

BOND/CONSTRUCTION UPDATE 9.1.16

All construction projects from the 2014 bond program continue to make excellent progress.

New Elementary School/Middle School

Construction of the elementary school and middle school being built on Sawyer Ranch Road is on schedule and is expected to reach substantial completion in early summer of 2017, prior to opening in the fall of 2017. These schools will have initial capacities for 850 elementary students and 850 middle school students (designed for future expansion to 1,200 middle school students). Construction progress continues per the stated timeline. The building slabs are complete; structural steel and stone veneer are nearing completion. Roofing and exterior metal panels are in progress as well as electrical and plumbing work in walls and overhead piping. Fire sprinkler piping and mechanical duct work are in progress. Utility work is 85 percent complete. Overall, some first-floor areas are 70 percent complete.

This fall, work will be done on the creation of new attendance zones for elementary and middle schools. The Board likely will make a final decision in February. A committee also will work on determining school names, mascots, colors, etc.

Baseball/Softball Complex

The baseball/softball complex behind Dripping Springs High School has reached substantial completion. Punch list items are being addressed. The facility will be available for use for practice this fall. An official grand opening event will be planned, probably closer to the start of the baseball/softball seasons.

Multi-Purpose Stadium

The multi-purpose competition stadium that is being built around the existing competition field on the DSHS campus is seeing steady progress. Currently, the contractor is moving along on the new field house and both new stadium concession buildings. Walls are up and interior mechanical, electrical and plumbing work continues. The new visitor's bleachers have been installed and work on the home-side bleachers and press box is in progress. Work on this project is set for completion in January 2017.

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. This project is nearing completion. Data Center equipment is currently being installed. Once the project gets permanent power, the contractor will be able to finish the remaining items on the project.