



## New McAdams Ground Breaking Held Friday, May 25th, 2007

While the school year is coming to a close, crews are mobilizing to begin construction on the new McAdams Junior High School, the largest project approved by voters in the April 2005 bond issue.

To kick-off the project, the district held a ground breaking ceremony May 24 at the site of the new school, 11415 Hughes Road, near the corner of Highway 3 and Hughes Road. At a March 19 board meeting, trustees gave approval to the guaranteed maximum price of \$31,095,699, which allows construction crews with Drymalla Construction to get the 18-month construction project underway. SHW Group Architects designed the 230,000 square foot junior high facility with input from district and school administrators as well as McAdams teachers and students. Current fifth and sixth grade students will be the first to experience the new junior high school, which is tentatively scheduled for completion by December 2008.

The first portions of the current McAdams were constructed in 1938 to serve grades 7-11. The original structure included the "H" Building containing classrooms and offices, home economics building, cafeteria, boy's gym, shop area and the auditorium. In 1962, an industrial arts building, science building and music building were added. The district's original Sam Vitanza Stadium was also constructed on the junior high campus in the late 1930's and has served athletic and other events in the district for almost 70 years. A new Sam Vitanza Stadium is under construction on the Dickinson High School campus, with completion scheduled for August 2007.

