

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 4

Currently, we have four construction projects ongoing at Tuloso-Midway High School.

The first of our construction projects at TMHS started in December 2012 with the removal of the exterior brick from identified areas around the high school (moisture intrusion and mold remediation project). This project is in its final phase with the last section of brick being put back up in the front of the high school. This project will wrap up by the end of April after the new brick is scrubbed and washed down.

The second project underway at TMHS is the construction of the Performing Arts Center (PAC). The project includes remodeling of the existing administrative and counselor's office along with the construction of a 400 seat auditorium. Demolition of the office space has already occurred and work inside has been delayed this week due to the state assessments (testing). Next week during Intersession these office areas should be framed-in and electrical and duct work started. In front of the school where the PAC will be located, site work is almost complete with the drilling of piers for the foundation scheduled for late next week.



The third project that started a couple of weeks ago is the remodeling of our Aquatic Center. The natatorium was built in 1984 and has not received any significant improvements over the past twenty-nine years. There were several items in the natatorium that did not meet current state code requirements and are being updated. Currently, demolition has started inside of the natatorium which

started with the pool being drained and the ceiling grid system being removed. Included in this project is the enlargement of the patio area on the east side of the natatorium along with the construction of a new restroom facility. The new restrooms will replace the small outdated restrooms located in the pool area and are being designed to serve the usage capacity of large meets that are hosted at our pool. Once the piers are drilled for the PAC work will then be scheduled on the piers for the new natatorium restrooms. The scheduled completion date for the natatorium renovations is September 2013.

The fourth project is the sports athletic complex drainage project which includes the demolition of the existing softball fields, drainage, and site work on the area located behind the field house. The softball field originally was the baseball field when TMHS opened in 1984; however, was later converted to the softball field in around 2001. As part of the 2011 bond project a new baseball park located on school property was proposed. During the planning process it was suggested that the entire site behind the football stadium be demolished and a new softball, baseball and practice football field be constructed at this location. The first phase of this project is the demolition of the softball field, and drainage and site work on the practice football field. To accommodate the start of this project the softball team played most of their first round games at home and have



scheduled the last part of the season to be played on the road to allow work to begin on this project. The last home softball game of the season was played this past

Thursday night (March 28) with a 3-2 win by the Cherokees. It was quite an emotional farewell after the game by the softball girls to their old stadium.

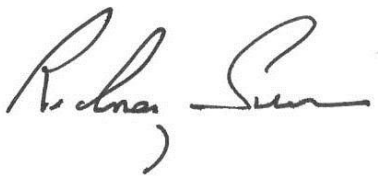
The practice football field is scheduled to be completed by June 1, 2013 ready for fall football practice. The baseball and softball fields are scheduled to be finished by the end of January 2014 and ready for the start of the 2014 baseball and softball seasons.

The third phase of this project will be the construction of a FEMA Dome which will also serve as concession area, restrooms and dressing rooms for baseball and softball. We are still awaiting notification from FEMA on this project with an 18-month timeline for completion once official notification is received by the school district.

In the last update, I stated that the next few months should prove to be very exciting at TMHS; with four projects all going on at the same time you can see what I mean! Construction projects at the high school are on both ends of the campus and also at the front entrance to the building. Lots of activity and lots of excitement for our students as your tax dollars are at work adding and upgrading to the facilities of Tuloso-Midway High School.

Please contact me with any questions and concerns you might have regarding any of these projects at (361) 903-6422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Sumner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rodney Sumner
Assistant Superintendent for School Operation Services