

Bridge City ISD has encountered numerous changes this school year and in many areas. Clearly, various facility changes can be expected as the district continues to recover from Hurricane Ike. Additionally, despite being rated Recognized by the Texas Education Agency for the second year in a row, the district plans to push for instructional improvements as well.

BCISD utilized stimulus funding to substantially upgrade instructional technology in classrooms. All classrooms in grades 3 through 12 will now be equipped with interactive whiteboards, projectors, and document cameras.

BCISD Superintendent, Dr. Jamey Harrison, believes these resources will be beneficial to student learning: We want to improve the manner in which we teach kids with these new tools. Our teachers are very excited about having these resources available to them. Kids today are so accustomed to technology, we have to adjust our way of teaching to their way of learning. These tools will help us accomplish that.

Every classroom will be equipped with this technology package in grades 3 through 12. Classrooms in Pre-K through 2nd grade will be equipped with similar tools once the new elementary school is completed. We are excited about building cutting edge instructional technology into our new elementary school, says Harrison. Once construction is completed, all of our kids will have access to these dynamic teaching and learning tools.

And speaking of the new elementary school, the district is moving forward with the designing stage of this project. The plan includes demolishing Hatton Elementary School, which is in progress, and building a new campus to merge both Hatton and Sims schools into one Pre-K through 2nd grade campus at the Hatton site.

Harrison states the design process is going well: Our architect, Mark Magnuson, has done a tremendous job of including all of the input from our committee into the design. This school is going to be a tremendous asset to this community. We hope to be ready to bid the project prior to the holidays.

Completion of the project should take approximately 15 to 18 months.

Until the new construction is completed, Hatton and Sims students will continue to attend the modular campuses the school brought in following Ike.