



DISD celebrates stadium ground breaking

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Two or three hundred parents, students school staff and community members braved the rainy weather Oct. 26 to celebrate the ground breaking for the new Sam Vitanza Stadium to be constructed on the Dickinson High School campus next to the fieldhouse near the corner of Baker and Utley. Because of rainy weather conditions, the ground breaking was moved into the DHS gym; however, the weather permitted those attending to move outside following the ceremony for ground breaking pictures.

The much-anticipated stadium is scheduled to be complete by August 2007 in time for the 2007 Gator football season. With PBK Architects designing the facility, the Construction Manager At-Risk, Durotech, has provided the district with a guaranteed maximum price of \$12,842,392. The new stadium will feature almost double the amount of seats available at the current Sam Vitanza Stadium on the McAdams Junior High campus with home seating for 4,000 and visitor seating for 2,200. In addition, the new stadium was designed in a way to allow for future growth should the need ever arise.

The stadium project was approved by voters as part of the April 2005 bond issue. Also included in the bond issue is the new San Leon Elementary, currently under construction for an August 2007 opening, the new John and Shamarion Barber Middle School and a new McAdams Junior High School.

Pictured on this page is an artist rendering of the entrance to the new Sam Vitanza Stadium.