



# DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**MICHAEL FOX**  
SUPERINTENDENT

September 24, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is off to a great start and adapting to the new school year. It gives me great pleasure to share some very exciting news; the new drama and performing arts center and classroom renovations are underway at the middle school! This project will create an additional classroom for program expansion and services, dedicated world language and health classrooms. In order to keep parents, students, and staff informed the following rough schedule of events has been developed. A temporary construction fence has been placed around the outside perimeter of the proposed work area. Interior safety walls have been erected to ensure student safety. Although actual work has not begun, there is planning and activity going on behind the scenes. At this time, the construction contractor, Mark Construction Inc., is assembling work crews and completing all necessary paperwork. The contractor is anticipating breaking ground in the second week of October for excavation and placement of footings. Next, structural steel will be placed approximately one month after breaking ground. This will be followed by building the "shell" that will enclose the addition so that interior work can progress through the winter months and into the spring. Final completion of the project is anticipated by the end of this school year. We anticipate all renovations will be ready for the 2019 school year.

The project will be coordinated and monitored during the construction period by our architectural and engineering firm, E.I. Associates, with continued involvement by our school administration. This is an exciting project that will provide significant benefits for our students. Please look for future updates for this great addition to Demarest Middle School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Fox', written in a cursive style.

Michael Fox

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