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Notice to the Neighbors of North High School Solar Canopies to begin construction the week of July 6, 2020

Construction of three solar canopies will begin the week of July 6, 2020. Two solar canopies are being constructed on the large parking lot on Walnut Street and a third on Lowell Ave. The construction will be substantially completed by the start of the new school year.

The solar canopies on Walnut Street will provide an estimated 354,000 kWh per year directly to the school. The solar canopy on Lowell Ave will be connected to the electric grid and will provide 582,000 kWh to the grid which will be credited to the school selectric bill. North High School uses about 3,800,000 kWh per year.

Two EV charging stations will be located at the Walnut Street location and two more at the Lowell Ave location. These charging stations will be available to the neighbors after school hours, on weekends, school holidays and school vacations. The projects will be constructed by Ameresco, a Framingham, Massachusetts based renewable energy and energy efficiency company. Ameresco has successfully constructed fifteen solar projects for the City of Newton since 2013. This includes solar canopies at South High School and the Elliot Street DPW yard, as well as the solar farm at the Rumford Landfill. They have also constructed solar arrays on the roofs of 12 city buildings and schools.

Information about the project can be found using the following link to the City of Newton website:

For further information or to answer any questions call or email Bill Ferguson: 857-404-4929 or wferguson@newtonma.gov.