



EAGLE RIDGE

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SUBJECT: Phase II Construction

Dear Eagle Ridge Academy Community,

The 2016-2017 school year has been one of growth, change, and learning! Eagle Ridge Academy has planned with great detail for two years in order to best prepare for the changes. We have completed the Phase I construction project and are now ready for Phase II. The Phase II construction project includes:

- **School of Rhetoric (9-12)** upstairs. 9th-12th grade students will have their own location on the second floor. This will free up space for School of Logic on the first floor.
- **Auditorium Space** with stage, sound, and lighting will be used for performing arts and large group meetings.
- **Activities Green Space** will replace the parking lot on the SE side by Door 7. The green space will accommodate recess, Physical Education, and assist with youth and middle school soccer.
- **Walking Track** will be installed over the current gymnasium space. This will be used for Physical Education, athletics, and be available for staff fitness.
- **Fitness Room** will be installed overlooking the gymnasium. The fitness room will overlook the gymnasium and be available for Physical Education, student athletes, and staff fitness.
- **Library Expansion** will add about 1,000 square feet and replace the current board meeting room. A replacement meeting board meeting room will be built in the administration area.
- Other items include mostly maintenance.

The total project is expected to be completed by August 18, 2017 with an estimated budget of \$4.5 million. The School of Rhetoric upstairs space is the priority, and demolition has been completed with construction set to begin in the next few weeks. The School of Rhetoric project will be completed by the first week of June so the Auditorium project may start. Eagle Ridge Academy will plan to start school on time even if the walking track, outdoor space, and/or auditorium is delayed.

In October 2016, the Eagle Ridge Academy Affiliated Building Company (ABC) began renegotiating with the Phase I general contractor. The reason for renegotiations was because the project was close to \$1 million over budget and we would not have been able to build the Walking Track or Green Space. Thus, we hired a new project manager and went back out to bid. In January 2017, the ABC approved a new contractor, Rochon, to construct our Phase II. This decision was well researched and vetted for general contractors based on quality and price. The ABC also chose a project manager with a strong background with charter schools.

As we did for Phase I, Eagle Ridge Academy has developed [a webpage for Phase II](#) in order to keep stakeholders informed regarding the project. The webpage includes plans, a timeline, and an introduction to the project manager and general contractor, as well as [updated pictures](#). We will also include tour sign ups which will begin this spring.

We are excited to be able to provide the students of Eagle Ridge Academy will a facility that will meet all their educational needs. Remember, the facility does not define our programs, but supports them!

Sincerely,
Jason Ulbrich, Executive Director