



ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL Q&A

WHY WERE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS STARTED AND COMPLETED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE?

During the 2014 bond, the district shared that facilities work was anticipated to be completed in approximately 3.5 years. To accomplish that, FHSD architects provided the most efficient construction schedule that would support implementation of all-day kindergarten during the 2017-18 school year.

Renovations at Ayer Elementary and Sherwood Elementary were completed first as both schools were very similar projects and could be completed on a shorter timeline. Renovations at Nagel Middle School were also slated to be completed first as Nagel is a school that every student in the district attends, and the required renovations were fewer since Nagel is the district’s newest school (built in 1999). Completing these projects first allowed students, staff and community members to quickly benefit from the passage of the 2014 bond. Design and construction work at other elementary schools and Turpin High School began over the spring and summer of 2016 so they would be completed within the 3.5 year timeframe. This also allowed the district to implement all-day kindergarten at every school during the 2017-18 school year. In addition, during the summer of 2016, Anderson High School preparation work began including installation of an underground conduit for new electric service; seating, lighting and accessibility upgrades in the auditorium (not part of 2014 bond); and asbestos abatement. The design process for Anderson High School began as soon as Forest Hills School District, Anderson Township and the Anderson Township Park District thoroughly discussed a private developer’s proposal to bring new development to the current AHS site and construct a new high school on property owned by the Beech Acres Parenting Center. After nearly eight months of studying that proposal, all three entities determined the project to move AHS was not feasible and design work began for a renovated Anderson High School on its current property. That design process took nearly one year and the Anderson High School groundbreaking was set for winter 2016-17.

WHAT IS THE RENOVATION TIMELINE FOR ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL?

Anderson is expected to be completed in 2019. The following projects were completed during the summer of 2016:

- underground conduit for new electric service
- seating, lighting and accessibility upgrades in the auditorium (not part of 2014 bond)
- asbestos abatement

In December 2016, bids were opened. In March 2017, construction will begin.

~Projects on timeline below are estimates used for planning and benchmark purposes only~

PROJECT	ANTICIPATED START	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION
Security vestibule/main entrance/main office	March 2017	August 2017
Bus drop-off and visitor parking access on Forest Road	June 2017	August 2017
Multipurpose facility*	March 2017	January 2018
Science classrooms	June 2017	August 2017
New science classrooms	June 2017	January 2018
Art/career exploration / a portion of special education classrooms	June 2017	August 2017
Parking lot and vehicle entrance upgrades/demo of transportation office building	June 2017	August 2017
Separation of transportation from upper parking lot	June 2017	August 2017
Waterline on Forest Road**	June 2017	August 2017
Water retention	June 2017	August 2017
Special education classrooms (social communication unit)	September 2017	January 2018
General education classrooms (foreign language, social studies)	December 2017	July 2018
Athletic and performing arts	June 2018	August 2018
Athletic storage	June 2018	August 2018
Student parking upgrades***	June 2018	August 2018
New north side entrance	June 2018	August 2018
General education classrooms (English, math)	September 2018	March 2019
Multipurpose facility finish*	March 2019	June 2019
Media center	June 2019	August 2019
AUGUST 2019 PROJECT COMPLETE!		

As sections of the building are renovated, technology upgrades and air conditioning are included. New furniture will be added as needed throughout the project.

**multipurpose space will serve as temporary classrooms (January 2018-March 2019) and transformed to an auxiliary gym by summer 2019.*

***mandated by Metropolitan Sewer District*

****lighting, asphalt, and fenced, walking path from student parking to new, north-side entrance*

WILL THE ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE ON THE NORTH SIDE HAVE A SECURITY VESTIBULE?

Similar to Nagel Middle School, the new AHS north side entrance will not be a security vestibule. However, just as Nagel’s north gymnasium student entrance, the new north AHS student entrance will not be a visitor entrance and will be locked during the school day. Security cameras are planned to be at the north entrance.

HOW WILL ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY BE MAINTAINED IF STUDENTS MUST CROSS TRAFFIC WHEN ENTERING ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL FROM STUDENT PARKING?

The addition of lights and a fenced walking path from student parking to a new, north-side entrance will increase student safety. As at all of Forest Hills’ school sites, crosswalks are placed in the areas deemed safe for pedestrian traffic. The cross walk will also be monitored.

HOW WILL ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY BE MAINTAINED IF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT MOVED FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ANDERSON CAMPUS?

Forest Hills will address safety at Anderson High School by separating buses and fueling stations from the AHS campus with a barrier that matches the aesthetics of the renovated school. Student parking will remain in its current location on the north side of Anderson, but will receive lighting and asphalt improvements. A fenced, well-lit walking path will be installed from student parking to a new, north-side entrance.

ARE LOCKER ROOMS BEING RENOVATED IN ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL?

Yes. Once renovations are complete, Anderson High School will have renovated locker rooms for swimming and separate locker rooms for physical education and athletics, as needed.

TRANSPORTATION Q&A

WILL THE BUILDING ON FOREST ROAD THAT CURRENTLY HOUSES TRANSPORTATION OFFICES BE DEMOLISHED?

Yes, the building on Forest Road that currently houses transportation, food service and maintenance offices will be demolished and the space will be used for parking. Transportation Offices will move to the far south side of the property and food service and maintenance offices will move to the former Central Office building on Forest Road, now referred to as “Business Operations.”

CENTRAL OFFICE Q&A

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE OLD CENTRAL OFFICE ON FOREST ROAD?

Business operations, technology support and food service will remain in the former Central Office; other portions of the building will be repurposed for educational space to serve districtwide multiple instruction and professional development needs.

WAS BOND MONEY USED TO MOVE CENTRAL OFFICE TO BEECHMONT AVENUE?

No, none of the \$103 million bond funds were used to move Central Office to Beechmont Avenue. Interest earnings (building fund), the permanent improvement fund and the general fund were used to move Central Office.

FUNDING Q&A

WILL FHSD CONTINUE TO MEET ALL ACADEMIC AND SAFETY NEEDS AT ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL?

Yes. All of the needs identified during the 2014 bond will be met at Anderson High School and every school in the district.

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