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Greetings! This is the fourth installment of Berry Architecture's Westpark Middle School Project Newsletter. Construction is progressing well—the project is currently at the 50% completion stage. It's exciting to see the school developing and changing day by day!

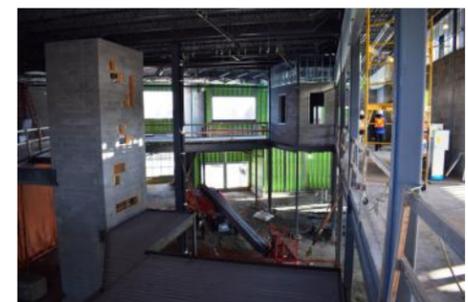


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Schedule Update



The construction is on schedule and the school will be completed in early Summer of 2019. First day of classes for the 2019-2020 school year will be held in the new school. Demolition of the old school will begin once the new school is occupied.



Berry Architecture's Role

Berry Architecture is still very involved in the project during construction. It's our job to represent RDPSD, WMS, and the students to ensure the construction of the building meets the design intent. We attend bi-weekly construction meetings and complete site reviews. As the construction continues, Berry Architecture will likely be on site weekly and even more often when necessary. Part of our role is to process paperwork related to construction (reams of it!), answer questions that arise, review shop drawings on products to be installed in the building, coordinate on-site conditions and the design between contractor and our consultants, review pricing related to changes, and take part in the LEED process for the project.



Construction Progress

Currently, Shunda Construction is working on enclosing the building for winter. Exterior work includes installing metal cladding on the exterior walls and continuing work on the roof. Interior work is also advancing—the second floor interior walls are being constructed and all major mechanical equipment has been placed in the mechanical room. Mechanical and electrical rough-ins are underway. The main floor concrete slab is partially poured and will be completed once the radon system has been installed. After the floor is poured, main floor wall installation will start. Underground utility installation is also nearly finished. The site work will continue until snow falls and then will start again in the spring.



Student Design Committee

We continue to work with a group of students from Grades 6 to 8 to review different elements of the project and new technologies. Once the main floor concrete slab is poured, we will be able to bring the student design committee on to the site—we are very excited for them to see their input coming to fruition!

Solar Photovoltaic System/LEED Update

Red Deer Public School Division is in the process of selecting a solar photovoltaic system supplier. There will be photovoltaic panels on the roof and possibly some on exterior walls, as well as panels on the ground for students to observe. The Solar PV system will provide electricity for the school. On a related note, we are right on target for the school to be LEED Gold certified. All new schools in the province must achieve LEED Silver, so we are very pleased to be on track for LEED Gold.



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