

Knothole Report

Monthly Update on the WDMCSD
10-Year Facility Improvement Plan

April, 2002

The Knothole Report is provided as a resource to update you on facility improvements underway in the West Des Moines Community School District. These projects are a part of the district's 10-Year Facility Improvement Plan, and are funded through proceeds from the voter-approved one-cent sales tax. For additional information, please contact Kay Rosene, director of School/Community Relations, at 226-2714 or e-mail her at rosenek@home.wdm.k12.ia.us. **The projects below are listed in alphabetical order.**

1. Clegg Park Elementary

The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2002. The design process will begin this month and bids will be taken later in the spring.

2. Clive Elementary

Work to stabilize the creek bank behind the school will take place this summer. Architect selection for the work on the building will happen in one year. Clive is the next school with significant work required after Hillside Elementary is opened. Construction on this building will start in June 2004, and is scheduled to be complete by August 2005.

3. District-wide

Work is underway for the design of a fiber optic loop that would connect all the facilities in the district and provide quality technology connections.

4. Hillside Elementary

A traffic study draft has been completed, and architects are working to incorporate the suggestions within the site plan. The schematic design is nearly complete, and the budgeting process is well underway. Preliminary soil testing was completed. The current schedule lists demolition of the stadium this July, with grading and footing work to take place this fall. Bidding will take place next winter, with construction to begin in the Spring of 2003. The school is scheduled to open in August 2004.

5. Jordan Creek Elementary

A walkway connecting the west side of the school to the new Valley Stadium walkway system and Mills Civic Parkway underpass is under design. Work should be complete by August 2002. The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2003.

6. New Valley Stadium (see photos below)

All bids have been awarded. Footings for the support building at field level and beneath the grandstand are complete and the majority of underground plumbing for both areas is in place. All of the storm sewer piping has been

placed. Masonry for the locker room building has begun, as well. During the next month, additional grading will take place and paving portions of the parking lot should begin. The stadium is scheduled to be complete by August 2002.

7. Phenix Early Childhood Center

The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2003.

8. Stilwell Junior High (see photos below)

Demolition is complete on the second floor, and the majority of the ductwork for heating and cooling has been installed and insulated. Some corridors on the first floor have been opened to prepare for additional piping and ductwork. The northwest entrance remains closed and footings have been installed for the new entrance and science lab addition. The mechanical room addition is well underway, with a substantial portion of the masonry in place. Piping beneath the shop is now complete. Work on first floor classrooms in the west wing will begin this summer. All Phase I projects are scheduled to be complete by August 2002.

9. Valley High School

The Design Down process to help define a 21st Century High School for the West Des Moines Community School District is in process. Under the leadership of Bruce Jilk & RDG Education, that process is now targeted for completion in late May 2002. Options developed by the Design Down Committee will be presented to students, staff and community for review and feedback. A tour of Michigan schools took place in March, with tours of eastcoast schools scheduled for early this month. Three subcommittees are working to address specific areas. For more information on the Design Down process, check the district's web site at www.wdm.k12.ia.us.

10. Valley Southwoods

The internal technology and cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during Summer of 2003.

11. Westridge Elementary

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Support Underground - Valley Stadium



Locker Room Block Wall - Valley Stadium



Plumbing Stacks - Valley Stadium



Main Corridor Piping - Stilwell



Mechanical Addition - Stilwell



Shop Excavation - Stilwell

