

MWPISD 2019 BOND – MHS TRANSFORMATION; CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER & MEC

In order to address the two priorities established by the **Community Focused Committee**, Monahans High School will undergo a complete transformation, due to the 2019 MWPIISD bond, impacting academics, as well as extra/co-curricular and cafeteria/snack bar areas. The first priority of safety and security will be addressed by having the ability to monitor students in an environment located under one roof. Currently, students leave one campus building to enter another campus building, throughout the day, to meet their educational needs. The transformed high school would provide students the ability to move from academic and extra/co-curricular classes, as well as dining areas for breakfast/lunch, without leaving the safety and security of the campus. Due to the new proposed MHS construction, students will be able to move from the far south side of the campus, the Dan Gibbs Band Hall, to the far north side of the campus, the Jerry Larned Sports Complex, through an interior hallway without ever exiting the building allowing for a means of monitoring students on a continual basis.

The second priority of replacing or updating aging facilities built during or prior to 1971 would also be addressed through the proposed 2019 MWPIISD bond. Currently, the age of MHS buildings are as follows: 1949 construction (70 years old) auditorium and two auxiliary gyms including the Pep Rally Gym; 1960 construction (59 years old) kitchen and cafeteria/snack bar dining areas; 1971 construction (48 years old) natatorium, library, computer/technology classrooms, home economics classroom, welding & auto tech classrooms; 1980 construction (39 years old) Dan Gibbs Band Hall and Jerry Larned Sports Complex; and, 2008 construction (11 years old) core academic classrooms. In order to replace facilities with an age of 48 years or more and to provide for learning environments which meet current educational standards, the 2019 MWPIISD proposed bond is calling for these newly constructed facilities: choir room, computer/technology classrooms, secured entry area, library, kitchen and cafeteria/snack bar dining areas, auditorium, natatorium, boys'/girls' high school and junior high locker rooms; 700-seat pep rally gym and a PE/auxiliary gym.

The transformation project for Monahans High School will continue to Estes Field addressing the extra-curricular activities of marching band, tennis, football, baseball, softball and boys'/girls' track. Again, in keeping with the need to address the **Community Focused Committee's** two priorities of safety/security, as well as replacing aging facilities, the north-side field house, current tennis courts and locker rooms and stadium press box will be replaced through new construction. A new tennis complex comprised of eight courts with covered seating for spectators will be built on the south end of the east-side parking lot and will include new boys'/girls' tennis locker rooms housed within the existing varsity field house. This field house will be remodeled to include a larger weight room, a new softball locker room, visitor locker rooms and visitor coaching offices. The current tennis complex would be replaced with a new visitors' parking lot and the current Little/Big Green Band marching grid would be resurfaced and made larger. A new field house complex would be built on the southwest corner of Estes field and would include locker rooms designed to house varsity and sub-varsity football teams in the fall and boys'/girls' track and baseball in the spring. A turf room and coaching offices would also be included in the new west-side field house. The existing west-side stands would become the home side for the Monahans Lobos equipped with a new ticket booth and an ADA-compatible press box for the home and visitor teams. In order to complete the relocated home side, a new concession and restroom facilities complex will be built on the northwest end of Estes Field.

Through the 2019 proposed bond, Sudderth Elementary would be converted to a Career & Technology Center to serve high school students seeking graduation endorsements in work-related areas. Through this conversion, the development of a highly educated and skilled workforce, receiving marketable licenses or certificates, would be graduating from the school district ready to meet job-related needs within the Permian Basin communities. Workforce-related opportunities available to high school students would include nursing, cosmetology, culinary arts, robotics, technology and fashion design. The center would be ever-changing in the courses being offered in order to meet the workforce needs of the area in which students live. The work-related courses of welding and automotive technology would also be offered but would be housed at the district's renovated bus barn allowing these students to learn through real-world experiences. Through agreements with local community colleges and universities, the newly designed Career

& Technology Center would provide opportunities for higher-education instructors to provide training to district students during the school day; and then, use the same facilities in the evenings for adult-education classes.

Monahans Education Center will be relocated to the Career and Technology Center and will be housed at the far west end of the front wing giving students access to the new career and technology courses being offered in this facility. MEC will have their own secured entry vestibule at the facility and will remain as a credit-recovery campus for high school students. The current MEC location will be converted to a testing center comprised of four 100-seat computer labs for testing of junior high and high school students and will also provide space for professional development of district employees.

Voters may obtain more information concerning the proposed bond package at the school district's website under the "2019 Bond" link at www.mwpisd.esc18.net or through the Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD Facebook page. Voters age 65+ who have filed a homestead exemption will not be impacted by the bond. Their taxes are frozen. Learn more about the over 65 tax freeze on our website or visit our Facebook page.

Next week's article will address the following: New Elementary Campus Serving Grades 3-6; Cullender Kindergarten and Tatom Elementary Renovations and Walker Junior High Renovations

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The logo for the 2019 bond features the year "2019" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, oriented vertically on the left. To its right, the word "BOND" is written in a large, bold, green, sans-serif font. The letter "O" in "BOND" is replaced by a white paw print with four distinct pads, set against the green background of the letter.