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Elk Grove High School Celebrates Sound-Insulated Building Oct. 10

Credits FAA, Chicago, O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission

Des Plaines, Ill., October 4, 2012—Elk Grove High School will welcome visitors to its newly sound-insulated building during an open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 500 W. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village.

The Federal Aviation Administration allocated \$15.5 million for the sound insulation project to provide a new, quiet environment from aircraft flying at nearby O'Hare International Airport. It was overseen by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC).

“We are thrilled that 2,000 students and 180 faculty and staff at Elk Grove High School now have the opportunity to learn in quiet surroundings,” said ONCC Chairperson and Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene J. Mulder, who will participate in a brief program at 6 p.m.

At the request of ONCC, the FAA re-evaluated funding eligibility for the school and following noise monitor tests by the Chicago Department of Aviation, EGHS was declared eligible in August 2010.

“We are grateful for the efforts of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (Ill.-09) and U.S. Representative Peter Roskam (Ill.-06) for their support of this project and the funding granted by the FAA and the city of Chicago,” said Dr. Raymond Kuper, chairman of the ONCC School Sound Insulation Committee.

The FAA reimburses the school 80 percent of the cost with Airport Improvement Program funds and the city of Chicago reimburses the remaining 20 percent with approved airline passenger facility charges.

The school's re-design includes 71 new classrooms in a horseshoe-shaped academic wing, acoustic windows that form an exterior curtain wall, a new insulated roof, and a dual pipe system that automatically adjusts indoor temperatures and air quality.

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program is the largest and one of the oldest programs in the world. It has allocated approximately \$332.8 million in federal and airport funds to sound-insulate 119 schools near O'Hare with 4 more schools in process and one awaiting funds to complete the 124-school sound insulation program.

ONCC is recognized internationally as a leading community-based organization that strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise near O'Hare International Airport through its sound insulation programs and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source.

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