A Chronology of Growth and Project Development

January 1998  High enrollment growth and new horizons in Learning and Technology forecasted for the first two decades of the new millennium necessitates the need for a comprehensive facilities planning process.

May 1998  Initiation of a rolling ten year Long Range Facilities Planning Process, an all-encompassing, multi-faceted needs assessment process involving a wide range of stakeholders and addressing needs for: new facilities, land acquisition for new facilities, existing school facilities, administrative support facilities, and instructional support facilities.
  • This process ultimately became a model which was adopted by other districts.

August 1998  Alexander Elementary opens.

January 1999  Significant outcomes of this initial Long Range Facilities Planning process included:
  • Confirmation of direction for design capacity of 1,030 at the elementary school level.
  • Revise capacity of new junior high schools from 1,235 to 1,403 (McMeans Junior High).
  • Recommendation for the inclusion of ninth grade centers at each high school and future high schools to increase capacity to 3,000 (at the time high school capacities were inconsistent and ranged from 2,181 to 2,869.)
  • Recommendation for the inclusion of performing arts centers at each high school campus.
  • Recommendation for music room additions at all junior highs to provide for three separate music rooms.
  • Recommendation for the creation of a district-wide agricultural sciences facility.
  • The identified need for several new schools over the ten (10) year window covered by the plan.
  • The need for new support facilities to keep pace with growth (Education Support Center, Law Enforcement, Franz Road Support Services, Maintenance and Operations).
  • Technology improvements district wide.

The Long Range Facilities Plan provided a “road map” and foundation for the Bond planning process which commenced in April 1999.

August 1999  Cinco Ranch High School opened.
  • Cinco Ranch High School commenced design through wide ranging stakeholder input in spring of 1996 and commenced construction in spring of 1997.
  • The school later received the 2000 TASA/TASB Award for Architectural Excellence in Design.
October 1999  Successful $324 Million Bond authorization.
• Commenced new design process related to developing a new elementary school prototype.
• Process included involvement by over 245 district and community members (umbrella steering committee and function specific subcommittees).
• Efficiency of Design was validated by third party (3DI).
• Process concluded after 10 months with the bidding of the first two schools of the new design (King and Schmalz Elementary Schools).
• The new design received the TASA/TASB Award for Design and Value.

January 2000  After 6 months of use, commenced post occupancy design survey and review process with Cinco Ranch High School campus staff in preparation and as part of design modification process for Morton Ranch High School. Design refinements were identified.

• McMeans Junior High and the future Cinco Ranch Junior High were modified based upon design input analysis and review process with District and campus staff.
• Creech and Williams Elementary Schools opened. (1996 Bond Authorization - $130M)
• Represents last two schools of this footprint.
• Design was refined based upon design feedback and review process with the District and Alexander campus staff.

July 2001  Undertook a design charrette process including a weekend long intense design session with a large group of District and community stakeholders to develop a new junior high design.

August 2001  Completion of additional campus access driveways (2) at Cinco Ranch High School; an outcome need of the CRHS post occupancy survey.
• Cinco Ranch Junior High opened reflecting design refinements from McMeans Junior High (represents last school of this footprint).
• King and Schmalz Elementary Schools opened.
• Commence Long Range Facilities Planning updating process (update 1) in advance of October 2002 ($315 million) Bond election.
• Eight (8) month planning process including wide ranging input and involvement at the District and campus level.

February 2002  Opening of Performing Arts Centers at each of the existing high schools (Cinco, Mayde Creek, Katy, and Taylor High Schools). Design process included involvement on design committee by members of each school’s fine arts booster club and department staff.
• The Performing Arts Centers were ultimately recognized in the Educational Design Showcase of the 2003 issue of the National School Planning and Management Publication.
April 2002  Completion of Long Range Facilities Plan updating process (update 1).
  • Significant outcomes included the need for: additional new schools (modified repeats including Seven Lakes High School; Beckendorff Junior High; Exley, Franz, Rylander, Rhoads, Griffin, Stephens, and WoodCreek Elementary Schools).
  • Conversion of West Memorial Elementary from open concept to closed (represents final open/closed conversion.)
  • Wide range of facility improvements district wide.
  • Technology improvements district wide.
  • Weight room expansions at junior high schools.

