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ONEIDA-HERKIMER-MADISON BOCES HOLDS OFFICIAL GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR CAPITAL PROJECT

November 6, 2008 (New Hartford, N.Y.) – The Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES celebrated the beginning of construction on its \$38.5 M capital project during the cooperative board meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008.

Construction on the project began Sept. 2, 2008, and is expected to continue through 2010.

Highlights of the additions and renovations include approximately 90,000 square feet of new space, renovations to existing space and adjoining the two main buildings.

- Renovated Career and Technical Education work areas.
- New space and renovated classrooms for both the junior and senior high alternative education programs to move to the Middle Settlement Road campus from their current rented off-campus spaces.
- New space for special education classrooms.
- Renovated space for Program and Professional Development.

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OHM BOCES provides programs such as career and technical education, special education, alternative education and adult and continuing education courses in a cost-effective manner. These programs enable local school districts to share the cost of educational services, reducing the burden on local property taxpayers. Most school districts are unable to offer these specialized programs to their children if the taxpayers have to pay their entire cost.

If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact Howard Mettelman, district superintendent, OHM BOCES at 793-8560.

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Photo: Members of the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES Cooperative Board of Education participate in an official ground-breaking ceremony for the OHM BOCES capital project on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008. Members of the cooperative board and the component school districts they represent are (from the left) John Griffin, Sauquoit Valley; William H. McDonald, Remsen; John J. Salerno, Whitesboro; Shirley Burtch, Oriskany; Elaine M. Falvo, New Hartford; Russell Stewart, Waterville; Charlene A. Hartman, Westmoreland; Doreen Corbin, Brookfield; Margaret Buckley, Utica; Michael J. Moore, Clinton; Gary P. Nelson, Holland Patent; Dr. Gary W. Porcelli, New York Mills; and Howard D. Mettelman, OHM BOCES district superintendent.