

# Knothole Report

Monthly Update on the WDMCSD  
10-Year Facility Improvement Plan

## September, 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](mailto:rosenek@home.wdm.k12.ia.us). **The projects below are listed in alphabetical order.**

### 1. Clegg Park Elementary

The structured technology cabling system for enhanced technology has been installed and is operational.

### 2. Clive Elementary

Work to stabilize the creek bank is complete. Architect selection for the work on the building will happen later this fall. Construction on this building will start in June 2004, and is scheduled to be complete by August 2005.

### 3. District-wide

Work continues with the design of the fiber optic loop that will eventually connect all of the facilities in the district.

### 4. Hillside Elementary

The design development process is nearly complete. The project will be presented to the School Board at the October 14 meeting. The basic elements of the design have been presented to both the Site Design Team and the Board Facilities & Finance Committee. The goal is to proceed with the construction documents, and bid in the late winter of 2002. Construction would start in spring 2003, with the school scheduled for occupancy in August of 2004. Bids for demolishing the old stadium have been received and work should start in early October. Currently, items that were sold at auction are being removed from the stadium.

### 5. Jordan Creek Elementary

A walkway connecting the west side of the school to the new Valley Stadium walkway system and Mills Civic Park-way underpass is complete. The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2003.

### 6. New Valley Stadium

The stadium was open for operation for the August 30 Dial Bowl, as well as for the September 8 Open House and the first official game on September 13. The facility has now experienced two games with near-capacity crowds. The comments have been positive and the operational experience has been good. The sound system will have all of the speakers installed and balanced by September 27.

Additionally, it is anticipated that the lighting along the pathway to Southwoods will be complete and operational for the September 27 game. The graphics on the back of the Home stands have now been installed and most of the permanent signage is scheduled to be in place, also by September 27. The elevator is operational and was given its final inspection on September 25. Contractors are working their way through the punch list and are expected to have all items ship-shape for Homecoming on October 4.

The Tiger Wall has been placed and work is complete on inscribing the initial group of donor names. Additional bricks will be inscribed in the very near future.

### 7. Phenix Early Childhood Center/ Valley Southwoods/ Westridge Elementary

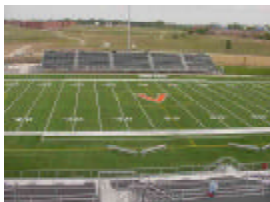
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### 8. Stilwell Junior High

All interior areas of the building are complete with the exception of the two science classrooms. Those are moving along ahead of the original schedule and should be complete, ready for occupancy sometime in September. On the exterior there is some screening for the rooftop units that still needs to be set. Minor touchup and equipment adjustment has been taking place. However, most of that work is done when school is not in session. In general, things are back to business as usual in the school, although in a much cooler environment!

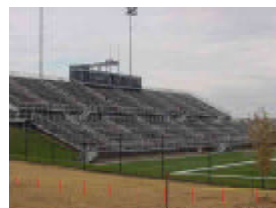
### 9. Valley High School - The Design Down (DD)

Committee's work has been completed and the Board has voted to proceed with a plan that would keep grades 10-12 at the same site, and would in effect build a significant portion of a new high school on that site while occupying the existing facility. Once that construction is complete, much of the existing facility will be removed. This will require a bond referendum before a design can proceed in earnest. At this point, the date of such a referendum has not been determined.



View of Field -  
Valley Stadium

Tiger Wall -  
Valley Stadium



Home Bleachers/Press Box -  
Valley Stadium

NW Vestibule -  
Stilwell