August 2002  Ninth Grade Centers opened at each high school (to bring each high school to a design capacity of 3,000).

  Major maintenance and facility renewal projects completed district wide (e.g. carpet replacement, roof replacement).

  Completion of new Law Enforcement Center and Maintenance and Operations Center.

  Completion of major academic addition and renovations of Katy High School. (This addition enabled circulation throughout campus internally.)

  Completion of first phase of Agricultural Sciences Center with barns for KHS, CRHS, MCHS, THS.

October 2002  Successful Bond election ($315 million).

August 2003  Completion of music room additions at each of the junior high schools.
  • Design process included input and involvement by District and fine arts (music) staff from each campus.

  Morton Ranch Junior High opened.
  • Represents first school of this footprint conceived through comprehensive/charrette design process (community and staff input).
  • Morton Ranch Junior High received 2004 TASA/TASB Award for Architectural Excellence in Process of Planning, Innovation, Educational Appropriateness, Value and Design.

  Kilpatrick Elementary opened.
  • Reflects design refinement process through dialogue with King and Schmalz staff.

  Complete replacement of turf at Rhodes Stadium.

  Completed comprehensive renovation projects at Nottingham Country, Hutsell, Pattison, and Cimarron Elementary Schools.

  Completed major additions and renovations to Franz Road Support Services Complex.

  Reconstruction of North Stadium Lane of the ESC/KHS to four concrete lanes.

August 2004  Morton Ranch High School opened.
  • Refined design as a result of dialogue with and input from District and Cinco Ranch High School campus staff (post occupancy review process).
  • School won the 2005 American School Board Journal Learning by Design Award and the 2004 American School and University Citation for Architectural Excellence.

  Beckendorff Junior High opened.
• Refined design as a result of dialogue with and input from District and Morton Ranch Junior High campus staff (post occupancy review process).
• Beckendorff design received the 2006 TASA/TASB Award for Architectural Excellence in Value and Process Planning.

Franz, Exley, Rhoads, and Rylander Elementary Schools opened.
• Refined design as a result of dialogue with and input from District and Kilpatrick campus staff.

Completion of classroom additions at Nottingham Country, Hutsell and Pattison Elementary Schools.
• Hutsell received the TASA/TASB Design and Value Award.

Wide range of major maintenance projects district wide.

West Memorial Elementary opened as closed concept after major renovations.

Completion of the new Education Support Complex.
• Several months of design process included wide ranging community and stakeholder involvement on design committee.
• ESC received the TASA/TASB Award for Architectural Excellence in Value.

Completion of barns for Morton Ranch and Seven Lakes High Schools at the Agricultural Sciences Center.

Completion of additions and major renovations at the Franz Road Support Services Complex (design process included detailed input/phasing planning with support services department heads.)

May 2005
Commenced initiation of process to update (update 2) the Long Range Facilities Plan in preparation for 2006 Bond election. Process lasted nine (9) months and involved input from a wide range of stakeholders focusing on new, existing, and support facility needs.

May 2005
Merrell Center opened (graduation exercises).
• The Merrell Center design process included a design committee comprised of District staff and community leaders which met several times to create the vision and functional direction for the new facility.
• The Merrell Center was awarded the 2005 TASA/TASB Award for Architectural Excellence in Value and Process of Planning.

August 2005
Seven Lakes High School opened.
• Project exhibited a refined design based upon post occupancy design feedback and input process from Morton Ranch High School campus staff, as well as District staff.

January 2006
Completion of Long Range Facilities Plan Updating process (update 2) significant outcomes included the need for:
• Additional new schools.
• Baseball facility improvements (Katy and Taylor High Schools).
• New natatorium (Mayde Creek High School).
• New ninth grade center (Morton Ranch High School).
• Additions and renovations to Miller Career and Technology Center and the Opportunity Awareness Center.
• CTE Lab renovations at junior high schools.
• Major maintenance renovations district wide.
• Technology improvements district wide.
• Bear Creek Elementary comprehensive renovation.
• Mayde Creek Elementary comprehensive renovations and addition.
• Sundown Elementary comprehensive renovations and addition.
• Winborn Elementary comprehensive renovations.
• East Transportation renovations and addition.

August 2006  Griffin Elementary opened.
• Refined design as a result of dialogue with and input received from Franz, Exley, Rhoads, and Rylander Elementary Schools staff, as well as from District staff.

