



# BOND PROJECT UPDATES

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Milestones Update, September 2011

### Project Implementation

#### **Alamo Stadium & Convocation Center**

- The design phase for renovations is underway. More than 100 community members attended a meeting last month with the architectural team to provide input on various external site elements for the first phase of the design process.

#### **Athletic Tracks**

- Work is nearly complete on tracks at four high schools: Burbank, Edison, Highlands and Sam Houston. Those projects began in June and July and are scheduled to be completed this month. Work at the District's other four high schools will begin in late November. All-weather tracks will replace the cinder tracks at the district's eight traditional high schools.

#### **Playgrounds**

- Elementary school playground installations continue. Work is scheduled to be completed this month at De Zavala and Gates. Work will start at Graebner, Kelly, Lamar and Pershing this month and is scheduled to be completed in October. In August, playground work was completed at Foster, Franklin, Highland Park, Madison, Wilson and Woodlawn Hills. A second playground, this one for older students, will be completed this month at Maverick.

#### **Safety & Security**

- Fencing installations will begin this month at JT Brackenridge, Briscoe, Collins Garden, De Zavala, Foster, Highland Park and Kelly elementary schools, and Davis and Whittier middle schools. The installation schedule for those campuses was slightly delayed due to modifications of previously completed fencing projects and to permitting requirements. New fences will be installed at each of 68 campuses.
- Key-card systems were installed at Beacon Hill, Crockett, Foster, Gates, Graebner, Lamar and Madison elementary schools in August and work is in progress at Pershing Elementary school. The District plans to continue installing the systems at the rate of one a week for each elementary school, two weeks for middle schools and three weeks for high schools, until the work is completed. The campuses that are having major construction are on hold until the work can be coordinated.

#### **Technology Upgrades**

- In August, 16 schools received new computers and another 41 ordered new units, with delivery of the latter beginning early this month. In all, 68 campuses will receive new computers. The District continues to remove excess technology from schools to make room for the new machines.

## **Vocation/Career Instruction**

- **High schools:** The New Tech High School wing at Sam Houston High School was completed and ready for students when school started Aug. 22. The infrastructure work made it possible support a technology-rich environment that will prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM.
- **Middle schools:** The new Davis Middle School career exploration lab was also ready for students on the first day of school. The lab is the first of 11 middle schools to receive these career and technology labs for early exploration of STEM-related career pathways. Design work on the other labs will take place this school year and construction will start next summer.

## **School renovations**

- A second round of community meetings is scheduled for this month for 23 schools, with the first meetings starting Tuesday, Sept. 6. The architectural team will respond to community questions or comments provided during the school's first meeting, share the most current project design and begin discussion about the look and feel of the school. Meeting attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback about the next phase of the design.
- The approximate timeline: It will take between nine and 12 months of design work, followed by three months to bid and award contracts and between one and two years of construction. Work will proceed in phases to ensure safety and to limit disruptions for students and staff.
- Overall, we expect the elementary school projects to be completed by mid- to late-2013, and the high school should be completed by mid- to late-2014.

## **Citizens' Oversight Committee**

- Trustees appointed a 24-member group to oversee the bond program's progress. COC meetings are open to the public.
- The next COC meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Fenwick Elementary, 1930 Waverly Ave., at 6 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

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