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MALVERN, OHIO - Brown Local School's building project is underway and progressing on schedule for their new K-12 school located in Malvern. The 112,000 square foot building will feature a two-story academic wing that will be home to their entire student population, yet keep the elementary, middle and high school students segregated. Common spaces include two gymnasiums, media center and a student dining area. The project has been co-funded by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) as part of their Exceptional Needs Program.

The design team, FMD Architects, and the Construction Manager at Risk, Hammond Construction, have been working diligently with the district over the last year to bring this project into fruition. Construction began in October of 2014 on the 25 acre site near Coral Road and Sycamore Road. Contractors are currently on-site finishing up the early site work required for the building pad. The final building package, excluding furniture and technology, will go out to bid to a group of pre-qualified contractors on March 10th.

Brown Local's existing K-12 building has already been sold to a local church in a well-negotiated deal led by Mrs. Connie Griffin, the district Superintendent, and Mrs. Julie Erwin, the district Treasurer. This agreement allows Brown Local to lease-back the existing school until construction on the new facility is complete in the Fall of 2016 at an approximate total cost of \$100,000 for the life of the lease. The proceeds of \$550,000 from the sale of the building have been allocated to the new K-12 building for material, classroom and square footage upgrades to benefit the students and staff alike. Due to this innovative transaction, the district has realized approximately \$600,000 savings of previously budgeted funds for demolition and abatement that will allow for additional project expenditures. The entire process added approximately \$1,150,000 to the project.