

BOND AND CONSTRUCTION 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2011 the voters of the Tulosos-Midway community approved a \$36 million dollar bond program to address a multitude of renovations and construction projects throughout the school district. Much of the 2012 school year was used for planning and developing construction documents for several of these projects to start in 2013. However, this past year saw several projects completed and this update is designed to share those projects that were completed during 2012.

- A very visible project was the renovations to both gymnasiums at Tulosos-Midway High School. This project included removal and replacement of the gym floors in both gymnasiums. In addition, new motorized retractable bleachers were installed in both gyms with isles and handrails for easier access by spectators. During this process the home and visitors sides of the gym were switched in order to provide additional space between the players on the court and the bleacher access. Other work in the gym included replacing backboards, putting up a wall to separate the loft area, and painting of the walls and installation of new scoreboards for both gyms. All of this was done in preparation for the rededication of the gym in honor of long time basketball coach Bobby Craig.
- Another endeavor completed this past year was the first phase of the air conditioning replacement project at various locations throughout the district. This phase included replacing all the old rooftop air conditioning units at the primary school with new units along with the replacement of air conditioner units for the gym, cafeteria and administrative offices at the Intermediate School. In addition, seventeen air conditioning units were replaced at the Middle School. In total there were over 82 air conditioner units switched out and replaced at various locations throughout the school district. Additional work will be done on the next phase of this project at a later date.

- Two roofing projects were completed during 2012 with new roofs put on the ACC building and the Maintenance Shop. Also, a new transportation office was built replacing the old portables buildings that housed transportation for the past 20+ years. This new complex provided much needed office spaces for the transportation department and a training area for our bus drivers. The land area in which the old portable building was located will become the new location for the above ground fuel tanks that is scheduled to be installed mid-summer of this year.
- Major renovations were made to the vocational building at the high school. NJROTC was relocated to another section of the vocational building with new classrooms constructed along with offices, restrooms and changing areas, climate controlled storage areas, indoor shooting range and armory. The old NJROTC room was gutted and remodeled into a new Alternative Discipline Center (ADC) and In-School Suspension (ISS) complex. Included in this renovation was construction of restrooms, office and conference room and space for individual cubicles for students assigned to this alternative discipline setting. Also a part of the renovations to the vocational building were work done in the technology workshop to include secured climate controlled storage, office space and work cubicles for the technology techs.
- A significant undertaking this past year was the mold remediation project at Tuloso-Midway High School. This project included removing the brick on several locations around the high school and mold abatement in identified classrooms including removal of the sheetrock and installation. All this work was done during the December break with no students present and was completed before the return of students in January. Additional air monitoring has been provided to all the previously identified mold area to ensure no mold spores are present. The only part of this project that is ongoing is the brick that is currently being put back and should be done by April 2013.

As you can see, 2012 was a very productive year in terms of renovations and construction projects throughout the school district. These much need projects will help provide the students of Tulosso-Midway with better facilities and infrastructure and will help the staff in fulfilling their mission of providing the students we serve with the highest quality educational experience possible. However, this is not the end of the story but only the beginning of a several year endeavor to upgrade our facilities throughout the school district. 2013 should prove to be an exciting year with several more projects to begin. A special thanks to our taxpayers and community for allowing the school district this opportunity to address these and other future construction needs.

Thank you for your continued support in Education!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne J. Nelson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Suzanne J. Nelson, Ed.D.

Superintendent