Project Summary

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Progress

- The grading contractor began work on the bus connector road to the high school. Operations have been limited to the stream crossing until the school year is finished in June. They also began stripping topsoil at the new athletic fields.
- The fire and domestic water lines have been extended into the building footprint.
- The foundation contractor completed the first slab-on-grade pour in Area B to the firewall separation, and the loading dock foundation has been placed in Area C.
- Structural steel erection has advanced into the Dining and Food Service Wing, and one section of interior stairs has also been set in Area A.
- Exterior wall framing has progressed to the upper floors of Classroom Wing A with installation of the structural insulated sheathing panels continuing behind the framing.
- The plumbing contractor continues to work on the waste riser and vent infrastructure between the floors in Area A.
- The exterior wall mockup panel has been used to evaluate the wall assembly and exterior materials including installation methods, quality control, constructability concerns and long-term maintenance issues. The proposed design by Clark Nexsen includes an architectural metal trim at the brick caps and at window jambs, heads and sills. Evaluation of the mockup identified potential concerns associated with the proposed metal sill condition at certain elevations, including susceptibility to damage and vandalism. As a result, the design team is evaluating alternative sill materials at certain locations that are expected to provide improved long-term performance. The mockup remains in progress with additional brick and siding materials still to be installed and reviewed.
- The electrical contractor has crews in Area A working on rough-in and is installing primary underground feeders in Area C.
- The HVAC contractor is installing the main ductwork trunk lines in Classroom Wing A.

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