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Board Approves Revised Bond Plan

On January 12, the Klein ISD Board of Trustees approved a recommendation from superintendent Dr. Jim Cain to make changes in the 2008 Bond Plan. In January, 2009, the board voted to delay six major bond projects because of the impact of the economic recession on district enrollment and finances.

The board approved the renovation of Klein High School with students on site and the postponement of construction of high school #5 on Spring Cypress Road adjacent to Ulrich Intermediate School. Additionally, the board approved the construction of two elementary schools to open in the fall of 2011, an intermediate school to open in the fall of 2016, and the early childhood/pre-kindergarten center which is to open no earlier than 2012. A change in district demographic and/or financial data could potentially impact these timelines.

During 2010, the district will begin making plans for the renovation of Klein High School. The renovations should begin in the 2010/2011 time frame with a projected completion date in 2014.

Renovating Klein High School and delaying the construction of high school #5 became the recommended plan because it is fiscally responsible with regard to the tax rate. The renovation will eliminate repair costs at Klein High School that would not be recovered by further delays. The plan will allow the district to build the fifth high school when needed.

The renovation of Klein High School will be a complex undertaking. The scope will be greater than many building additions, remodeling projects or changes in building elevations that have occurred in neighboring school districts or in the Klein ISD. The presence of the district's football field and limited acreage will contribute to the unique nature of the project.

In addition to planning for quality construction at cost effective pricing, the school district will focus on safety and security of students, employees, and visitors. Additionally, every effort will be made to complete the project with minimal disruption to the academic process. Parking for students will be limited. Multiple parking options for school days and events in the stadium will be considered.

The Klein ISD is located in north Harris County and has more than 44,750 students in its twenty-six (26) elementary, eight (8) intermediate, and four (4) high schools. Visit the district's Web site at www.kleinisd.net for additional information about the Klein Independent School District.