

BOND UPDATE 2.26.15

Dripping Springs ISD continues to work with our architect team and staff to design and plan for construction of projects associated with the 2014 bond program. Look for news on these projects at: www.dsisdbond.net; click on "Design Updates."

Since the update that was sent in January, the only change that has been made to the design/layout of the elementary school and middle school to be built on Sawyer Ranch Road was an adjustment to the elementary school's entry driveway near the parent parking area in the front of the building.

In January, the Board of Trustees approved design development for the athletic package included in the bond program. The design of those athletic facilities on the Dripping Springs High School campus, which consist of a baseball/softball complex, additional locker room facilities/field house, and the stadium, is nearly complete.

Here are a few updates:

- A decision was made in January to use artificial turf rather than natural grass on the baseball and softball fields.
- The field house at the south side of the stadium includes locker rooms for varsity and JV/freshman football, team meeting rooms, coaches' offices, a training room, a weight room, and a ticket office. The plan is to have all football teams vacate the current field house locker rooms and turn them over to other sports, including baseball and softball team that now will need facilities at that location. In addition, a wrestling room will be created in the current field house, as the weight room will be reduced in size because it will be serving fewer athletes at any given time (smaller teams).
- The district continues to work on an agreement regarding the right of way for the road extension to 290. The exact location of the road also is still under negotiation.

The construction manager at risk for the elementary school and middle school campus is Lee Lewis Construction. The Board approved CSP (Competitive Sealed Proposal) as the construction delivery method for athletic projects. Construction documents for both projects will go out for bid (to subcontractors) in March. Groundbreaking will occur sometime in April.

Residents may stop by the DSISD Administration Building to view several visual items that provide additional information about the new instructional and athletic facilities. Available for viewing are:

- poster-size renditions of the new elementary school, middle school (exterior and interior), and stadium
- a display of sample materials that will be used for exterior and interior finishes (such as rock, tile, carpet, etc.)
- handouts that have been provided to the DSISD Board of Trustees including layout and site plans for the elementary school and middle school
- map of the high school campus site where new athletic facilities will be located

The DSISD Administration Building is located at 510 W. Mercer St. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.