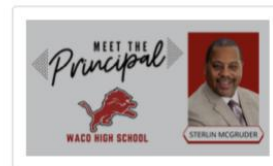


# Lion's Den

July 18, 2022

## Sterlin McGruder, New Principal of Waco High School



Sterlin McGruder is the proud principal of Waco High School. McGruder has served as an administrator in education for 19 years, with a total of 23 years in the education field. He spent many of those years in Grand Prairie Independent School District. Most recently, McGruder held the position of principal of Northeast Early College High School for Austin Independent School District.

Mr. McGruder has been honored with many awards, including the PTA Life Time Achievement Award in 2005 and Principal of an Exemplary School in 2007. He was Principal of a Recognized School from 2008 through 2012 and received the Andrew Young Boy Scouts of America Award in 2016.

Mr. McGruder is excited about the opportunity to lead Waco High School students through the most pivotal time in their lives. His goal is to build upon the sense of community that already exists. He believes that school is not just a space for learning, but a place where dreams are born. His focus and priority will be to build relationships with the community, staff members, and most importantly with the parents and students of the Waco High School family.

Mr. McGruder and his wife Carla, a genetics counselor, are proud parents to three beautiful girls, Dean (5), Emory (3), and Harrison (9 months).



## Traffic and Parking Updates - July 18, 2022

Construction for the new Waco High School will begin on August 8, 2022. **One of the major impacts of the construction process is the closure of 42nd Street between Trice Avenue and Colcord Avenue.** Please refer to the Construction Update linked in the newsletter for information about our new Visitor Entry, parking procedures and changes to traffic patterns.



# Waco High School Traffic Flow & Changes

Effective August 8, 2022

WACO HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION PLAN  
PHASE I: FALL SEMESTER 2022

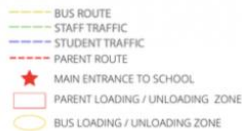
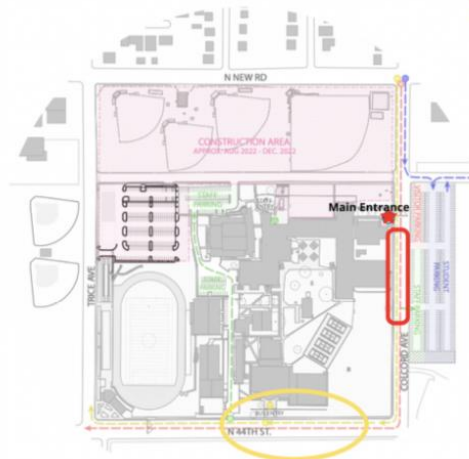


## UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Please be patient  
while we  
build you  
a beautiful new  
Waco High School!

## Very Important Traffic Changes

- Beginning August 8th, 42nd Street is completely closed between Colcord Avenue and Trice Avenue.
- The main entrance to Waco High School is now located on Colcord Avenue.
- Colcord Ave & 44th Street are now one way streets during school hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm.
- Parents load & unload on the right side of Colcord Ave.
- Buses load & unload along 44th Street, behind the school.
- Students will ONLY enter the parking lot from gate on 42nd Street and ONLY park on the back rows of the parking lot.
- Visitors park in the front row of the North part of the parking lot.
- Additional staff parking is on the South side of the parking lot in the front rows.
- All pedestrians, please use the crosswalks when crossing Colcord Ave.



## Architectural Drawings of the New Waco High School

Take a first look at some of the architectural drawings of our NEW Waco High School. The construction process begins on August 8, 2022 and students and staff will move into the new school in August of 2024. Facilities will be completely finished in 2025. **While we recognize the construction process will create some inconveniences we are looking forward to serving our students and community in a brand new, state of the art facility.**



Main Entry



Amphitheater



Art Courtyard



Bridge to  
Courtyard



Evening Entry  
for After School  
Events



Commons



Please contact Waco High School if you have any questions.

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