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SKANSKA USA BUILDING AND OCPS HOLD FOUNDATION POURING EVENT FOR APOPKA RELIEF HIGH SCHOOL

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) recently held a foundation-pouring event for the new Apopka Relief High School. The event was held to highlight the project and embed sales tax pennies into a commemorative concrete marker. The construction of the school is being funded by sales tax receipts as a result of the 2002 Orange County voter approved referendum to apply a half penny of sales tax collections to renovate and build new schools.

Skanska USA Building and JCB Construction are partnering to construct the school, with SchenkelShultz serving as the design architect. According to current Engineering News-Record rankings, Skanska is third in educational construction in the U.S. and is very active in the Florida education market.

The new high school will be built on a 136-acre site and will consist of a ten-building campus with three-story classroom buildings, a gymnasium, an auditorium, a media center, a football field, two baseball fields and track and field areas. Construction will be concrete tilt-up with structural steel interior support areas. The school is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2007.

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