

# Construction Update

## **Construction Update - 2007 Bond Projects Spring 2009**

*“Though student success is certainly our primary mission, true excellence requires that we achieve that success while practicing sound financial management.”*  
- FBISD Financial Report Card

While the economic condition of our state has fared better than many parts of our nation, Fort Bend ISD is taking steps to respond to economic realities while continuing to build a stronger future for the success of our students. A comprehensive study was conducted prior to the 2007 Bond Referendum to determine growth projections for Fort Bend ISD and to make recommendations for Bond Projects to best serve our students. In light of the regional economic setting and emerging housing trends, the district is currently updating its enrollment growth projections and expects to have new demographic data available for planning purposes in early 2009.

**Schiff Elementary School** (Elementary #43) is located at 7400 Discovery Lane, Missouri City, and opened for classes in August 2008 with 783 students. The school is located in Sienna Plantation.

**McAuliffe Middle School** reopened on January 5, 2009, after repairs were completed to the school's roof and other areas resulting from extensive water and wind damage due to Hurricane Ike. Most of the other renovation work funded by the 2007 Bond has been completed. Minor front office renovation projects will be completed in Summer 2009.

**High School #11** is being constructed in the Hillwood development, south of Sienna Plantation. Work has begun on the earthwork, foundation, utilities, and pre-ordering of long lead items such as the HVAC (air conditioning) equipment. The bid for the building was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2008. The school is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2010.

**Elementary School #44** is being constructed in the Grand Mission development in the northwest area of the school district. The plan for this new elementary school is an adaptation of the Holley Elementary School plan. The construction is well underway, and the school is scheduled to be completed for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Elementary School #45** is being constructed in the Glendale Lake Estates development in the southeast area of the school district. The plan is being adapted using a current Katy ISD elementary school prototype. Construction has begun. The building pad, utilities, and roadwork are in progress. The school will open for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Middle School #14** is scheduled to be constructed on a 30-acre tract of land east of Pecan Grove at the corner of Plantation Drive and Harlem Road. Due to the economic slowdown

and potential for continued decline in residential development, the opening of this school has been delayed. Tentatively, the school is scheduled to open for the 2011-2012 school year. The design for this school is an adaptation of Missouri City Middle School, and the construction documents are complete and being reviewed for code compliance.

**Middle School #15 and Elementary School #46** are in the planning stages. Sites for these schools are being evaluated to determine the best location to address the district's growing student population.

An **Alternative Learning Center** will be located on FM 521 south of Highway 6. Design work is in progress at this time. The scheduled opening will be in Fall 2010.

Classroom enclosure work on **Hunters Glen, Lantern Lane, Briargate, Blue Ridge, and Ridgeway Elementary Schools** was completed in Summer 2008. The next three elementary school classroom enclosures will be at **Colony Bend, Mission Bend, and Townewest Elementary Schools** and are scheduled for Summer 2009. The last six elementary schools will be completed during Summer 2010 and include: **Highlands, Mission Glen, Palmer, Pecan Grove, Settlers Way and Sugar Mill Elementary Schools**.

High school renovation design work has begun at **Austin, Bush, Travis, and Willowridge High Schools**. This work will begin during Summer 2009 and will be completed by December 2009. The renovation projects for **Clements, Dulles, Elkins, and Kempner High Schools** will be completed by Summer 2010.

Middle School renovation design work has begun at **First Colony and Sugar Land Middle Schools**. This work will begin during the Summer 2009 and completed by December 2009. The **Dulles Middle School** renovation project will be completed by Summer 2010.

A **new practice aquatic facility** will be located on Bissonnet Street east of FM 1464. The design work has begun, and construction is scheduled to be completed by Summer 2010.

The **Ridgemont Early Childhood Center** will be located on the Ridgemont Elementary School campus. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2009 to open in January 2010.

The **Ag upgrades project** design work is underway. Plans are being developed to enhance the facilities at **Hightower and Kempner High Schools** and to add a new facility in the western area of the school district by Fall 2010.

**Electrical and HVAC system upgrades** are planned for 2009 as part of the conversion of the **original Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium** into an Early Childhood Center. Grants are being sought to fund the majority of the project.

**Natatorium HVAC system repair and replacement** - Originally, planning for this project was slated for April 2009 with completion by Summer 2009. In order to address the repairs as quickly as possible, planning was moved up on the priority list to September 2008. Completion is contingent upon receipt and installation of the new equipment. Replacing the air ventilation equipment at the Natatorium has uncovered some engineering issues. It has been determined that the original equipment was undersized for the facility; a straight swap out for new equipment will not resolve the current problems. The whole air flow system has had to be reengineered, which has delayed completion of this project in a timely manner. The new resized system is now on order, and it will be installed upon arrival.