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## Major improvements coming soon to Waterbridge Elementary

Construction crews are busy working on the comprehensive renovation of Waterbridge Elementary School. The School Board of Orange County approved a \$19.7 million budget for the project.

“The improvements to Waterbridge Elementary will create a safer and better place of learning and a center of pride for all in the community,” said School Board Member Judge “Rick”

Roach (District 3). Renovations to the 18 year old school will feature a new two-story building to house classrooms and school administrative offices. Other improvements include a library addition, computer lab and science classroom, improved bus and parent pick-up/drop-off loops and a new physical education pavilion.

“The comprehensive renovation program upgrades older schools to our current

prototype standards,” said Superintendent Ronald Blocker. Waterbridge Elementary is one of 16 modular classroom schools located throughout the district that the Citizen’s Construction Oversight and Value Engineering Committee (COVE) recommended be replaced.

Stottler Stagg & Associates developed the plans for the renovation project and Walker & Company is the construction

management firm overseeing the work. The new facilities will be ready for students and staff on the first day of school in August 2010.

“For every new classroom we build or renovate, the goal is to save money without cutting back on the educational quality of the program,” said Chief Facilities Officer Bob Proie.



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