



Press Release

Construction begins on new Middle/High School in Hills, MN

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Project Location:

Hills, MN

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JULY 13, 2010 - HILLS, MN - Construction is now underway on the new 76,765 square foot Middle/High School in the Hills-Beaver Creek school district. The new building is estimated to cost \$9 million and will replace the existing facility.

“The infrastructure was wearing out and it was very much outdated,” said Hills Beaver-Creek Superintendent David Deragisch of the current school. “It made more sense to start from scratch.”

Efficiency is a key factor in the new school design. It will be built on one level instead of three levels, and geothermal heating and cooling will be added. “We included the geothermal because we wanted to be energy efficient, and we look forward to operating costs going down,” said Deragisch.

The design features a light-filled central cafetorium and entry that act as a link joining an Academic wing and an Art, Music and P.E. wing. The Academic wing consists of ten classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab and the library. A competition gymnasium, locker rooms, art room, music room and a stage form the opposing wing.

The design also allows for future expansion to take advantage of shared facilities. “This plan enables us in the future to add on both directions east and west. Hopefully Hills Beaver-Creek will continue to grow and we will then be able to accommodate that growth.”

The project is scheduled to be completed in August 2011.

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