



Capistrano Unified School District

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Dear Member of the San Juan Hills High School Community:

This letter is to bring you up-to-date on the status of the San Juan Hills High School pool and stadium projects.

I am pleased to share that bids for the pool construction have been received and will be taken to the Board of Trustees on March 8. Construction is scheduled to begin on March 28, with a grand opening planned for January 2012.

The recent postponement of the pool's construction allowed District staff to revise the project specifications, which will minimize construction related difficulties. Some of the issues that were addressed during the revision process included:

- Much more specificity was added to the construction plans, which will reduce change orders and potential cost increases
- The public address and fire alarm systems were significantly upgraded and improved
- The lighting on the pool deck was upgraded significantly, which will dramatically improve night usage
- Appropriate architectural support was added for the scoreboard
- A number of issues were resolved concerning the weight room and training room
- Access routes to and from the locker rooms were improved
- Scheduling, parking, hours, and space needs for the construction crews were improved

These efforts should keep the project on schedule while minimizing cost increases and change orders. The planning that takes place before a project is sent to bid determines the direction it will take when construction begins.

I am also pleased to announce the Board of Trustees, on Tuesday evening, approved advertisement of the request for bids for the stadium project, pending the settlement of a long-running legal dispute with the former property owner. Once this matter is resolved, staff will move quickly to complete the stadium. The actual completion date will depend on when the legal matter is settled.

Please know that building the pool and completing the stadium at San Juan Hills High School, and doing them correctly, is a top priority for the Board of Trustees. We will continue to keep you informed about the status of both projects.

Thank you for your patience as we move ahead with construction.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

c: Board of Trustees

Tom Ressler, Principal, San Juan Hills High School