

District breaks ground on Calder Road Elementary

Construction crews will spend this next school year building the district's sixth elementary campus as the district prepares to break ground on the new facility in a ceremony at 5 p.m. Monday, August 10. The new school will be located at 6511 Calder Road in League City, near the corner of Calder Road and Cross Colony.

Crews have already been at work over the summer months with dirt work and underground utility work to get ready to pour the foundation.

Bay Architects designed the new campus using primarily the same design the district has used at several other elementary campuses, including Bay Colony, K.E. Little and San Leon. The Board of Trustees approved in April using Drymalla Construction through a competitive sealed proposal process for a bid of \$13,607,000, which came in \$1.5 million below the estimated amount budgeted in the bond issue. The price also includes an alternate which guarantees completion by May 31, 2010 to allow the district the summer months for furniture installation, moving supplies and allowing teachers time in their rooms to prepare for the start of school in August 2010.

The new school will help relieve increasing enrollment at all of the district's elementary campuses, especially Bay Colony Elementary, which is just a short drive away from Calder Road Elementary. Bay Colony ended the 2008-2009 school year with 950 students and is expected to top 1,000 students this coming school year with more houses being finished on the west side of I-45. Just behind Bay Colony in enrollment is Silbernagel Elementary, which finished this past school year with 900 students.

Elementary attendance boundaries will be redrawn in Spring 2010 to accommodate the opening of Calder Road Elementary.