

TULOSO-MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UPDATE #2: High School Construction Project

Dear TMISD Parent,

The purpose of this communication is to keep you updated and informed on the mold remediation and moisture intrusion work that has been completed and the work that is scheduled to be done over the next several months at Tuloso-Midway High School.

The first step in addressing the mold remediation and moisture intrusion was the removal of the existing brick in certain areas around the high school. Once the brick was removed the outside sheathing board and insulation was removed and disposed. Repairs were then made to any of the damaged studs before a new sheathing board was reinstalled. The new sheathing put back on the building is the number one rated sheathing product for mold and water resistance on the market today. Once this sheathing was installed the outside surface was covered with black mastic in order to water proof the exterior walls of the building.

Once the outside of the building was water tight work began on the areas where mold had been detected inside the building. Established "mold removal" protocol was followed in the removal of the mold found in these rooms which included containment barriers, continuous monitoring of air quality and cleaning and sampling of all surface areas in the affected areas. The sheetrock was removed and replaced on the affected walls and the walls taped and floated and painted to return them to their original condition. This part of the project was completed in three weeks during the Christmas Holidays when neither students nor staff was present. In addition, the District has ordered additional air monitoring and testing in these areas to ensure that the rooms are mold free and safe for students and staff to ensure that these conditions do not resurface.

The last step in this project will be the replacing of the outside bricks. Before the brick is replaced an additional ridged installation board will be installed around the building. You should notice soon scaffolding being constructed around the building in preparation for the brick to be laid. This is scheduled to be completed by April 2013.

On January 14, 2013 ground was broken on the new Performing Arts Center (PAC) to be located in front area of the high school. Currently, plans are being finalized with site-grading to start the end of February and completion of the project in one year (February 2014). Other projects at the high school include renovations to the administration and counselor's offices, and the band and choir rooms.

As you can tell it is a busy and exciting time at Tuloso-Midway High School. Throughout the construction process our top priority will be the SAFETY of all our students and the community. Again, we ask for your patience and understanding as we embark upon these building projects. Feel free to contact my office at 361-903-6402 if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,



Suzanne J. Nelson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Si usted necesita esta carta en español, por favor de ponerse en contacto con la oficina del superintendente al 361-903-6402.