

# Flatonia ISD COMMUNITY CONNECTION Superintendent's News



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Hello, Bulldogs! It is hard to believe that the Christmas Break and the end of the first semester of school are already here! It has been a very busy, but productive first semester here at Flatonia ISD. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year! - *Andy*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As you are aware, FISD is currently in full swing with Phase I of our 2018 Bond Program. Phase I includes the new high school wing, new library and fine arts wing at the elementary campus, along with expansion of our Ag Building, and finally our weight room expansion. The high school wing is now "in the dry", with various mechanical systems being installed. The area is looking amazing! The elementary portion of the project has gained traction and is now taking shape with the steel structure and decking being installed. Crews continue to work on the site pad for the weight room area which should be complete very soon. There has been a great deal of work being done at the Ag Shop relating to utilities. Electrical, communication, water, and sanitary lines had to be moved and rerouted out of the site area before excavation work could begin. Now that the relocation of utilities is complete, excavation work in this area is now underway, and we look forward to reporting continued progress in this area.

In addition to the work already in motion for Phase I, we are currently in Design Development and Budgeting for Phase II. Phase II is comprised of renovation of the existing "Elementary A" Building, along with the existing Secondary Campus and the current field house area. District representatives have been working closely with the architects and contractors to develop various design and structural elements that address our needs while remaining within our allotted budget. We will continue to work through this process for the next few weeks, hoping to present Design Development plans to the Board of Trustees soon after the Christmas break.

Additionally, the Flatonia ISD Board of Trustees and district administration have been holding preliminary discussions regarding the final aspect of the 2018 Bond Program, which is the replacement of the track at Bulldog Stadium. Although the bond funds allotted will address only the track replacement, the process will also impact the field area in relation to drainage and other systems. We are investigating what solutions (timing and physical) would best address the field area in conjunction with the track replacement. These discussion topics include drainage plans, field grading, field surfacing, maintenance, etc. No final decisions have been made in this area, but discussions are ongoing, and information is being collected so that we can have the best plan possible in place once we begin work in this area. We welcome your thoughts on this topic.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this newsletter or anything else related to Flatonia ISD, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (361) 865-2941 or by email at [areddock@flatonia.txed.net](mailto:areddock@flatonia.txed.net). I would enjoy the opportunity to visit with you.

### GREAT SEASON FOR THE 2019 FLATONIA BULLDOGS!

The 2019 Flatonia Bulldogs finish an outstanding season with an 11-2 record. The Bulldogs were District Champions and finished their playoff run as Area Champions. Many student athletes received All-District honors. We are very proud of all of the support and energy throughout the season. The players, coaches, band, Dazzlers, cheerleaders, sponsors, and fans all played an important role in the success of our season. Thank you all!



## VAPING INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

Many of you are aware of the national attention being placed on the dangers of teen vaping and substance abuse. Like many schools across our state and nation, Flatonia is not immune to this issue and we are developing intervention plans and protocols that we hope will help prevent use by our students. We have several strategies in motion relating to this endeavor. Our Secondary Campus has scheduled a student assembly on this topic for the month of January that will be attended by all 7-12 grade students. The assembly will be both informative and engaging. Additionally, we plan to hold a minimum of two parent education sessions during the spring semester on the dangers of teen vaping. We have found that many parents are unaware of these dangers. We hope to provide some insight so that they can have the knowledge to identify and intervene on the home front. We will also begin a social media campaign that provides prevention messaging and information via our district social media accounts. Finally, our School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) has taken up the charge to further develop and provide avenues for education and other prevention strategies. We appreciate everyone associated with this group for stepping up to help with this issue. In order to combat this national epidemic, it will take all of us working together to support our students and keep them both safe and healthy. If you have an interest or resources to help with this endeavor, we encourage you to contact our district administration offices so that we can best facilitate and utilize your support. Keeping our kids safe is our number one priority. We will continue to work to provide the best resources we can in order to do so. Information from the US Surgeon General about the dangers of vaping and e-cigarette use by teens can be found online at [www.e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov](http://www.e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov).