

## **High Point High School Project Update Meeting | February 18, 2026 Questions & Answers**

### **How will the visual arts department be laid out in the new school?**

The design team is currently in early design development. Visual and performing arts spaces are generally grouped within a designated arts zone. Performing arts spaces will be located primarily at ground level to allow for easier public access during evening and weekend events. Visual arts spaces will be more integrated throughout the academic wing, which is planned as a three-story wing. Most visual arts spaces are anticipated to be located on the second floor, allowing for efficient access from surrounding classrooms. Natural daylight is a key design priority for these spaces, and detailed layouts are still being refined in coordination with school leadership.

### **Will teachers be consulted regarding specialized spaces? We currently have a ceramics studio.**

Yes. Teachers are consulted as part of the educational specifications development and ongoing design process. This includes coordination with the planning team, consultants, and school leadership to ensure that specialized instructional needs are addressed.

### **I understand you will consult with teachers. What about the counselors and other staff?**

Counselors and other staff participated in the educational specification process and will remain engaged throughout the design phase. The design team works closely with school leadership to identify additional staff for ongoing coordination as the project progresses. Additionally, a Project Planning Committee (PPC) has been established to define, develop, and oversee the execution of major, complex projects, such as capital improvements. Comprised of key stakeholders, the committee ensures goals are met by establishing scope, timelines, and resources.

### **When will construction begin?**

Construction is currently anticipated to begin around June 2028, pending completion of design, required approvals, and the permitting process.

### **When will the construction be finished?**

Based on the current project schedule, final site completion is anticipated in 2032.

**The school will be occupied in August 2031, with everything completed in August 2032?**

Yes. The new building is anticipated to open for student occupancy in August 2031. Final demolition of the existing building and remaining site work will continue after occupancy, with full project completion expected by summer 2032.

**Will any part of the original building be kept, or will the entire building be demolished?**

The existing High Point High School building will remain in use during construction of the new facility. Once the new building is occupied, the existing building will be fully demolished.

**Will the students currently attending High Point be going to another school?**

No. Students will remain in the existing High Point High School building during construction. The new school will be constructed on the same site, adjacent to the existing building. Once construction is complete, students will move directly into the new building, and the existing building will then be demolished.