November 2006  Successful Bond election ($269 million).

August 2007  Stephens and WoodCreek Elementary Schools opened.
• Refined design as a result of dialogue with and input received from elementary campus staff and District staff.

January 2008  Initiation of year long process entitled “Framework for the Future – High School Concept Committee”.
• The process included several meetings, site visits, sub-committee meetings with involvement by several staff members of the District, both central office and campus based and members of the community.
• The purpose was to chart a course and identify gaps in secondary school education.

Completion of major renovations for baseball at Katy and Taylor High Schools.
Completion of expansion of Katy High School weight room.


April 2008  Critical Issues Symposium – Part II.

• The process, once again, includes wide ranging multi-faceted needs assessment and input through a variety of sources including the direct involvement of both campus level and District central office staff.

August 2008  Holland and Morton Ranch Elementary Schools opened.
• Refined design based upon feedback received from campus and central office staff.

Cardiff and WoodCreek Junior High Schools opened.
• Refined design based upon feedback received from Beckendorff Junior High campus and District central office staff.

Major additions and renovations completed at Memorial Parkway, Sundown, Mayde Creek, and Winborn Elementary Schools, Miller Career and Technology Center and the Opportunity Awareness Center.

New natatorium at Mayde Creek High School opened.
Morton Ranch High School 9th Grade Center opened.

December 2008  Presentation of findings and proposed directions of the High School Concept. Committee to the Board of Trustees (culmination of one year assessment process).

August 2009  Stan Stanley Elementary opened.
- Reflects a refined design based upon feedback and input received from campus based and central office staff.

Synthetic turf replacement at all six (6) high school competition fields completed.
Major additions and renovations at Rhodes Stadium completed.

December 2009  Public Workshops for Long Range Facilities Plan Input.

February 2010  Public Workshops regarding Attendance Boundary Modifications.

May 2010  First meeting of School Facilities Referendum Planning Task Force.

May – July 2010  Task Force Education and Deliberation.

August 2010  Completion of Live Action Media Broadcast System (L.A.M.B.S) at Rhodes Stadium including incorporation into Miller curriculum.

November 2010  Successful Bond election.

January 2011  Completion of phase 1 of the new South Transportation Facility.

April 2011  Completion of turf replacement at Rhodes Stadium.

August 2011  Completion of Phase 1 Main Entry Security improvements at MPJH, MDJH, MCE, SE.

Completion of chiller, flooring, roof and systems replacement projects at various campuses.

Completion of driveway and parking improvements at RES and OKE.

Completion of kitchen renovations at CE and NCE.

Completion of track reconstruction at MPJH.

October 2011  Renovations and Addition to MCHS Central Plant substantially complete.

January 2012  South Transportation - Phase 2 (additional paving substantially complete).
Raines High School shell space build-out substantially complete.

August 2012  Shafer, Wilson and Wolman Elementary Schools opened. Wolfe Elementary rebuild also opened.
- Refined design based upon feedback received from campus and central office staff.
Seven Lakes Junior High School opened.
- Refined design based upon feedback received from campus and central office staff.
Comprehensive renovation and addition at both Mayde Creek Junior High and West Memorial Junior High completed. Projects were completed in just one year, not the two year’s as originally anticipated thereby minimizing disruption to campus.

Completion of new front entry, office reconfiguration, and black box facility at Katy High School.

Completion of front entry vestibule project (all schools now have secure vestibules ensuring all traffic must pass through reception.)

Phase 1 renovation of natatorium facility, fine arts, career and technology, and office administration complete at Taylor High School.

August 2013

Obra D Tompkins High School opened.

Completion of the new west campus addition at Katy High School.

Completion of the classroom addition and school renovation project at Taylor High School, including reconstruction of the cafeteria serving area and front drive and parking area. Several athletic support spaces were also renovated as a part of this final phase of the project, as well as the completion of several new science labs.

Completed the technology and equipment upgrade retrofits at the four original performing arts centers (Cinco High School, Katy High School, Mayde Creek High School, Taylor High School).

August 2014

Davidson and Randolph Elementary Schools opened.

February 2015

Robert R. Shaw Center – Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics Project Center (STEAM) opened.

February 2016

Softball facility renovations at Katy High School and Taylor High School.