

# GMP approved for new DHS Field House

## *District waiting on building permits to start construction of new athletics facility*

Plans have been finalized and a guaranteed maximum price of \$8,388,317 was approved by the Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees in October to build a new field house at Sam Vitanza Stadium on the Dickinson High School campus. With the guidance of PBK Architects and Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, bids were received on Oct. 9 allowing the district to take a guaranteed maximum price to the Board of Trustees at the Oct. 20 board meeting.

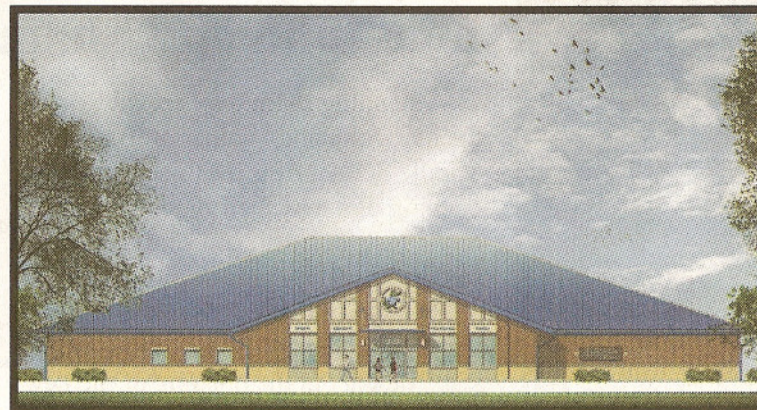
Once building permits are received from the City of Dickinson, construction on the new 26,400 square foot facility will begin. The new field house will be added on to the existing locker rooms built when the new Sam Vitanza Stadium was constructed during the 2006-2007 school year. The locker rooms are located on the south end of the stadium. Once construction of the new field house is complete, the existing field house will be demolished.

The main field house building will feature 20,800 square feet, including additional locker rooms, training areas, classroom space, offices, equipment storage and a large lobby area for visitors. An additional 5,600 square foot weight room will be constructed in the covered breezeway area in between the two existing locker rooms.

The look and feel of the new field house will start before students, staff and visitors enter the new facility with some exciting features planned outside the front entrance. A "Walk of Fame" area will be constructed at the front entrance area, which will include a covered walkway to Melvin Utley Drive. Along this path will be several opportunities to all honor all athletic events, academic areas as well as graduates.

Dickinson ISD is in the process with the City of Dickinson to gain ownership of Melvin Utley Drive so that the district could control driving on the road for student safety issues. With the closure of the road, the new "Walk of Fame" will be an exciting feature for the whole community to enjoy and provide covered access to the new field house from the main school buildings.

Also included in field house project are some additional parking lots to offer 217 parking spaces with most of the parking located near Owens Drive to include a dedicated visitor school bus drop-off and loading area.



*Artist rendering of the new Dickinson High School Field House*



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