

# Construction begins on La Porte ISD 2014 bond program projects

Recent rainy weather has impacted the start of several of La Porte ISD's bond projects, but the past few sunny days have enabled construction crews to gain some momentum in adhering to the construction schedule.

This issue of *The Leader* includes updates on some of the first projects of the 2014 bond program. At the March 10 meeting of the Citizens Bond Construction Advisory Committee, Bay-IBI Group Architects made presentations on construction progress at Lomax Elementary and Baker Sixth Grade Campus as well as the renovations at College Park Elementary, La Porte Elementary, La Porte Junior High and Lomax Junior High. PBK Architects also presented information about the major rebuild of La Porte High School.

All of these presentations are available on the La Porte ISD website at [www.lpsid.org](http://www.lpsid.org) under the "2014 Bond Program" section; click on "Bond Program Progress" to see the March 10, 2015, updates. Information may also be obtained by calling the La Porte ISD Communications Office at 281-604-7001.

## Lomax Elementary School



Contractors prepare to lay the foundation for the new Lomax Elementary School, which will be constructed at the northeast corner of the current Lomax site. Crews took advantage of the sunshine, after several weeks of rainy weather, to help move the project forward.

The new Lomax Elementary School will be located at the northeast corner of the current Lomax site. The two-story structure designed by Bay-IBI Group Architects will face southwest, with common areas at the front of the school and three classroom wings extending from the back of the building.

The guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Lomax Elementary was approved at the Nov. 18, 2014, meeting of the Board of Trustees. Construction crews are currently preparing the building pad to start pouring the foundation for the school. Students will continue to attend classes in the current building until the new facility opens.



The ground at Baker Sixth Grade Campus is prepared for construction of the new Baker facility just south of the Instructional Technology Center. Students will continue to attend classes in the current Baker while the new school is built.

## Baker Sixth Grade Campus

The new Baker Sixth Grade Campus facility will be constructed just south of the Instructional Technology Center at the current Baker campus. As with Lomax Elementary School, students will continue to attend classes in the current Baker facility until the new building is finished.

The guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Baker was approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 10 meeting. Construction fencing has been put in place in preparation for the upcoming project. Temporary water and sewer lines to the current facility were installed because the existing lines run underneath the area in which the new school will be constructed.

In preparation for the construction work, the south parking turnaround on the campus was closed in early April, and parents were asked to pick up and drop off their children on the Underwood Rd. side of the school.

## La Porte High School

Earth work has begun at La Porte High School in preparation for Phase 1 of the major rebuild. Construction crews are installing box culverts so that the ditch that runs between the back of La Porte High School and the Administration Building on San Jacinto St. can be filled. The site is being prepared for the relocation of the

softball field and tennis courts to the southeast corner of the LPHS property near the intersection of G Street and San Jacinto St.

Work has also started toward the relocation of the cooling towers in preparation for the start of construction on the career and technical education building. As soon



Construction crews install box culverts as the ditch behind La Porte High School is filled in preparation for the construction of the new career and technical education building. The softball field and tennis courts also will be relocated on the south side of G Street near its intersection with San Jacinto St.

as school ends, air conditioning will be shut down at the high school in order to move the towers. An area near the existing swimming pool has been fenced off for the storage of materials for Phase 1.

The guaranteed maximum price for Package 1 of the LPHS major rebuild was approved by the Board at the Feb. 24 meeting, while the GMP for Package 2 was approved at the April 14 meeting.

## College Park Elementary, La Porte Elementary, La Porte Junior High School and Lomax Junior High School



Construction fencing is installed at the front of College Park Elementary School as contractors get ready to relocate the administrative offices to the south side of the campus this summer.

Plans are complete for the College Park Elementary, La Porte Elementary, La Porte Junior High School and Lomax Junior High School renovations projects.

Construction fencing has been put in place at College Park, and playground equipment has been moved in preparation for construction of the new parking area. The current administrative offices also will be relocated to the south side of the campus. College Park will also have a new gymnasium as part of the bond program.

La Porte Elementary renovations will begin this summer and will be ready when school starts in August. Exterior work at La Porte Junior High School will begin soon in preparation for the new driveways and parking lot. La Porte Junior High School's projects will include a new gymnasium as well, however, it will not be completed for the start of the school year.

Interior work at Lomax Junior High School will begin soon. This work will have no impact on the school day and will be completed after hours and on weekends.

Guaranteed maximum prices for these projects were approved at the April 14 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

## Summer construction work continues on 2014 bond program projects



Plumbing has been installed and grade beams have been poured in preparation for the slab at the new Baker Sixth Grade Campus facility, which will be located south of the Instructional Technology Center on the current Baker campus.



Preparations are made for the building pad of the new fine arts facility at La Porte High School. The fine arts building will be constructed north of the current gymnasium where the tennis courts were previously located.



Workers lay new brick around the columns at the new front entrance of College Park Elementary School. Administrative offices are being relocated to the Purdue side of the school.

Work on La Porte ISD 2014 bond program projects continues, with construction teams taking advantage of the summer months to make significant progress at a number of sites. Recent rainy weather has presented some challenges, but LPISD deputy superintendent Mike Clausen said that the crews are working diligently to try to make up for any lost time.

Due to construction at the campuses, the office staffs of several schools are housed in different locations this summer. The Lomax Junior High and La Porte Junior High office staffs are temporarily located at Baker Sixth Grade Campus. The College Park Elementary office staff is at Heritage Elementary, and the La Porte Elementary office staff is at Bayshore Elementary. Office phone numbers remain the same.

Phone numbers for all LPISD campus offices are listed below:

Bayshore Elementary	281-604-4600
College Park Elementary	281-604-4400
Heritage Elementary	281-604-2600
La Porte Elementary	281-604-4700
Lomax Elementary	281-604-4300
Jennie Reid Elementary	281-604-4500
Rizzuto Elementary	281-604-6500
Baker Sixth Grade Campus	281-604-6800
La Porte Junior High	281-604-6600
Lomax Junior High	281-604-6700
DeWalt Alternative School	281-604-6900
La Porte High School	281-604-7500

Right, a construction team member prepares the outside wall of College Park Elementary for a new exterior update.



The construction crew at La Porte High School uses a crane to relocate a cooling tower on the site. The move was part of the process toward construction of the new Career and Technical Education Center at the campus.



Preparation work for the extension of the parking lot takes place at La Porte Junior High School. The new gymnasium will be constructed east of the parking lot addition.



The construction team prepares to pour the slab at the new Lomax Elementary School, where plumbing has been installed and grade beams have been poured. The new Lomax facility is being built on the northeast corner of the current site.

