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District Celebrates Groundbreaking For Adrian Burnett Elementary

Knox County Schools on Monday held a groundbreaking ceremony for a replacement school at Adrian Burnett Elementary.

The 94,000-square-foot building will have capacity for approximately 800 students and is expected to be completed prior to the fall semester of 2022. It will include:

- 34 classrooms;
- 4 teacher work areas;
- 2 special education classroom suites;
- a music room;
- an art room;
- a library;
- a 7,100-square foot gymnasium; and
- a storm shelter that will house approximately 935 occupants.

“A replacement school for Adrian Burnett Elementary is a tremendous step forward for the Halls community and I am very pleased to see the project get started,” said Superintendent Bob Thomas. “This school has outstanding students, teachers and staff members, and I am confident that a new building will enable Ms. Prince and her team to achieve even greater things in the years to come.”

“This project is much-needed in the Halls community and I’m excited that it is underway,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

The replacement school is estimated to cost \$19,945,000 and will be located on the existing campus at 4531 Brown Gap Road. The architect on the project is Johnson Architecture, Inc., and the general contractor is Merit Construction, Inc.

“Building a replacement school for Adrian Burnett has been one of my top priorities since joining the Board of Education,” said 7th District representative Patti Bounds. “I am grateful for the tireless advocacy of 7th District families who have helped make this building a reality, and I look forward to celebrating with the Cardinal Community when the replacement school opens in 2022.”

“At Adrian Burnett, we often talk about the importance of high expectations for each member of our school family,” said principal Stephanie Prince. “A new building will be a great inspiration for our students, staff and teachers as we ‘define our flying’ and pursue our goals.”

[Adrian Burnett Rendering](#)

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