

February 2010  
Citizens of SAD #46,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the latest information concerning the new pre-K – 8 school project in SAD #46.

First, after an extensive process which lasted several months the SAD #46 Board of Directors voted unanimously on February 3, 2010, to name the new school Ridge View Community School. This name is consistent with the philosophy of bringing together students from several smaller schools into one new community school and the letters in the word “Ridge” represent the first letters of each of the four communities in our district: Ripley, Dexter, Garland, and Exeter. The school colors will remain red and white and the mascot will remain the tiger.

Construction of the new school continues to progress on schedule with a current estimated completion date of April 1, 2010. As of the first week of February 2010 the new school building is approximately 94% complete. Work continues with flooring and interior painting, and in the past few weeks the gymnasium floor was installed, sanded, and painted. In the south wing of the school (nearest Route 94) most of the classrooms are nearly finished (just trim remains to be done), and it’s common to have lights turn on automatically when you enter a room. The main office and lobby now have benches installed and a considerable amount of finish work is done. The library circulation desk is now installed as the media center begins to come alive in preparation for the arrival of students in August. Food service will change slightly in the new school as we currently deliver lunch each day from a central kitchen located in Dexter Regional High School. There will now be a kitchen in the new school which has recently been furnished with food preparation equipment allowing all food for the new school to be prepared on-site. One of the very exciting parts of our new school is the wood chip boiler which will be more economical to heat our building than a traditional oil furnace. The start-up of this boiler will happen this month for testing and we have also received our first delivery of wood chips.

In May the site contractor will begin about six weeks of work finishing up the outside of the building grounds with final seeding, construction of the playground, and adding one more layer of asphalt to the parking lots. The intersection of Route 7 and Route 94 will also be upgraded making this area much safer for vehicle traffic.

Please continue to check our website at [www.sad46.org](http://www.sad46.org) for updated photos and information as the project moves forward . Upon completion there will be a series of tours, ceremonies, dedications, and a ribbon cutting ceremony this summer and I would urge you to watch for this schedule of events. The SAD #46 School Board invites all citizens to join us as we celebrate the grand opening of our new school.

As always, please contact me at 924-5262 if you have any questions.  
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AOS #94 – Dexter, Exeter, Garland, Ripley, Harmony