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## Proposition H Construction News

### *Around Campus at El Cajon Valley High School ~*

El Cajon Valley High School Braves are now enjoying their lunch and breaks under the newly constructed shade structure adjacent to the quad area on campus. The beautiful, red-roofed pavilion stands out as a welcome respite from the often unrelenting sun. Students frequently crowd the coveted space and can be seen studying after school as well. Durable, yet attractive, the structure will last many, many years - long after current students see their children graduate from the home of the Braves!



*El Cajon Valley High School  
New Lunch Shelter*

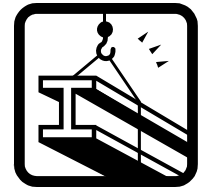
Elsewhere around campus, the baseball field and fencing have been renovated and replaced. Replacement fencing was installed as part of the comprehensive safety and security efforts district-wide utilizing non-Prop H funds. The baseball diamond pictured below garnered a new backstop and sod along with a net that will be installed as soon as the soil is solid enough after recent rains to accommodate heavy-duty trucks on site. Modernization is moving along.



*El Cajon Valley's  
Baseball Field*



*El Cajon Valley's  
Security Fencing*



## Construction News continued

### *Steele Canyon's Home Run*

It's a home run for Steele Canyon's new baseball/softball field! The newly completed, much anticipated home team dugout is ready for spring sports to begin. In the fall of 2000, when the doors opened at Steele Canyon High School, students and parents asked for a comprehensive sports program complete with the facilities to support inter-district competition. The GUHSD's newest school is one step closer to providing full facility access to its sports program. Good news for the Cougar community.



*Steele Canyon High School  
Field Dugout*

### *12th High School Status*

On February 3, the Board of Education conducted a workshop to discuss the issue of a 12th High School in the GUHSD. District staff presented a wide array of information including financial, actual and projected enrollments, capacities at existing schools, and potential options about how to proceed. A major consideration affecting the program is the significant construction cost inflation that has occurred over the last several years since the passage of the bond. Other districts such as Poway and Oceanside have experienced similar impacts on their construction programs.

At their February 8 meeting, the Board of Education formed and appointed the GUHSD Bond Advisory Commission to provide analysis and recommendations regarding the development of a 12th high school as well as improvements at the existing schools. The Commission held its kickoff meeting on February 20 and has targeted the May/June timeframe to bring back its findings. District staff will work closely with the Commission to provide support and information. The Commission is headed by Mark Price, who can be reached at [mark@markprice.com](mailto:mark@markprice.com).

In addition, the Board of Education will consider whether to enter the Environment Impact Report (EIR) phase of property acquisition at their March 8 meeting. The EIR process can last 12-18 months, and assesses the impacts associated with each candidate property and how to mitigate those impacts as part of the decision making on which property to acquire.