

## RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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White Rock Parents & Community,

As we continue to work through the planning process for our school expansion project to add additional classrooms and common area spaces, we're committed to keeping you updated on the progress.

As shared in our <u>August summary of the Project Programming Committee</u>, the updated flood plain information for our neighborhood is requiring RISD to take additional steps to prepare our site before some parts of our expansion project can begin. These additional steps (which are still in the planning/design phase) will delay the full completion of our project from our original projection. While some elements of the expansion should be ready in time for the first day of classes next year (August of 2018), other parts will not be completed until December of 2018.

RISD is continuing to move through the City of Dallas approval process, with the next step coming September 13 when Dallas City Council will consider the amended Planned Development for our site. We project that construction staging will begin at school in mid-late October. The temporary portable buildings for our staff members expected to be displaced by the work have been delivered and installed. As part of our planning, we will be meeting with a traffic engineer to determine traffic & parking considerations while the construction is occurring.

We know that the construction work will present inconveniences, changes in routines, and the potential for additional traffic and parking congestion. Thank you for your support and patience as we keep our eye on the end result of a safe and beautiful school that will meet the needs of our community.

We continue to work closely with district staff and our architects, and will continue to keep you updated. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit our school website for <u>comprehensive information</u> <u>about the project</u>, and contact either of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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