

## **BOND/CONSTRUCTION UPDATE 1.8.16**

Dripping Springs ISD has made significant progress on implementation of the \$92.4 million bond program that was approved by voters in May of 2014. The contractor for the following projects is Lee Lewis Construction. Below is an update on each of the major projects that are under construction.

### ***ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL:***

Construction of the elementary school and middle school being built on Sawyer Ranch Road is on schedule following groundbreaking last summer. These schools, which will have initial capacities for 850 elementary students and 850 middle school students (designed for future expansion to 1,200 middle school students), are scheduled to be complete for the 2017-18 school year. The most recent visual step is the start of construction of block walls for part of the structure. Slabs for various parts of the building continue to be poured. The site utilities are close to being complete; this includes water, wastewater and storm sewer, electricity and gas. Construction of structural steel is expected to begin next month.

### ***BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX:***

The baseball/softball complex behind Dripping Springs High School is moving along quickly. Excellent progress has been made on the fields, dugouts, parking lots, and concessions areas. This project is on or slightly ahead of schedule and on budget.

### ***MULTI-PURPOSE COMPETITION STADIUM:***

Weather conditions as well as some necessary design modifications have impacted the schedule for the multi-purpose competition stadium that is being built around the existing competition field on the DSHS campus. The original substantial completion date was September of 2016; that date likely will be later than projected, depending on progress through the spring. Currently, the grading has been complete, work on the slab is in progress, and site utilities are more than halfway done.

### ***NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER:***

The new Network Operations Center (NOC) will serve as the hub of the district's network technology infrastructure, which is located at the high school campus on the south side of the school adjacent to the DAEP. This project has been started, but faced some sitework delays due to rain. Those delays likely can be made up during the course of the project, if weather conditions cooperate. Concrete slab and concrete tilt walls will be complete by next month, weather permitting.

### ***OTHER:***

Other projects listed in the bond have been completed or are in progress such as technology upgrades and maintenance improvements. A network "refresh" to the network and campus computers is underway. HVAC upgrades were completed at Walnut Springs Elementary and roofing work was done at both WSE and the middle school.