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MSAD 54 to hold Topping-Off Ceremony for the New Margaret Chase Smith Community School

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Date/Time: April 12th, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Location: 40 Heselton Street, Skowhegan Maine

What: Topping-Off Ceremony for new Consolidated Elementary School

Agenda: School Officials and Guests will speak briefly about the project and its benefits to our kids and community, followed by a beam raising ceremony with pictures

Who is invited: Community Members & Students

Architects: [Stephen Blatt Architects](#), Portland Maine

Construction Company: [Landry / French Construction](#), Scarborough Maine

New School Website: <https://www.msad54.org/building-project>

In 2019 MSAD 54's North Elementary School was identified as #2 on the state Major Capital Construction list, one of five district schools identified on the list for potential repair or replacement. Analysis resulted in a recommendation that the district move to combine four elementary schools into one structure in a comprehensive approach that is both fiscally responsible to taxpayers and will provide significant educational benefits to our students and communities. The new structure will also include, through a partnership with [KVCAP](#), a state-of-the-art Early Care and Education wing and will serve young people from 6 weeks of age through grade 5.

The Topping-Off ceremony will place the final metal beam and signify a major milestone in the building project. Following tradition, members of the project team, donors, fundraising committee members and our students will sign the beam before it is hoisted.

MSAD 54 serves the communities of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan, and Smithfield.

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