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## Birds Eye View Shows Lots Happening at the Kingswood Regional School Campus

**W**ith students out enjoying their summer vacation, the Kingswood Regional School campus in Wolfeboro, NH is undergoing a transformation. The aerial view of the campus shows the new multi-purpose building has emerged from the site, the new synthetic turf football field (including bleachers and press box) is ready for their first game scheduled for September 3rd, and the additions on the schools are well underway. Since the school closed for summer vacation, North Branch Construction has 160 to 180 construction workers on site daily, working on a fast-track schedule to complete phases of the project required before the students return.

Phase I of the project, which began in November 2009, includes construction of a new 51,000 square foot multi-purpose building which features a 900 seat auditorium, classrooms and locker rooms. The project also includes new synthetic and natural turf



athletic fields as well as a Geothermal Ground Heat Exchanger (GHE) piping system to serve the entire campus. 320 wells have been drilled 400 feet deep for the GHE system, which is believed to be the largest geothermal system in the state. Part of this summer's construction schedule includes major underground site utility reconstruction, bringing the geothermal system to all three schools. The new football field was completed several months ahead of schedule, which will allow the school to play this fall's games on their new field instead of renting fields for the season.

Phase II of the project began in June. This 2+ year project includes 90,000 square feet of additions on the three schools - Middle School, High School and Vocational School. All three schools will be re-roofed and renovated. The High School will undergo a total gut renovation, including asbestos abatement. The Middle and High Schools' exterior facades will be replaced, upgrading the thermal envelopes. Phase II will be completed in the Fall of 2012.

Students will return to classes this fall and construction will continue throughout the school year on the additions. The major gut renovations will begin next summer.

These projects are being built to meet the energy efficiency and environmental

standards of the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools (NECHPS State Funding for School Construction). The Governor Wentworth Regional School District (GWRSD) serves the communities of Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro, NH. CMK Architects of Manchester, NH is providing architectural design for both projects.

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# North Branch Construction Completes Windy Hill School at Colby Sawyer College



Construction is complete on the new Windy Hill School on the campus of Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH. The 10,343 square foot two-story building is the new home for the Windy Hill program. The Windy Hill program is a College-Community Partnership providing families of the area with day-care, kindergarten and after-school programs services by the students and faculty of Colby-Sawyer’s Social Sciences and Education Program. The new facility brings the program under one roof, which were formerly housed in the lower levels of the residence halls. The new Windy Hill School features classrooms with built-in kitchens and computer work areas, seminar rooms, two technology-enabled “smart” classrooms for child development classes, an early childhood curriculum laboratory and resource library along with faculty offices. Banwell Architects of Lebanon, NH provided the design for the new school which is currently awaiting LEED Certification.



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