



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Dr. Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

RE: Holmes Project

DATE: October 25, 2016

District architects, legal counsel and administrators along with Village officials have been working to reach an agreement regarding access to the Village owned Right of Way (ROW) to perform soil testing for the Holmes Elementary School Project. The testing must be done to prepare for construction of five additional classrooms at Holmes school. Therefore, the original construction timeline was compromised when the testing could not be completed in August 2016. Additionally, with each day the testing is not done, the project is further postponed. At this point, the Holmes project will not be complete in time to start school in August 2017.

The Holmes Capacity Project was approved by the Board of Education at a regular meeting on July 12, 2016 in accordance with the project schedule below:

Formal Board Approval to Proceed:	July 12, 2016
Issue Documents for Bidding:	October 2016
Open Bids:	November 2016
Start Construction:	March/April 2017
Substantial Completion:	August 2017
Owner Occupancy:	August 2017

Since an agreement has not been reached with the Village and that project cannot be completed by August 2017, administration recommends that the project be postponed so that the additional classrooms will open in August 2018. In addition, this deferment will allow for more time to reach a compromise with the Village regarding the Right of Way (ROW) to perform soil testing in preparation for construction.