

Pahokee Area Middle School (03-MM) and Stadium Update

Current Status:

The middle school is currently under design and is still slated to be placed on the site of the existing stadium. In order to build the new middle school the old stadium will have to be demolished. It remains the intent of staff to have the new stadium constructed or at least close to completion prior to demolishing the old stadium.

Progress on the design of the new stadium is contingent upon identifying a suitable site. The most recent site considered by District has some site conditions which has caused staff to postpone moving forward with the acquisition until we can be satisfied that the site can be made suitable for the stadium.

Stadium Options:

Staff is in confidential negotiations with the owner of a property in close proximity to Pahokee Jr/Sr High School. As a contingency plan staff is planning to demolish the former West Area School of Choice this fall. This school was built in 1957 and is no longer being used by the District. This site, with some relatively minor additional land purchases, could be used as the site for the stadium or possibly traded for a stadium site.

Timing is critical as it is our intent to have the new stadium constructed in time for the 2008 football season. If we can accomplish this we would make plans to demolish the old stadium shortly after the 2007 football season.