

Splendora Independent School District

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Dear Splendora ISD Community,

I hope you had a restful summer break. We are excited to kick off the 2024-25 school year. Staff members have been working diligently to ensure campuses are prepared to welcome students back to school on Wednesday, August 14. After productive conversations with parents and community members, I am providing information regarding the new Peach Creek Elementary (PCE) School project site and location.

As you may know, voters approved an entire replacement building for PCE as part of the district's November 2022 bond package. Construction of the new school is underway and is anticipated to open for students in August 2025. The new Peach Creek Elementary School will be at 16488 S. Tram Road.

Seeing the positive feedback and anticipation for the new campus has been exciting. Many parents, teachers, staff, and community members are especially looking forward to the enhanced educational opportunities and experiences it will bring for students. Thank you to everyone who participated in the November 2022 bond election. We understand that some in the community have questions about traffic flow and possible flood risks a new building may bring to surrounding areas. Please know that Splendora ISD is committed to addressing any concerns and being good community partners throughout this entire process.

As we explored possible locations for the new PCE, several factors were at play, including the availability of land, attendance boundaries, traffic ingress and egress to the new campus, and the site's water detention capability. It's also important to note that several steps are completed when the district builds a new school or facility to ensure the site is suitable for the project. As required by Montgomery County, the district conducted a traffic impact study of the area surrounding the new school. The study findings stated, "based on the analysis, it is anticipated that the proposed development will have an insignificant impact on the nearby roadway network."

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We also worked closely and diligently with engineers to ensure the necessary water detention was developed into the plan to meet flood mitigation requirements. As typical for a project of this scale, the site's proposed detention and drainage were designed to match the existing site's drainage patterns before the school's construction. Additionally, the size of the detention pond developed into the site plan exceeds Montgomery County's requirements.

We continue to explore all available options regarding traffic flow and flood mitigation, including the possibility of working with the Montgomery County Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office on road enhancements for ingress and egress near the site.

Please know that Splendora ISD is committed to transparency and collaboration with the community. We continue to strive to keep you updated on each of the exciting projects included in voter-approved bonds. If you have questions or comments, I encourage you to submit them via our <u>Let's Talk platform</u>, and a staff member will respond with information as quickly as possible.

Click <u>here</u> for information on all projects included in the 2022 bond. Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Jeff Burke Superintendent Splendora ISD