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**School Board selects Performance Services for construction projects;
Groundbreaking ceremony to take place September 6 at NHS**

Noblesville Schools has selected Performance Services as the Design-Build Team for construction projects at two school locations. The projects include the expansion and renovation of the Noblesville High School main campus to accommodate grades 9-12 and the expansion and renovation of the current NHS freshman campus to become Noblesville East Middle School.

A groundbreaking ceremony to signal the start of the projects is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, September 6, at the main entrance of the NHS main campus located at 18111 Cumberland Road in Noblesville. Site work is expected to begin after October 1. Projects are to be completed in time to start for the 2014-15 school year.

The Noblesville Board of School Trustees awarded the Design-Build contract to Performance Services at its August 20 meeting. The school district's Technical Review Committee recommended the company to the school board after a process that determined that Performance Services offered the best value to the school district. In the Design-Build process, the best value is determined by a formula that considers price and several other factors including the design submitted by the company and interviews with the Technical Review Committee.

Noblesville Schools and Performance Services have worked together on several projects including additions and renovation at eight schools two years ago and the interior work at the new Educational Services Center that opened in July.

“We are pleased to continue our relationship with Performance Services with these projects,” said Superintendent Libbie Conner. “This project will be on a fast track, but we know from experience that Performance Services will deliver the highest quality buildings that we expect and we are very confident that these projects will go as planned and will be completed on time.

“The Performance Services design-build team is grateful for being selected for this project,” said Tim Thoman, company president. “We have a strong history of collaborating together on successful Noblesville Schools projects, including the recently dedicated Noblesville Educational Services Center.”

Design partners include CSO Architects, Durkin & Villalta Engineering Partners, American Structurepoint, Lynch, Harrison & Brumleve, and Technology Dynamics.

“Even though we only have 11 months to complete \$36 million in construction work in two occupied schools, we have a solid plan and are fully committed to making that happen,” Mr. Thoman said. “We will not only meet the schedule but will also deliver high performing buildings in terms of energy efficiency and optimal learning environments. We clearly understand how important a highly successful project is to Noblesville Schools and the community.”

“The additions and renovations will not only provide the much needed additional space for enrollment growth, but will create formal and informal teaching and learning spaces for students that will assist them in developing skills necessary for learning and living in the 21st Century,” said Alan Tucker, principal, CSO Architects.

The projects are funded with proceeds from the \$28 million referendum approved by voters in May and the sale of the current NEMS building for \$14.5 million to Hamilton County. They include:

- At NHS Main Campus

- Addition of a freshman center to replace the academic classrooms at the freshman campus. This is where freshmen will take their core classes.
- Creation of a secure and more efficient main entrance with the administrative, guidance and student services clustered
- Expansion and remodeling of the performing arts area and expansion of the gym and locker space
- Reconfiguration of current administrative, guidance, and student service areas and the large group instruction room into classrooms
- Retrofitting serving areas in the cafeteria
- Expansion of parking and bus drop-off areas

- At NHS Freshman Campus to become NEMS

- Addition of a sixth-grade wing and eighth-grade classrooms
- Expansion of the cafeteria
- Remodeling of performing arts areas and some classrooms

- Retrofitting of pool area into a wrestling room and health classrooms
- Expansion of parking and bus drop-off areas
- Relocation of the baseball field from current NEMS to new NEMS

ABOUT US – Noblesville Schools and Performance Services

Noblesville Schools serves approximately 9800 students in preschool through high school with seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school that includes a separate campus for freshman. We are located in Noblesville, a vibrant and dynamic community located north of Indianapolis in the heart of Hamilton County. To learn more, visit www.noblesvilleschools.org.

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