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In response to an open petition on Facebook and other rumors and informational demonstrations concerning local labor taking part in the construction of our new schools, Warren Local Schools would like to make the following statement:

Warren Local School District is committed to our students and the community. The building project is a once in a lifetime event that will change the educational culture of our district, community, and the region. Before the bond issue vote, the Board of Education passed a resolution that has been our guide throughout the construction process. The resolution highlighted the desire for quality construction and to use our local workforce. As of February 21, 2020, the project has had 84,702 man hours of construction, and 99% has been completed by local companies and/or local workers. The results of their collective efforts is nothing but astounding - our buildings are beautiful, even in their "under construction" state.

As a public entity that is partnering with another public entity, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), there are rules and processes that must and are being followed. In our delivery method for construction, Warren Local School District is not under contract with individual subcontractors, Warren Local School District is under contract with one Construction Manager. It is that Construction Manager that holds the contracts with the subcontractors. All of the skilled trade subcontractors are local companies and/or employ local workers. These subcontractors are held to standards of quality as well as other workplace requirements that are dictated by state law and the OFCC regulations. As long as these requirements are met, the district has no authority to influence who a local business employs.

The Construction Manager used a bidding process to select the subcontractors on the project. Only one local company bid on the masonry work for the high school contract; this company won that bid and is working on the project. This same company and one other local company bid on the elementary masonry work. The Construction Manager awarded the contract to the company whose bid was within budget, giving this company both the elementary and high school masonry contracts. In recent and ongoing communication with this company, they have been and are currently looking for local skilled employees to add to their workforce. These individuals could have the opportunity to be a part of our community growth by working on our community's schools and should contact that [contractor](#) for information.

Warrior Nation is a proud community; it is this community that makes our schools strong. The future is bright for our students, as they will be part of an event that will truly change the educational culture of our community.

