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Dear PS 8 Families,

The time has come. The permits are all complete and I was notified that construction is going to begin this week. I was informed that the first couple of weeks will mostly be preparation. On Monday, they will start to fence in the work site. By Friday, they should have removed the playground equipment.

So the question is how will this stage impact your children and to a lesser degree you. This is a transition stage for us too. Starting Tuesday we will make some adjustments with our morning line up and afternoon dismissals. In the morning, everything will be the same, except that the third, fourth, and fifth grades will no longer line up in the yard. Instead of lining up outside, they will be escorted by staff members up the Poplar Street staircase from the cafeteria to the third floor where they will be allowed to walk to their classroom at 8:40 am. Any third, fourth, and fifth graders who comes to school prior to 8:40 am should come to the cafeteria for directions on where to go. Students escorted by their parents may still go directly to classrooms.

Dismissal will be a little more complicated and it will not be final until a gate is installed in the fence on Hicks Street. Starting Tuesday, we will change the place and time for dismissal of several grades. First of all, we are going to stagger dismissal times. Second and third grades will dismiss at 2:45 -2:50 and fourth and fifth grade will dismiss between 2:55 -3:00. We are also changing points of dismissal for some grades. Second grade will dismiss from the Middagh Street exit. Fifth grade will dismiss from the Poplar Street exit. Please also note that for third and fifth grades, when the classes dismiss out the Poplar Street exit they will go around the corner to the front of the building (Hicks Street). The dismissal of all other grades will remain the same.

The staging work will be more of a minor inconvenience. We will shift our recess to in front of the building and to in front of the trailers (We have been there for the last two weeks). Safety barriers will be built in rooms 101, 201 and 301. In the basement, the Teachers lounge will be sealed off. There will be no work done in the building when children are there.

I promise to keep you updated on what is going on when I have the information. Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

Seth Phillips