

Q Why has there been no work at Worthing since December?

A The goal of the 2012 Bond Program is to provide a new campus for Worthing High School that incorporates the new two-story classroom wing from the 2007 bond program. The request for a clinic and a community center will be integrated into the master plan. Successfully achieving that goal will require a collaborative project team with experience and expertise in large complex projects such as this one. In December, HISD elected to reduce the scope of work for the existing contractor and begin the process for hiring a new construction company to undertake both the 2012 Bond Program work and the 2007 Bond Program classroom wing. The process of closing out the present contractor has taken some time, but the advertisement for a new contractor has now been issued. Having one team construct both phases of the work will yield a more integrated overall solution for the campus. In February 2013, the architectural/engineering team that designed the two-story classroom wing was awarded a contract to master plan and design the 2012 Bond Program work. HISD expects a smooth and expeditious transition to incorporate the classroom wing work into the new school facilities designed under the 2012 bond program. The goal is to create a new facility that includes the new two-story classroom wing in a coordinated effort so the end result is a facility that looks great and maximizes the spaces for all of the school's programs, including Career & Technical education classrooms, art labs, health care clinic and community areas.

Q When will HISD start construction on the new two-story classroom wing promised under the 2007 bond?

A The advertisement for the new construction company (called the construction manager-at-risk or CMAR) was issued on April 27. A recommendation to award a new construction contract for Worthing High should go to the Board of Education this summer, with construction starting shortly thereafter.

Q Why wasn't the new classroom wing built earlier in the 2007 bond program?

A The 2007 program involved more than 180 projects, from minor renovations to new schools. Administrators considered a multitude of factors in determining how to phase all of that work, including site logistics, educational needs and cash flow within the schedule of bond sales. Worthing along with many other school projects was part of the third phase of the 2007 program, which isn't expected to end until 2014. In November, voters approved the 2012 bond program, which includes 28 projects that carry over from the 2007 program, 23 of which never started construction or had minimal work completed. The district recognizes that Worthing, as well as other schools, have facility needs that require immediate attention. That is why the school is among the first to get underway within the 2012 program. That work will include a new facility that incorporates the new two-story classroom wing promised under the 2007 program.

Q What are the plans for adding a Community Learning Center and health clinic to the Worthing campus?

A There have been no changes to the plan to provide a Community Learning Area and a health clinic on the Worthing High School campus. Where the community center integrates with the new facility is still under review by HISD

and the architect. HISD and the architect will work with the school community to consider the different options. Any decisions on how to move forward will be done with the involvement of the school community, Worthing HS administration and the Project Advisory Team.

Q What happens to the \$21.2 million that was promised in the 2007 bond program? Will it be added to the \$30.1 million allocated in the 2012 program?

A HISD is committed to moving forward with the new two-story classroom wing promised under the 2007 bond program and the funding in the 2007 Bond to accomplish that work. All discussions are focused on ensuring that the new two-story classroom wing is an integral part of the new facility being built under the 2012 bond program. The final result at Worthing will be a new facility that incorporates the new two-story classroom wing.

Q What is the timeline for the construction work at Worthing?

A Worthing is among the Group 1 schools in the 2012 bond program, which calls for a target construction start date of mid- to late 2014. The planning and design process has already started. The two-story wing work is targeted to begin anew later this year with the new contractor and two-story wing is anticipated to be completed in 2014, but this will also need to be coordinated within the overall schedule for the entire project by the new contractor with input from the PAT. HISD is working with the architect and the school's Project Advisory Team to ensure that the new classroom wing is integrated into the scope of work within the 2012 bond program.