

# **UPDATE ON THE \$110 MILLION SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROJECT**

Dear Staff, Families, & Community,

We want to begin by expressing our **gratitude** to the community for supporting this transformative endeavor by passing the \$110 million school construction bond! Your commitment to the future of our students is truly inspiring, and we are thrilled to share the latest updates as this exciting project progresses.

The bond project encompasses **five major Bid Packages** that will span from now through the summer of 2028. To date, we have already achieved significant milestones, including bond-related **technology upgrades for students and staff**, the **purchase of new buses**, and the **bidding out of auditorium enhancements** at the high school.

## **Bid Package 1A: Stadium Phase 1 Renovations**

The **first bid package (BP1A)** will officially go to bid this week! Bids will be reviewed, and a final selection will be made by the end of February. With a total investment of approximately **\$8 million**, this package focuses on the **first phase of stadium renovations**:

- Installation of a state-of-the-art, multi-sport turf field for football, soccer, and lacrosse.
- Construction of a new track and field perimeter fencing and new key track and field components, including long jump, shot put, and pole vault areas.

Construction Timeline: Work is scheduled to begin in March 2025 and will be completed prior to the first home football game in Fall 2025. While this project is underway, Spring 2025 sports that typically use the stadium will be displaced. The Athletic Office is actively coordinating alternative spaces to ensure all activities continue seamlessly.

Looking ahead, **Phase 2** of the stadium renovations will be addressed in a later bid package. This phase will include upgrades to the stadium bleachers, press box, as well as tentative **outer stadium scope**, such as concession areas, entryways, and the initial development of a **'pavilion' sports corridor** surrounding the stadium.

#### **Bid Package 1B: Campus Site Circulation Improvements**

**Bid Package 1B** is currently in the **design phase**, with construction scheduled to begin in **Summer 2005/2026**. Key highlights of this project include:

- New campus site circulation improvements to enhance traffic flow.
- A dedicated middle/high school bus loop for improved student transportation.
- Additional parking north of the middle/high school.
- Expansion of **event parking** and improved student drop-off areas.
- Enhancements to the baseball and softball fields.

## **Bid Package 2: Transportation & Maintenance Relocation**

Planning for **Bid Package 2** is already underway, with construction slated to begin in the **Fall of 2025**. This critical phase focuses on **relocating the transportation and maintenance buildings**, and unlocking real estate for future development of a **consolidated athletic campus**. The work will include:

- Construction of new, state-of-the-art maintenance and transportation facilities.
- Clearing of the current maintenance and transportation site to provide space for further campus improvements.

## **Looking Ahead**

Great care and planning are being applied to all bid packages to ensure **efficient construction and sequencing of events**, minimizing disruption to school operations and the surrounding community. We remain committed to delivering projects that will benefit our students, staff, and community for generations to come.

More details and updates will be shared in **January 2025**. Thank you again for your continued support and partnership as we bring this vision to life!

Kind Regards,

Randy Fleenor, Superintendent