

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 13

Work continues on our various construction projects; however, the recent rainy weather has slowed things down a little.

Work on the foundation for the FEMA/TSSI Dome at the High School will be completed this week. Work on the masonry wall will begin next week and will take about 5-weeks to complete. Once this work is done the next phase will be the dome ring which is the section where the outer wall connects to the actual dome. This phase is scheduled to take about 15-days and once this is



done the next phase will be the inflation of the dome skin and the concrete work of the actual dome. If you are out at either our baseball or softball fields you can see the layout of the dome and will be able to see the actual outer wall go up over the next couple of months. Hopefully, this project will be completed around this time next year.

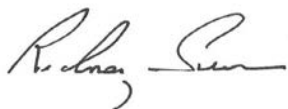
KJM is the contractor for the Middle School Tennis Courts Reconstruction Project. The contractor is scheduled to start mobilizing on the job site starting on Monday, February 16, 2015. This includes putting up security fencing around the actual job site. The first phase of this project will be the demolition of the existing tennis courts; this will take about 30 days to complete. During this time there will be heavy equipment coming and going from the tennis court area and also the auxiliary road on the far side of the property to Leopard Street. The contractor has been asked to avoid the peak student drop off and pickup times before school and after school; however, it is going to be imperative for everyone to reduce their speed and exercise extreme caution while driving in the area around the Middle School. During the time the Middle School Tennis Courts are closed for construction our tennis athletes will be using the courts at Tulosos-Midway High School. Parents of tennis athletes are asked to check with their child's tennis coaches for specific plans for tennis practices during this time period.

KJM will also be the contractor of the Intermediate Classroom Addition and Intermediate FEMA/TSSI Dome. These two projects although funded from different sources will be constructed at the same time (the FEMA/TSSI Dome will tie-into the Intermediate Classroom Addition). The contractor will mobilize upon receipt of city construction permits which are still under final review. Upon mobilization you will notice a security fence from the side of the Intermediate School running to Goodnight-Loving Trail. Construction workers will enter the job site from Goodnight-Loving Trail and will not be accessing the site from the street in front of the Intermediate School; in addition, they are being asked to avoid peak student drop off and pickup times before and after school. The construction site will encompass the existing school playgrounds that will be **CLOSED DOWN** and eventually relocated to another area around the school. The construction site will be off limits to staff and students and there will be **NO** community access to this area during the scope of this project. Parents of young children living around the Intermediate School are asked to not let their children play at the Intermediate School in the evenings or weekends due to this area being designated as a construction site. The first phase of work will be site work and underground utilities for the classrooms and FEMA/TSSI Dome. An important part of this project will be renovations to the existing parking lot in front of the Intermediate School that will reconfigure and improve parent pick up and drop off. This phase of the project will require us to shut down this parking lot and will bring some inconveniences; however, work on this phase will not be done until later and we are trying to schedule some of this work during extended school breaks to avoid some of the hardships during the drop off and pick up phases of our school day. Parents will be notified in advance of work starting on this phase of the construction project and with the District's Plan of Action.

Through all the construction projects our number one concern is the safety of our students, staff and visitors. At every construction meetings safety concerns and items are discussed and addressed. A major aspect of safety is awareness and during these construction projects each one of us must heighten our awareness to ensure a safe environment for everyone involved.

Feel free to contact my office with any questions and concerns you might have regarding any of these projects at (361) 903-6422.

Sincerely,



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