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Clerk of the Works Site Visit Report - IAA H.O. Wheeler Elementary School Project

With the warmer weather that we are starting to have, there is a flurry of contractors working at the site. All contractors are continuing to work towards completion of their tasks.

There is another new contractor on site now. These are the exterior wall framers, from a company called Optimum Construction, out of New Hampshire, which they do work in Vermont as well. See the pictures at the end of this report.

Benoit Electric, the electrical contractors, is still pulling wire to the rough-in Jboxes for the fire alarm system, electrical outlets and the electrical switches. All of the length of wire that I mentioned last time, takes a while to install. They are getting to a point in starting to finalize this work in the 1904 wing of the building. Benoit Electric, as I have seen, has brought in another 6,000 feet or a little more than a mile of fire alarm wiring as they are starting to wrap up that work in the 1904 wing of the building.

Denis-White, the framing contractors, has completed hanging all of the sheetrock in the 1965 wing of the building. The tapers continue to work following the sheetrock installation and now are totally focused on the sheetrock seams in the 1965 wing of the building. They have also started on placing the ceiling grid on the first floor in the 1904 wing of the building. The Gang Bathroom is just about done with placing sheetrock on the walls. See the pictures at the end of this report.

The painters are still painting in the classrooms on the second floor and now the first floor of the 1904 wing of the building. For the most part, they are painting the primer where the sheetrock has been repaired. They have started with some of the finish colors on the second floor of the 1904 wing of the building.



Optimum Construction has started installing the roof framing that will “square off” the old concrete saw tooth edge of the building. This is being done as part of the building envelope to increase the buildings efficiency.



Later in the day, Optimum Construction has finished with the roof framing.



A picture of the “squaring off” on the underside of the roof framing.



Optimum Construction has started the underside or soffit construction at the back corner of the 1965 wing of the building.



Wires stub down from the ceiling of the GYM to accept the installation of the new ceiling grid that will be installed.



With the weather as warm as it is this week, the Site Contractor, Manosh is back on site. They are moving some of the snow piles to get ready to start finishing up the site work on the Walnut Street side of the building.



The new interior wall is finished that faces the Walnut Street side of the building. This is the corridor that connects the 1965 wing to the GYM and cafeteria annex room.



The framing contractor has finished the installation of the ceiling grid in the 1904 wing of the building on the second floor. This now lets the mechanical contractor finish placing the diffusers in the grid, the sprinkler contractor to place the sprinkler heads in the grid, and the electrical contractor to place the fire alarm devices in the ceiling grid. Up next, will be what we call “flooding” or placing the rest of the ceiling tiles into the ceiling grid.



The Finish Contractor has started the first coat of mud on the sheetrock seams of the classroom walls that are on the North end of the 1965 wing of the building.