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### March kickoff for new school

By [John Dickey](#)/Appeal-Democrat

A March groundbreaking is expected for a new Sutter County Board of Education school at Lassen Road and Klamath Lane in Yuba City.

Administrators had to trim about \$1 million from the cost of the Feather River Academy after five bids all came in higher than expected. The higher bids were mostly due to a booming construction market, Superintendent Jeff Holland said.

"That was tough," Holland said. "We did make the cuts, but we will still build the school."

Cost reductions were made with materials substitutions and the elimination of one classroom.

The good news is that the project's design was kept in place, Holland said.

One unique aspect of the school is that the students had a hand in the design work. The school design has been submitted for possible awards.

The Feather River Academy is for at-risk students in the seventh through 12th grades.

The cost of the project's construction is \$6.7 million. With land costs, the total is \$8.2 million.

The 26,000-square-foot school will have a total of nine classrooms, a multipurpose room and an outdoor stage. It will have a capacity of 200 students - which is expected to be reached in two to three years because of population growth, Holland said.

Back when school was being planned, it was thought the 200-student capacity would be double the enrollment. Current enrollment is 125

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students.

Construction of the school is scheduled to begin in March on a five-acre site located on the west side of Yuba City, south of Highway 20. Holland said his best guess is a March 1 construction start date, with completion in November.

The board is expected to talk this month with the project's contractor and architect about building it in phases, which would allow classes to start at the site at the beginning of next school year. That would avoid a mid-school-year move, Holland said.

The students are currently at the Career Training and Education Center in Yuba City.

The state is paying for the entire project with funds from Proposition 47, a state bond passed in November.

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