

# WOODSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## UPDATE ON FACILITIES AFTER HURRICANE HARVEY

As of February 21, 2018

### Hurricane Harvey, Cat 4, August 25, 2017

During meetings of the Woodsboro ISD Board of Trustees we have discussed mitigation, repair of facilities, and funding. Currently we do not know how much funding we will receive.

The purpose of writing this information is so that the Woodsboro ISD employees and community will become updated about the district's facility repairs in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Woodsboro ISD students missed 11 instructional days (8/25 to 9/11/17), returning on September 12.

When school began on August 21, the district had 477 students enrolled. After Hurricane Harvey, however, the district enrollment declined by 25 students. Using Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidelines, WISD classified 92 students as homeless. We also have staff classified as homeless and we are gathering that information for a TEA survey.

Attendance has varied throughout the weeks since the hurricane. While we have experienced a 7 inch snowfall, icy weather, and an influenza outbreak, the students and staff have remained Woodsboro STRONG. We adopted the following:

***ONLY THE BEST***

***TRADITION--HONOR--SUCCESS***



### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Brenda Mundine and I have met with Trent Farris, our FEMA program manager, almost each Friday on required information about hurricane damages. Here are some of the activities accomplished.

- Mitigation was completed within 30 days. (debris gathered and removed, generator rented and used for electricity, damage assessed, photos taken and saved on a CD, mopping up water, trees cut down, etc.)
- Board of Trustees adopted the Prevailing Wage Schedule so that when work begins, wages have been established.
- We submitted the WISD Business Procedures Handbook.
- Any overtime earned due to Hurricane Harvey was verified and approved as targeted for mitigation and recovery.
- Titles to all district property has been copied from the Refugio County Courthouse. The district had to prove ownership of school property.
- Proof that each building has been used for school purposes was verified through class schedules, athletic events, and special programs. Also required were cleaning and maintenance records for all buildings.

- Buildings have been identified with a number and letter system to avoid confusion.
- We completed the Damage Inventory (DI) and uploaded it into the FEMA portal. The DI is the entire list of each building's damage.
- Special FEMA inspections (21) have been conducted on each damaged building. Brian Schirmer, Maintenance Director, has accompanied each group of inspectors about 15 days.
- After the FEMA inspections, a report is written called the Damage Description and Dimension (DDD). After I approve it, it is uploaded into the FEMA grants portal.

A few repairs were accomplished in order to secure the buildings and improve daily operations.

- Broken and missing window glass was replaced throughout the district.
- Our staff replaced stained ceiling tiles and maintained floors as needed after rainstorms.
- Roll-up doors and an entry door were replaced to secure the maintenance facility.
- Central office and the elementary principal's offices were painted and new carpet installed.
- Athletic facility fences are being bid for baseball, softball, and tennis courts. The broken football scoreboard was removed. Parents have volunteered hours to help us.



*Thanks to our custodial and maintenance staff!*

## **REBUILD TEXAS: GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION**

Rebuild Texas is the Governor's Commission to reconstruct and improve Texas in coordination with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM). I have met with FEMA and TDEM representatives several times.

## **PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES**

To be eligible for FEMA funding, we must follow established federal procedures which require a minimum of three bids. The project proposals must be written, sent to TDEM for approval, revised if necessary, and then submitted to the general public for bidding. TDEM and FEMA will coordinate the projects so that work is completed to a high standard and an easy to follow audit trail is created.

## **ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

The district advertised for architectural services through a formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Three architects submitted proposals and Ferrell/Brown & Associates was selected. David Brown began working with the district to prepare a draft copy of a master plan, discuss demolition of some of the older buildings, and to develop a bid package for roof repairs throughout the school district.

- Elementary PE gym roof
- Elementary roof
- Jr. High/High School roof
- CTE building shops: welding and woods
- Cafeteria roof and venting hood on roof
- Auditorium/Band hall roof

## REBUILDING WOODSBORO ISD

The following areas will require more discussion and planning before Board action can be taken.

### 1. Auditorium

In consideration of repairing the 1956 building and modernizing it with ADA and electrical wiring codes, we need to remove asbestos. Damaged chairs and the wooden floor of the stage require repair and replacement. We are seeking estimates on remodeling or demolishing the building which also includes the band hall. A decision has not been made.

### 2. Band Hall

While the band program continues to flourish with students winning in UIL competitions, the entire program moved into the high school science lab with the instruments stored elsewhere.

- Sherry Marshall, band director, has written and received grants to replace musical instruments damaged by the storm. She has been able to repair some of the instruments herself. Water-logged instrument storage cases have been replaced. Rotary International is presenting a check for \$4,893 to us this month to pay for three instruments.
- Construct new band hall. FEMA recently asked us WHERE we want to build the new band hall and HOW LARGE it will be. I have begun working with the architect to draw plans that are appropriate to our program needs.

### 3. Elementary Gym

- Construct new roof with iron supports in order to add air conditioners. Check floors and walls for any needed repairs since they have been exposed to the open air.

- Pam Harris, PE teacher, has continued to teach physical education in a variety of locations: the walking trail/park, hallways, cafeteria, playground, etc.

### 4. Outside Areas

- District-wide, covered walkways need repairs.
- The roof on the new concession stand sustained damage.
- The scoreboard and segment clocks will need to cycle through the bidding process and then be ordered.
- Stadium lights may need replacing.

## WHY ARE WE WAITING TO MAKE REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENTS?

- Although the district has insurance coverage, the adjusters determine how much money we receive. While we wait for more insurance funds, the district has received \$1,448,184.50 toward any repairs. In order to remain eligible for federal dollars through FEMA, however, we must use their procurement process continuously.
- We anticipate that facility repairs and building a new band hall will exceed insurance payments. FEMA funds may be needed.
- We thank you for your patience as we work to put every building back together--PRE-Harvey.

- Written by Janice Sykora, Superintendent

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