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## Update on Bond Projects, Facilities Improvement Plan

A summary provided at the March 28, 2006 School Board Meeting

*Greg Dehler, WOLD Architects and Engineers, and Gary Benson, Kraus-Anderson Construction, provided an update on Bond Projects and the district's Facilities Improvement plan.*

- A diagram of the soon-to-be-reconstructed Spring Lake Park High School Panther track and field was handed out. Severe drainage problems will be corrected and the unsafe and nearly unusable track surface will be replaced. The new athletic field will have synthetic turf that will allow for up to 20 times the current use of the facility.
- Bids for the remodeling and new classroom additions at Park Terrace and Westwood Elementary School will be received on April 20.
- Bids for the reconstruction of the Panther track and field will be received on April 7.
- The new construction materials at Park Terrace and Westwood will be matched as closely as possible to the existing materials.
- More windows will be added at Park Terrace.
- The existing Media Center at Westwood Elementary

will be converted into classrooms.

- Construction at Park Terrace and Westwood Elementary will begin at the end of the 2005-06 school year.
- A preliminary project plan with completion dates has been established. The goal is to keep all projects on schedule and on budget.
- Detailed cost estimates of all design projects will be established.
- All construction work will be bid out; local contractors have equal opportunity to submit bids.
- Specifications will dictate all areas that bidders must meet; questionable margins will be explored.

*Dr. Don Helmstetter, superintendent, provided the following update:*

- Mr. Dehler and Mr. Benson have been meeting weekly with Dr. Helmstetter to review projects.
- A tour date has been scheduled for the New Elementary School Design Team to tour existing schools in the area.
- The initial design process for Phase I at the high school and Woodcrest

Elementary School has begun.

- The Superintendent will meet with all staff for a facilities update before the end of the school year.
- Staff will have an opportunity for input this fall.
- Any major changes involving cost will be submitted to the Board for its approval.
- The Design Team for the new K-3 elementary school will have community involvement. Either Mr. Dehler or Mr. Benson will attend the meetings.
- Twelve individuals have signed up for the Community Oversight Group. Others who are interested may still sign up.

Dr. Helmstetter reiterated that the reconstruction of the Panther stadium track and field is being financed by a levy that was approved by the Board last fall and confirmed by the Board in December. The additional classrooms at Westwood Elementary and Park Terrace are part of the bond project.