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Groundbreaking for \$2.5 million School *-Maries County R-1 builds new High School-*

(Vienna, MO) In a 10:00 AM ceremony this Saturday (December 16th), the Maries County R-1 School Board will celebrate the construction of their new High School by breaking ground for a new \$2.5 million facility.

"The School Board, Administration, students, and teachers are all very excited about our new High School." said Richard Spacek, Superintendent of Schools. "This will replace our current building, which is almost 80 years old. This new building will play a significant role in educating the children of our community for years to come. That's why we're here, to give our kids every opportunity to be the very best they can be."

The 23,000 square foot High School will feature a new library, a community room, nine general education classrooms, a science lab with two adjoining science classrooms, a physical therapy center, computer labs, and district office space. The new building will unify the existing middle school, elementary school, cafeteria, and new high school under one roof. In addition to providing a better learning environment for high school students, the new high school will dramatically improve campus safety and security, as well as ADA compliance, for all Maries County R-1 students.

The Maries County High School was designed by Pellham Phillips Architects & Engineers of Springfield. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Pellham Phillips" said Spacek. "They've gone out of their way to help us with this project and have made us feel like we're the biggest project they've ever had."

Pellham Phillips Architects and Engineers have designed many of the region's landmarks. In addition to Hammons Field in Springfield, they designed the campus of Ozarks Technical Community College, Chateau on the Lake, and Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

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