



# Ridge Street

Capital Project Status Update: Reopening School

August 10, 2021



**BLIND BROOK-RYE UFSD**



# Presentation Overview

- Construction progressing with goal to have full classroom spaces for all RSS students (no temporary classrooms)
- Delaying the first day for the elementary school to Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Construction advancing with 40+ trade workers on site every day (including Saturdays)
- Preparing contingency plans, just in case
- Excited for a new school year in new classrooms

# Keeping Promises

*Elementary classrooms are scheduled for safe release to the district on September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

- New classrooms nearly finished
- Permanent windows on site
- Bathrooms in classrooms complete
- Renovations progressing indoors
- Undisclosed conditions being remedied
- Safe removal of asbestos ongoing

*More than 40 contractors have been onsite daily. Saturday work authorized. Labor intensified. Coordinated schedule to deliver classrooms for the start of school.*



# September Schedule



*Careful planning with RSS administrators provides for advanced parent preparation one month prior to start date.*

- Monday (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>) = Labor Day
- Tues./ Wed. (Sept. 7/8<sup>th</sup>) = Rosh Hashanah
- Thurs. / Fri. (Sept. 9/10<sup>th</sup>) = No Classes
- Monday (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>) = In-person instruction, together on same campus, without need for additional moves

*Every effort to minimize future disruptions... The two-day delay allows for furniture to be moved into classrooms and learning spaces set-up by our wonderful teachers.*

# Community Effort

*If it were not for community cooperation by our Blind Brook families, teachers, and staff members last June to jumpstart summer renovations and make necessary mechanical connections between existing and new construction, then we would not be planning on a September return to RSS campus today.*

*The extra month provided time to remedy hazardous building conditions so that we can now bring back all RSS students in the safest manner possible with full confidence.*





# Expected Uncertainty



*Completing a major capital project during the pandemic introduced another layer of complications beyond the typical.*

- Supply chain delays and limitations
- Increased costs of materials
- COVID related workforce availability

*Traditional variables related to large scale construction projects:*

- Design clarification
- Discovered conditions / required changes
- Contractor disputes

# Contingency Plans

*Construction progressed steadily throughout the summer because of diligent construction supervision by management, Superintendent, and the Board of Education.*

*Concurrent efforts to secure an emergency plan brought us in contact with regional and NYS representatives to help identify opportunities and overcome regulatory obstacles in case of need.*

- *Portable classrooms*
- *Private school campuses*
- *Corporate facilities in the area*
- *Alternate usages, compression, partial opening, flipped campuses, remote, etc.*



# Fresh Start to New School Year



*Every imaginable effort has been committed to by school and district administration as well as the Board of Education.*

*We are planning to reopen school in the new and renovated RSS campus. Considerable effort of every member of this team has been coordinated to fulfill that promise.*

*Classrooms will be delivered in early September, and school logistics will be coordinated to welcome our students back to in-person learning in bright new spaces.*

*Additional construction resumes in the cafeteria, offices, and other spaces once student classrooms are secured.*

*Project currently scheduled to be completed by end of winter 2022.*

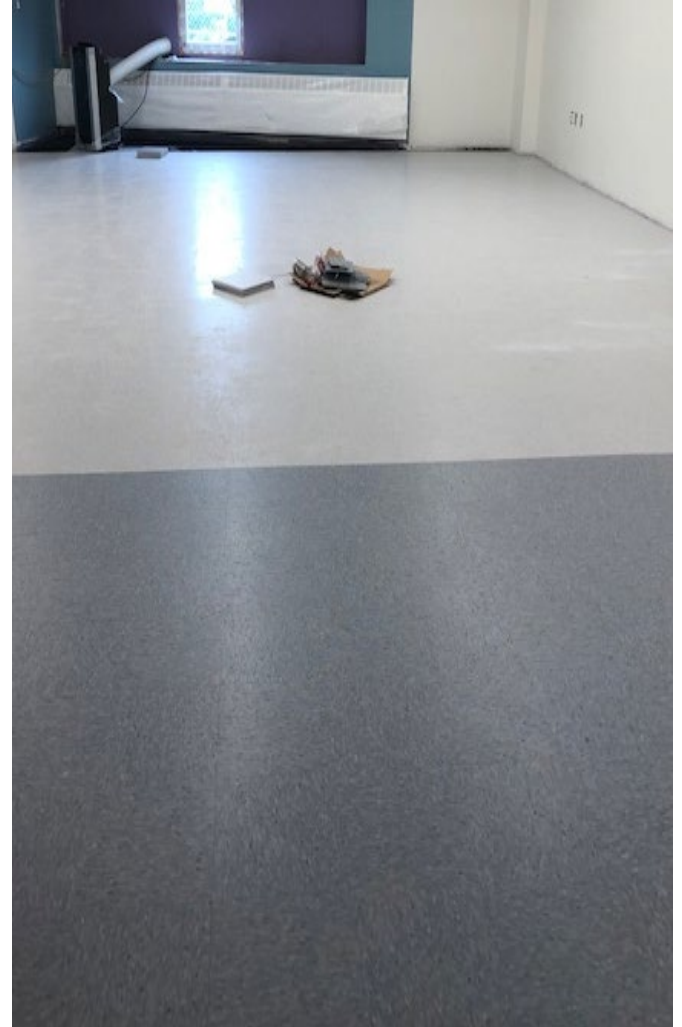


# Stronger Future Together!

*In addition to every heroic effort to provide remarkable new classrooms for our students in September, members of the Leadership Team have been preparing for a safe school year as the Delta variant of COVID continues to challenge policy makers and health professionals alike.*

*Our Leadership Team welcomes stellar additions:*

- *Teresa Letizia – Elementary Asst. Principal*
- *Amelia Carpanzano – Elementary PPS*
- *Karen Chalif – Middle School Asst. Principal*
- *Seth Horowitz – Middle School Principal*
- *Ryan Naccarato – Athletics, Health, P.E.*



# Questions

