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Dear Hidden Springs Ranch Residents/DSHS Parents,

A few residents in your neighborhood have contacted the district regarding the closed access to the high school property resulting from the start of construction on the stadium and baseball/softball complex, so we wanted to provide a little more background information.

Our first priority is the safety of our students. We wanted to share with Hidden Springs residents that the district considered all options for maintaining pedestrian access between your neighborhood and the high school and reviewed them carefully with the contractor. However, due to the boundaries of the construction zone and layout of the property, all parties agreed that it was not possible to continue to allow pedestrian access. Because there will be heavy machinery and construction vehicles operating throughout the day, this area must be closed off from our students and staff.

This first week, it may not appear that there is much construction activity in the immediate area of the walkway as the contractor has started with excavation of the baseball/softball complex. However, the same contractor is doing both projects (baseball/softball and the stadium) and will move west in the very near future.

Please know that Dripping Springs ISD has considered your neighborhood throughout its planning of these projects, both in terms of construction and long-term use. Minimizing noise, dust and lighting are all issues that have been considered while making the many decisions that accompany a project of this magnitude. We know that some inconvenience is unavoidable, and apologize for any that your families may experience in the coming months.

Bus 50 runs through the Hidden Springs neighborhood. For information on specific times and stops, please see the district website (www.dsisdtx.us), then click on Bus Routes on the left toolbar, and the link that says "Versatrans Bus Routes and Schedules Online."

The baseball/softball complex and the stadium are expected to be substantially complete in September of 2016. We will continue to evaluate the status of the project throughout this timeline to identify opportunities for repositioning of construction boundaries if appropriate.

DSISD Project Manager is Mike Garcia is the point of contact if issues arise during construction. His office number is 512.858.3079 and his email is mike.garcia@dsisdtx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Gearing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

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