



With classes beginning in mid-August, many bond construction projects at the district schools are nearing completion. These were funded by the August 2016 bond issue.

All of the 15 new route buses and two new activity buses have been put to use for summer activities, and we will be excited to use them throughout the forthcoming school year. Two smaller "people mover" buses are in the process of being wrapped with the Bruin graphics.

In mid-July trucks were delivering some new student desks and other furniture to several schools. The district's elementary playground updates are underway, which include replacing the railroad tie borders and plan ea gravel with safer materials. The marching band practice area in the large parking lot at the high school is about ready to be painted. New carpet throughout the district is complete.

Jane Phillips Elementary received exterior concrete repairs, a double-door installed in the gym, and all classrooms have been painted. The new flooring is nearly finished.

At Hoover Elementary an exterior access ramp was improved, new exterior aluminum siding has been going up, and classroom painting is nearly completed. A driveway loop around the back of the school to allow parents to drop off students away from the bus loop off Madison has been graded and asphalt will be poured soon.

Madison Middle School's interior renovations have fallen a bit behind due to asbestos removal and plumbing issues. But new gym lighting has been installed, and demolition has prepared an area for a relocated choir room. Old risers have been removed from the relocated orchestra room, and that room's ceiling has been extended and painted. Altogether, various projects across the district will reallocate 7,000 square feet of existing space to the various music programs.

Madison's auditorium is awaiting new seating while new carpet has been installed and level spots for wheelchairs have been constructed. Work has begun on a new drive to allow buses to loop around the back of the school for pick-up and drop-off at the commons area, and the adjacent softball complex is almost complete, awaiting fencing and railing.

Finished updates to the 1939 Phillips Field House at the high school include installation of a pom practice room floor and drywall for a pom locker room and office. Ceilings have been raised in many areas and new ductwork has been installed along with plumbing fixtures. Work continues on the wrestling room, additional music rooms, and offices and locker rooms for wrestling and cheerleading. At opposite ends of the high school campus, the new tennis courts and spaces for cheerleading and an athletic weight room in the indoor practice facility are complete.

Demolition has begun on the bottom level of Custer Stadium on the areas that will become locker rooms for the track, cross country, and tennis teams in time for their spring seasons. The areas serving the football program will not be renovated until after football season.

We are excited to be able to provide refreshed facilities to our students, thanks to the support of our community.

Go Bruins!

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