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The Eagle Valley Middle School expansion project is set to open in July 2022.

# EVMS building set to open in July 2022

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Construction is proceeding as expected with Eagle Valley Middle School's expansion project and should open on time next July with few challenges hindering

its development, Carson City School District director of operations Mark Korinek says.

In mid-August, the foundation was poured and before the end of the month, the first blocks were being laid with rebar being installed for the building's

outer walls. The entire building is being developed in a non-linear method by contractor CORE Construction, and Korinek called the build innovative.

"We're not building this first phase

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in sequence of how you usually build something," he said the week of Labor Day. "We don't have steel for the roof, so we're going to be putting up walls and windows before the roof's on. But our indoor deck steel is coming in two weeks, so we're happy about that. I'm just amazed how these guys stay on the project."

The concrete masonry unit block, the standard rectangular block used in construction, will match the remainder of the school and crews are working at six days a week to finish, both

at no extra cost to CORE Construction's total price. Workers also are setting up the plumbing and moving to the fencing along the north side of the site.

"That's the amazing part, how they set it all up," Korinek said.

A greenhouse was donated to Carson City by the Churchill County School District to be used by another Career and Technical Education program in the north. Korinek said the district arranged to collect it this past Monday to support culinary and technical classes.

A major advantage of the entire project is to provide

equivalent programming for Carson Middle School and Eagle Valley by the time the school's expansion is complete, Korinek said, so that families feel they are being offered equal opportunities at either site in the city.

"We took a SMART lab and built it into a choir room," he said. "They never had a music/choir program here, like at Carson Middle, and their CTE program is going to expand. So it doesn't matter what school you're going to go to. You're going to get this incredible programming that's very diverse."

Korinek still describes the design and its ongoing

outcome as "very modern and useful" on the lot's 38 acres. The building occurs as student learning takes place in the school's original facilities.

"(Families) are using the dropoff, and it seems to be working well," he said.

A parent-student dropoff is now operational to allow for better parking and to help ease traffic on Fifth Street.

He also said he hasn't heard any complaints from

fellow colleagues on campus about noise due to construction that often has taken place in the early morning hours for concrete pours to install speed tables and driveways.

The cost for the Eagle Valley build originally was planned for \$8.2 million in 2017, but increased to \$14 million as construction costs rose over time.

Korinek gave an update to the Board of Supervisors at its joint meeting with the

school district's Board of Trustees Sept. 2 on ongoing capital projects including Eagle Valley's work. He also reviewed the latest on the district's administrative building on 1402 W. King St., where work stations are being rebuilt and an Americans with Disabilities Act ramp, new front door and xeriscaping are being added. He also talked about Carson High School's turf replacement project completed on its football stadium.



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Construction of the new Eagle Valley Middle School building continues, with the auditorium planned to the right where the hill is visible. The original building is seen on the far right. The two-story building will offer five classrooms on each floor when complete.