



Media Release

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GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED FOR ADDITIONS AT TWO EAST COUNTY SCHOOLS

(Bradenton, FL – September 19, 2022) The School District of Manatee County will hold two groundbreaking ceremonies for classroom addition projects on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

The first event is taking place at **9 a.m.** at **Lakewood Ranch High School**, which is located at 5500 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard.

The new building was approved by the School Board of Manatee County in June 2021, and the scheduled opening of the building is January 2023. The two-story building is expected to contain 2,449 student stations, and include twenty classrooms and two labs. The project includes a new cooling tower, chiller, replacement boiler and all associated pumps. The project budget is \$18.2 million.

A second event is taking place at **11:30 a.m.** at **Freedom Elementary School**, which is located at 9515 State Road 64 East.

The new building was approved by the School Board of Manatee County in August 2022, and the scheduled opening of the building is June 2023. The single-story building is expected to contain 280 student stations and include eight classrooms, a mechanical room and restrooms. The project budget is \$4 million.

We hope you can join us Thursday.