

School Replacement Program

In 1999, the Nevada State Legislature passed a law that required school districts to develop a policy to determine when an existing school should be replaced rather than renovated. Additionally, another bill passed in 2001 required the District to expend an amount not to exceed \$90 million to reconstruct at least five existing schools. In the 2003 session, the requirement was again expanded. Before 2008, the District is required to replace a total of ten existing schools (including one middle school and one high school) within an amount not to exceed \$230 million.

Since the Legislature specified use of the 1998 bond program revenue to fund these mandates, the money used for the replacement schools is being taken, in part, from the renovation category and in part, from savings achieved by completing construction projects ahead of the original schedule. The law requires the schools to be completed by 2008.

In addition to the 10 replacement schools required by the Legislature, an eleventh school, Roy Martin Middle School, was added to the school replacement list by the District due to a fire, which destroyed a significant portion of the school. Because of the age of the school, the amount of money already slated for renovations at the campus, and the expense of replacing the destroyed portions, it was determined that it would be more cost-effective to replace the entire school. The cost of the middle school is anticipated to be approximately \$50 million.

Six schools already have been rebuilt through the legislative-mandated replacement program:

- Sunrise Acres Elementary School
- Wendell P. Williams Elementary School (formerly Madison)
- Virgin Valley Elementary School
- Rancho High School
- Kermit R. Booker Elementary School
- Lyal Burkholder Middle School

The remaining five schools have been approved for replacement by the Board of School Trustees and are currently under construction or in the design phase:

- Robert E. Taylor Elementary School
- J. E. Manch Elementary School
- Gordon McCaw Elementary School
- Tom Williams Elementary School
- Roy Martin Middle School

Phased Replacement Program

In addition to the replacement schools required by the Legislature, the Clark County School District has begun a program of phased replacements of some of our schools. During the 1994 and 1996 building programs, the District improved some of the oldest school campuses in the valley by adding classroom space, multi-purpose rooms, libraries or other necessary learning spaces. Even with the new additions, older portions of these schools meet the qualifications

NDOT Replacement

Because of the widening of US 95, the Nevada Department of Transportation needed the acreage that was occupied by O.K. Adcock elementary school. Land next to the school was available, and the Department of Transportation funded construction of a new school on that site for the Adcock students in exchange for the property. This school was not paid for by the school district, so it is not counted in the total of schools produced by the 1998 program.