

## Lakewood Elementary School Construction Update and Schedule

DISD staff and the project consultants have provided a construction update and schedule of record. The progress report and anticipated construction schedule is as follows:

- Excavation for the new addition and LOLA retaining wall is complete
- Critical work around the LOLA area is complete and the area will be open for restricted use (Restricted use means certain areas of LOLA will have fencing and signs to restrict access)
- Pier installation for the new addition and retaining wall is in progress
- The new addition is currently scheduled for occupancy November 2017, with winter break '17/'18 move in
- Utility relocation for the cafeteria expansion is being coordinated
- Relocation of the school marquee is underway
- The cafeteria expansion is scheduled for occupancy August 2017

Note that the construction of the 52,500 square foot addition is moving along as scheduled. Construction was delayed when DISD temporarily postponed award of the construction contract and subsequent permitting took a significant amount of time. DISD staff, their consultants and Big Sky (the general contractor) are working diligently to keep the construction on track and are hopeful that the above schedule can be met.

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### LEEF Mission

To bring parents, communities and corporations together to provide a world-class learning environment in Lakewood, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and the highest safety standards so that students can reach their full potential.



## Leef Donations

LEEF committed to asking the community for donations only during the Fund the Architect Campaign that kick-started the effort and, most importantly, leveraged DISD funding for our project. Fund The Architects was a huge success. We sincerely appreciate all of the supporters who helped to make our upcoming Lakewood Elementary School addition and renovation a reality. Thank you to all of those that participated in corporate matching gifts to LEEF – in many cases the funds do not indicate the initiator of the gift but please know that each gift is truly appreciated and will be utilized in the best possible way to make our school environment better for the children.

Although we stand by our commitment to not ask the community for additional funds, **it has come to our attention that some families would like to contribute to the project, but did not have an opportunity to do so during the initial campaign.** LEEF would like to make sure that any family wishing to be part of the project has the opportunity to do so. The more funds we have, the more we can do to improve the school's campus. As mentioned above, contributions of \$500 and greater will be recognized on the donor wall installation in the school.

On November 29th, the LEEF Board reviewed five impressive donor wall designs and narrowed the pool for further development. The final donor wall design will be voted on and then manufactured as a significant artistic installation on a 20-foot long wall in the corridor outside of the new library. If you would like to add your name to the approximately 350 individuals, families, foundations and corporations that have already made an impact to the much-needed expansion of the school, please go to the Donate tab on [www.leefdallas.org](http://www.leefdallas.org) or contact Dorothy Parks at [dparks@leefdallas.org](mailto:dparks@leefdallas.org)

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## Recap of Addition & Renovations Highlights

- The proposed addition will be approximately 52,500 square feet in area, 2 stories in height, and will be located on the south side of the school in the location of the REMOVED (YEA!) 1st and 3rd modular buildings
- The Cafeteria expansion will add a 2nd serving line and increase the seating capacity to 384 (3-4 lunch periods, dependent on student population)
- 47 total classrooms (26 in new addition)
- New library
- 2 Art rooms
- Music room
- 2 computer rooms
- Several tutor rooms, special needs room, and speech room
- TAG room
- LOLA storage room
- High density book storage closets
- 2 teacher workrooms (accommodated in existing structure)
- Additional bathrooms
- Science and Nature Courtyard
- Improved circulation and teacher parking lot
- Existing 1951-building renovations will be limited to the cafeteria/kitchen expansion, reworking of the teachers' lounge, and reconfiguration of the library and various upstairs classrooms.