

ALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Eagle Stadium To Open June 5 For Allen High School Graduation

Graduation for the Allen High School Class of 2015 will be held in Eagle Stadium on June 5. The stadium is opening for the first time since February 2014 when it was closed due to structural problems.

The school district hired Nelson Forensics, an engineering consulting firm, to review the entire project when problems surfaced on the stadium concourse. As a result, major repairs were conducted on the concourse and throughout the stadium structure. Those repairs were supervised by Datum Engineering and were completed by Pogue Construction and PBK Architects at no cost to the school district or taxpayers.

The stadium repairs, which began in August 2014, were divided into seven phases including: (1) main scoreboard; (2) one-story building lateral supports; (3) retaining walls; (4) press box bracing and repairs; (5) transfer girders and expansion joints; (6) concourse structural repairs; and (7) traffic topping.

The final part of the stadium repairs is the application of a traffic topping on the concrete concourse. Approximately 90% of the topping has been applied but ongoing wet weather has delayed completion of that surfacing.

After extensive negotiations, Pogue and PBK chose in October of 2014 to perform the stadium repairs as part of their ongoing warranty obligations. As a result, all of the stadium repairs have been completed at no cost to the school district. In addition, the school district has received payments totaling \$2.5 million from PBK Architects to offset lost revenue and expenses incurred by the school district due to the stadium closing.

“Since the problem was first identified, the school district has had three goals in mind,” according to Lance Hindt, superintendent of schools. “We wanted the stadium repaired and returned to the condition our board and community expects. We wanted the repairs to be completed by May 2015 so

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that the 2015 Allen High School graduation could be held in Allen and we wanted the repairs to be done at no cost to the school district. I can say that all three of those goals have been met.”

“Since the stadium closed in February 2014, the focus has been on identifying and solving the structural problems,” according to Louise Master, president of the Allen ISD Board of Trustees. “This Friday the focus will be back on the students as the Class of 2015 graduates.”

“At PBK we stand by our work and our primary goal was to provide the repairs to the stadium in a timely manner and at no cost to Allen ISD and its taxpayers,” said Dan Boggio, President and Founder, PBK Architects. “We applaud the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees for allowing PBK and Pogue to take what could have been an adversarial situation and turn it into a partnership which led to accomplishing the repairs in record time.”

“Our employees and subs did a great job of working on deadline pressure to get this work completed,” according to Ben Pogue, CEO and President of Pogue Construction. “Dr. Lance Hindt and the Allen ISD board stood with us and made sure that taxpayers received what they paid for. For us, the issue isn’t whether there is occasional adversity but rather the character you demonstrate when you deal with it.”

Allen Eagle Stadium first opened in August 2012 and was funded by the Allen community through a 2009 bond proposal. The 18,000-seat stadium hosted two complete Allen Eagle football seasons in 2012 and 2013. The football team played its 2014 season entirely on the road. During those three years the Eagles lost one football game and won three state football championships.

Allen Stadium will host eight home games in 2015 including the opening Tom Landry Classic game against Denton Guyer High School on August 28.

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