

Dear EHS Families,

I am so pleased to announce that we have reached the fundraising and financial benchmarks to begin construction on the new classroom building this spring – a full year ahead of schedule! This is truly a remarkable achievement made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the board of trustees and many members of the EHS community.

In the coming weeks you will receive an official announcement from the EHS board of trustees about the classroom building and the completion of Phase I of the Strategic Plan. Remarkably, with the new classroom building slated for opening in the early fall of 2005, we will have completed the five Phase I initiatives (dormitory, faculty housing, technology, faculty compensation, and the classroom building) well ahead of the original 2003-2008 timetable.

The new 16,000 square foot Richardson Classroom Complex will provide our teachers and students with the finest academic facilities possible. It is important to remember that per the strategic plan, EHS' total enrollment will remain at 150 students – we are simply upgrading our oldest classrooms. Please allow me to share with you the features that I like most about this new classroom building:

- 11 new classrooms including two additional computer labs
- Two new biology labs
- A 1,250 square foot conference/teacher training room
- A new centrally located campus store
- A college guidance suite
- An 850 square foot faculty resource center
- 150 new student lockers that will fit a modern book bag!

While we are digging up the campus this spring and summer, we will also be renovating part of the gymnasium to make more appropriate locker room space for men's and women's high school athletics. Additionally, we are also going to put new fire protection sprinkler systems into both Dana and Prescott Halls.

Congratulations to the entire EHS community. Once again we have come together and exceeded all expectations...a phenomenon that happens in classrooms around campus each and every day.

Regards,

Peter J. McDonald, Ed.D.  
Headmaster

