In May 2021, voters approved two bond propositions totaling $183,650,000. The 2021 bond program will build two new elementary schools, transition intermediate schools to middle schools serving 6-8, enhance safety/security, and provide for much-needed renovations and improvements throughout the District.

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**New Elementary Schools**
Two new PK-5 schools are planned for Bastrop and Cedar Creek. One is located in The Colony Riverside (off FM 969), and the other is located on the northwest corner of FM 812 and Highway 21.

**Items Completed or In Progress:**
- Conducted an IT/Security Planning meeting to outline security equipment needs, camera equipment and locations, and entry/exit considerations
- IT/Security team toured an existing BISD elementary school to better understand existing infrastructure and as a follow up to meeting held November 10
- A meeting is planned for November 18 with Aqua Water to advance the discussion of the water line for the 812/21 site.
- A district team will travel on November 19 to two elementary schools in Central Texas districts to evaluate exterior finish options.
- District representatives from operations and child nutrition will meet on November 19 to discuss and select food service equipment.

**Bastrop High School**
Significant renovations are planned for BHS, including a master plan, additional classrooms, improved Career & Technical Education spaces, extracurricular facilities, Erhard Field and more.

**Erhard Field**
BHS held its final pep rally on the grass at Erhard Field on November 11 in anticipation of the playoff game against Liberty Hill the following night. The whole community participated with fire trucks, motorcycles, music, games, and more. It was a great celebration on historic Erhard!

Heavy equipment from Hellas began to arrive November 12, and dirt is on the move! The grass will be removed in stages in preparation for the turf. In addition, the district team will hold a construction planning meeting on Thursday, November 18 to review plans and outline equipment needs for the athletic buildings at Erhard Field.

Demographics expert Zonda Education reported to the school board that Bastrop ISD should plan for approximately 15,000 students in 5 years and nearly 20,000 in 10 years. Click the headline to download a copy of the report.