

Comal Independent School District

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Comal ISD breaks ground on new elementary school to be built in Kinder Ranch

Comal ISD school board members, administrators as well as county and state officials were among those on hand to help break ground on a new elementary school to be built in the Kinder Ranch subdivision.

The new campus will be located near the intersection of Borgfeld and Bulverde roads in northern Bexar County and is scheduled to open at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year. It will relieve overcrowding at Timberwood Park and Specht elementary schools.

The estimated construction cost of the two-story elementary school is \$16 million. The campus will have many energy saving green school features such as geothermal heating and cooling, rain water harvesting with on-site storage and a green living roof.

SHW Group is the architect and Baird/Williams is the builder. The school has yet to be officially named.

The campus is one of two elementary schools left to be built using funding from the district's \$205.85 million Bond 2008. Originally, a new elementary in Canyon Lake off of FM 306 near Sattler was supposed to precede the elementary school in Kinder Ranch, but due to Comal ISD's demographics showing greater need for schools in the fast-growing southwest region of the district, the construction of a new elementary in Canyon Lake has been postponed until a future bond issue. Comal ISD still has the FM 306 site, which will be used in the future.

The final elementary school Comal ISD will break ground on using funds from Bond 2008 will be in the Indian Springs subdivision on the east side of Highway 281 off of Bulverde Road.

Pictured here during the groundbreaking ceremony are (l-r) Donnie Rhoades, Baird/Williams general superintendent; Octavio Reyes, SHW Group project manager; Dr. Marc Walker, Comal ISD superintendent; Carol Kendall Keller, Comal ISD school board president; David Spencer, Comal ISD school board trustee; Frank Baker, Comal ISD school board vice president; Doug Miller, Texas State Representative District 73; and Jay Millikin, Comal County Commissioner Precinct 2.

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