

Grossmont Union High School District

A Message from the Superintendent

Project Updates — 2006

I am pleased to report that the District has made tremendous progress in renovating our East County high schools. As promised in the bond language, we retired debt on our two newest schools, saving taxpayers millions in interest. East County taxpayers' dollars are going even further because of an additional \$120 million in state matching funds. To ensure that our students' classrooms are safe, three more schools will begin receiving Phase 1 infrastructure upgrades including demolition,

electrical, wet utilities, fire alarm, lighting and ADA upgrades this summer. To enhance the delivery of quality instruction, those schools that received infrastructure upgrades last year, will begin receiving new roofing, flooring, interior finishes, bathrooms, hardware, data, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems upgrades as we modernize permanent classroom buildings. As we proceed with our fiscally responsible, ground-up renovation and construction program,

we will initiate approximately \$81 million in construction projects this year. We are very excited about the progress we have made to date and thank you for your support.



Terry Ryan
Superintendent
G.U.H.S.D

Four Major Projects Completed

We have made significant progress in updating our schools. \$21,362,286 has been completed in construction contracts providing infrastructure, electrical power,

fire alarm, lighting and ADA upgrades throughout Grossmont, Helix Charter, El Cajon Valley, and Granite Hills High Schools.

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Completion of Infrastructure at Granite Hills

What is Infrastructure?

Of the eleven aging high schools in the Grossmont Union High School District (the oldest dating back to 1921, and an average age of 40 years between the rest), nine are in desperate need of basic infrastructure improvements. You may ask, what is infrastructure? Infrastructure consists of the underground utilities and other physical support systems needed to operate a high school

Included are electric distribution systems, water supply systems, and sewage disposal systems. Infrastructure is not visible; however, our students rely on it everyday to power their classroom lights, and provide water.



Infrastructure installation at Granite

Seven Major Projects Beginning

We will be working feverishly over the summer at El Capitán, Monte Vista and Santana will be starting Phase I of the infrastructure upgrades and site improvements. The include: demolition, electrical, wet utilities, fire alarm, lighting and ADA upgrades. In the Fall of 2006 when the students return to

school, in selected and discreet locations throughout the campus, infrastructure work will continue. Grossmont, Helix Charter, El Cajon Valley, and Granite Hills High Schools will begin the process of modernization.



What is Modernization?

By Bill Wells—Member Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

Modernization is bringing the exterior and interior of our classroom building structures up-to-date in design and function. Modernization includes: new roofing, flooring, interior finishes, heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems. Accessibility issues will also

be addressed; such as doors, hardware and windows, new data and electrical systems. Existing bathrooms will be remodeled to meet state standards.



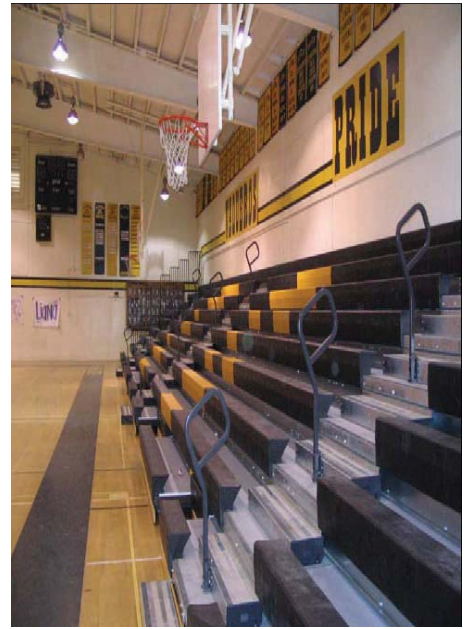
New Roofing Installation

ADA / Code Compliant Gymnasium Bleachers

Due to the age of the original indoor bleachers throughout our district, we are in the process of replacing our old and noncompliant gymnasium bleachers with new state of the art automatic, ADA compliant bleacher systems. We have completed the installation of new systems at El Capitan, Santana, El Cajon Valley, Helix Charter and Monte Vista High Schools. The remaining school sites are scheduled for new bleacher installation this school year.



Old Noncompliant Bleachers at El Capitan

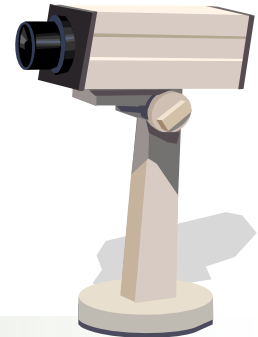


New state of the art ADA compliant bleacher system

District Safety Program - Security Cameras

Under our District Safety Program, new state of the art security cameras will be installed at twelve separate campus locations throughout our District. This summer the first installations are slated for El Cajon Valley, Granite Hills, Monte Vista, and Santana High Schools.

Two additional phases will be implemented to finish our remaining eight school sites. Our security camera project will be completed before the end of the 2006-2007 school year.



“Student Safety is Our Top Priority”
Board President Jim Kelly

Our Twelfth High School!

Our district along with the community is investigating the feasibility of a new high school. We are in the process of completing a needs assessment, screening potential sites, performing a background search, and technical

studies. It is anticipated we will be moving forward with this project within the next two to three months. We are open to and would appreciate public input.



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The District believes that schools need to be success oriented and provide a safe, caring, secure learning environment where students are free to develop their abilities and talents in accordance with individual dreams and aspirations. The District also believes in providing a learning environment which produces caring and responsible citizens.

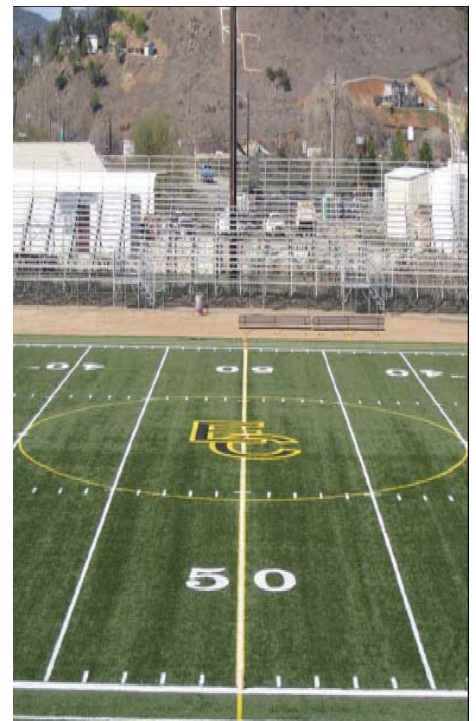
Non Prop H— District Projects

You would think with all the major projects of Proposition H, Grossmont Union High School District would be too overwhelmed to have time to complete other needed projects. However, in spite of our busy schedule we have been hard at work to facilitate the needs of our students. During the 2005 school year, a “New Success Academy” at Mount Miguel, installation of a new synthetic field at El Capitan, installation of a new synthetic track at Helix Charter, new event field lighting at Steele Canyon, and three new digital

marquees at Monte Vista, Santana, and West Hills High Schools have been completed.



New Digital Marquee at Santana High School



El Capitan Synthetic Turf Field