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Fremont County School District #1

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New Lander Middle School on track for construction in March

(Lander) – Plans for the new Lander Middle School are now 99.9 percent complete and on track for bids to be let some time in March. Construction of the new building is expected to take 15-16 months with occupancy of the middle school anticipated in July of 2011.

Garett Chadwick of Plan One Architects of Driggs, Idaho, said a meeting next week with Wyoming School Facilities Commission engineers should result in the plans being approved and released for printing.

Speaking at a listening session prior to the Fremont County School District 1 Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, Chadwick said the new school follows guidelines for a high performance or green building. The architect said the new school was designed with sustainability in mind, and he said the building, when in operation, will be 30 percent more efficient than a traditionally constructed building. Chadwick said the building itself would be used to teach students and community members about sustainability and sustainable design and building practices.

Trustees president Bruce Palmer said the decision to build a “green” school was community driven and he said it was important that community would see that “we did what they asked.” Chadwick said

visitors entering the building would find a display that highlights all of the building's features. He also said his firm would prepare a self-guided tour handout noting the key feature of the building.

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