



# South Nodaway Superintendent's Newsletter

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## Construction of New Addition Moves Forward!

February 13, 2013 marked an important date in the construction of the new elementary school addition. The concrete slab for the addition was poured on this date, paving the way for the rest of the construction to begin.

On a beautiful winter day that hit a high of nearly 53 degrees workers from Lee Grover Construction poured and shaped the concrete surface that will be the basis for the rest of the building.

The metal frame building is scheduled to arrive on site March 4. Once the concrete slab has properly set and cured the building will be set to go up!

This is excellent news for the school as it puts the project virtually back on schedule and should allow for us to meet our original completion date of July 31st.

In addition to the slab being poured, the beneath slab plumbing, anchor bolt settings and masonry are also completed.

Workers have had favorable February weather which has allowed



Workers from Lee Grover Construction apply the finishing touches to the newly poured concrete for the elementary addition.

much progress to be made. The next steps will be the pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) itself and the metal framing of the exterior and interior.

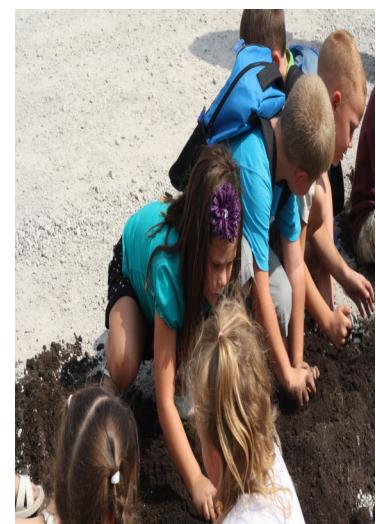
Once again, favorable weather will be critical in getting these

things accomplished, but at this point the project is back on completion schedule for the beginning of next school year!

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Site prior to demolition and beginning of new building



SN Elementary students breaking ground with "heavy equipment" in August 2012.

## Omitted Bid Document May Be Blessing In Disguise?

Those who have been following news from the board meetings the past couple of months are probably familiar with the issue of the metal conduit for wiring being omitted from the original bid documents.

The metal conduit was asked for as an upgrade over the more standard MC cable bundle be-

cause we felt that it would be much easier to work with in the future.

However, to get the metal conduit back into the project it was going to cost over \$30K and was going to cause the project to be delayed an extra 15 days which may have prevented us from beginning the 2013-2014 school year in the new

building.

After much deliberation and after the tragic school shooting that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the BOE and the Administration concluded that it would be wiser to stay on the scheduled completion date and to use this money for increased security measures instead.





## New School Addition to Include Enhanced Security for Students and Staff

It is something that is very difficult to think about, yet recent national events such as the theater shooting in Aurora, CO and the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School serve to remind us that, in today's world, safety must be a priority concern.

With that in mind the South Nodaway School Board and Administration have decided to take some extra security measures which should increase safety for our elementary and high school students, teachers, staff, and visitors.

The measures we are undertaking will consist of newer, better cameras and two secured doors that will only be accessible to staff with a security card pass, similar to the magnetic cards that are used by hotels, businesses, etc.

All visitors will be required to use one of these two entrances and they will have to be buzzed in by South Nodaway staff after they have been visually confirmed by camera.

All other entrances to the buildings will be locked and inaccessible throughout the school day.

This may cause some slight inconveniences, but we feel that the additional safety provided by these measures will far outweigh any concerns of inconvenience.



The new secured entrances will probably be magnetically keyed similar to the door in the picture.

## South Nodaway Loses a Good Friend and Advocate

Bob Davis passed away unexpectedly in January of 2013. He had been working for the South Nodaway R-IV School District as the Owner's Representative for the new school construction project.

I only knew Bob for a few short months, from August of 2012 until his passing in January of 2013. During that amount of time I discovered Bob to be a very straight forward, no-nonsense person and a very dedicated professional in his approach to his job.

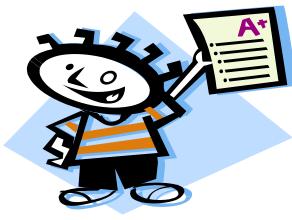
I also developed a respect for Bob's service to our country as a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam war and for his devotion to this community.



Bob Davis consulting on the new construction project.

## School News & Notes-SN Scores High On New MSIP5, Ross Hired As Rep

South Nodaway students continued their tradition of scoring at or near the top in state performance measures. On the preliminary MSIP5, which goes into effect next year, South Nodaway graded out at 97.5%. There was only one school in all of Northwest Missouri that had a higher score. Way to go South No-



SN scores high on state measures

daway Longhorn students and teachers!

Mr. Richard Ross, a retired architect and a member of the South Nodaway community, has been hired as the Owner's Representative for the new construction project. Mr. Ross was hired to replace the late Bob



Owner's Representative,  
Dick Ross

Davis. Mr. Ross has already been working and helping to ensure that the project is completed to our specifications and expectations.

I consider it a real blessing that this community has had a man such as Bob Davis and now Dick Ross, with their experience and investment in the community to help with this project.