



# BOND PROJECT UPDATES

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Milestones Update, July 2011

### Project Implementation

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

- SAISD construction management staff met with internal stakeholders in June for input in determining the district's needs and identifying how the stadium could be renovated to meet those needs. A community meeting will be scheduled later this summer to gather input for the site master planning.

#### **Athletic Tracks**

- Work on the tracks at four high schools – Burbank, Edison, Highlands and Sam Houston – got underway in June, and is scheduled to be completed in September, with work at the other four high schools to follow later in the fall. All-weather tracks will replace the cinder tracks at the district's eight traditional high schools. In May, the Board approved Paragon Sports Constructors as the contractor to build the tracks, as well as field events (high jump aprons, long/triple jump and pole vault runways, and shot put and discus pads).

#### **Playgrounds**

- Six elementary schools received playgrounds in June: Baskin, Bowden, Forbes, Herff, J.T. Brackenridge, and Rodriguez. In July, work will continue or get underway at: Beacon Hill, Franklin, Highland Hills, Hillcrest, Maverick, Schenck, Wilson and Woodlawn Hills. The new playgrounds, which will be installed at 48 schools, will include sun shades, as well as safety surfacing under and around the play structure.

#### **Safety & Security**

- New security fencing has been ordered for nine additional schools, with installation scheduled for July and August. Schools next scheduled to receive the fencing are Briscoe, Collins Garden, De Zavala, Foster, Highland Park, JT Brackenridge and Kelly elementary schools, and Davis and Whittier middle schools. The new fencing will be installed at 68 campuses.
- Installations of key-card access systems have begun at Lamar, Gates and Foster elementary schools and will be completed in July. In addition, installations will begin and be substantially completed this month at Graebner, Crockett, Beacon Hill and Madison elementary schools. The plan is to continue at a rate of one week for each elementary school, two weeks for middle schools and three weeks for high schools until the work is completed. The campuses which are having major construction are on hold until the work can be coordinated.

#### **Technology Upgrades**

- Removal of excess equipment is scheduled for 25 campuses in July and new machines are being ordered for those campuses. A total of 12,000 computers and related software will eventually be delivered to 68 campuses across the District.

## Vocation/Career Instruction

- **High schools:** Work is underway on the portion of a classroom wing that will house the New Tech High School at Sam Houston High School. The new school is scheduled to open in the fall. The work will include infrastructure installed to support a technology-rich environment.
- **Middle schools:** The new Davis Middle School SmartLab Learning Environment was completed in June. Davis is the first of 11 middle schools to receive these career technology labs for early exploration of career pathways. The other schools' labs, which are being designed, are slated for installation next summer.

## Renovations

- Contracts with the selected architectural firms are being finalized for the 23 major school renovation projects. The firms will design and oversee the construction program with the Muñoz/Jacobs consortium managing major activities.
- The renovations take approximately nine-12 months of design work, followed by three months to bid and award contracts, and approximately one to two years of construction. Work will proceed in phases to ensure safety and 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.

## Community Outreach

- Community meetings were held throughout June and will continue in July to introduce the project architects to the various communities whose schools will receive renovations and to obtain feedback about external site design elements. Meetings this month are: July 12, 6 p.m. at Cotton Elementary and Fenwick Elementary; and July 13, 6 p.m. at Arnold Elementary and Cameron Elementary.
- Planning for the next round of community meetings is underway and will tentatively take place in mid-September, when the schematic designs are completed. Communities will have an opportunity to review those designs, which incorporate feedback from the earlier meetings, and provide further input about other design elements.

## 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 meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 19 at Transportation Offices, 1103 Austin St., in the first floor employee break room.

For more information to go: <http://www.saisd.net/bondprojects/>