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Newton South High School

At present, CJ Mabardy, contractor for Phase 1A, is finishing work at the field near Brandeis Road. The 84" storm pipe has been relocated in order for construction of the large gymnasium to begin in the spring. The Phase 1A completion date is expected to be November 20.

Phase 1B is continuing on schedule. The foundation of the new classroom wing is almost complete, and underground utilities are proceeding well. Steel and pre-cast concrete has been released for fabrication.

A ceiling-mounted projector has been installed in room 5208, the prototype classroom. In use as well is a teacher's iBook, student iBooks on a cart, VCR, and an electronic whiteboard. The computer department, along with Mike Welch and C.O.P. will be determining a policy for use of the room. Their goal is to train teachers to use the technology, and then provide them with opportunities to integrate it into their curriculum by bringing classes there for instruction.

Phase 2 continues to move ahead. Design meetings with departments are ongoing. Architects and project management have been present for all of the meetings and are facilitating conversations around space, storage, furniture, and equipment needs. Phase 2 will go out to bid in February 2002.

Newton North High School

Meetings have commenced with Jennifer Huntington, Newton North faculty and staff, architects, and project management to discuss phasing and logistics of the Newton North project. The architects are preparing studies that show swing space options, vertical/horizontal circulation, and building systems. These are needed in order to develop an efficient construction plan. An early bid package is being developed to replace 1 chiller and modernize the other for the 2nd quarter of 2002.