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Students Return to New Classrooms and More at Kingswood Schools

(Wolfeboro, NH) The Kingswood Regional School District welcomed students back to the middle school, high school, and vocational school on September 19th and 20th after a summer of major construction performed by North Branch Construction of Concord, NH.

Approximately 300 workers were on-site during the students' summer vacation constructing and renovating buildings for all three schools. The students returned early this week to a new High School Administration Building; all new parking lots, sidewalks, and bus routes; new and renovated classrooms in all three schools; a renovated kitchen and cafeteria in the Middle School; and a new Media Center for the High School.

Despite running into unforeseen issues such as the discovery of a hidden asbestos ceiling and unbraced concrete block walls throughout the High School and Middle School, North Branch was able to assure a safe environment for the students' return. All asbestos abatement work is complete as well as new seismic bracing of existing masonry walls in the Middle School. Seismic bracing is complete in the occupied areas of the High School and will begin in the Vocational School shortly.

Though the number of workers on-site has been reduced to approximately 100, North Branch anticipates completing the entire project several months ahead of the October, 2012 deadline. North Branch plans to complete renovations of the Middle School gymnasium and High School gymnasium and locker rooms within the next few weeks.

