

Southeastern high school gets back on track

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AUGUSTA, IL -- More than five months ago, Southeastern High School in Augusta went up in flames, but its future did not.

Now the school's back on track and is ready to take on a new year.

Classes start Wednesday, and Tuesday night the school is hosting an open house for parents and students.

Students and teachers at Southeastern High School can look forward to three new buildings, complete with new lockers and and new carpet. Last year was a challenge, but this year, the district is ready for new beginnings.

"We're very proud of what we've done. It's unbelievable that we only missed two days of school back on March 3rd. It might be more unbelievable that we started school on time," principal Todd Fox said.

These buildings are only temporary. The district hopes to rebuild the high school, starting as early as March.

"We are going to rebuild, with the same footprint as the old building and that's something for the future," Fox said.

The temporary classrooms have more square footage than before and are air-conditioned. Fox says he's ready to move on, and with so much work and progress behind them, he says there's no reason not too.

"I think everyone's excited. We went through a difficult situation, but the important thing is that we need to move on. Things are nice now. We have no excuses. Now we have to be professional," Fox said.

So rather than being alarmed about the past, students and teachers are focusing on the future.

Southeastern is hosting an open house for the community in the future.



Students and parents got a chance to see the new temporary home for Southeastern High classes. Fire destroyed to original building more than five months ago.