

PHASE 1 UPDATE

WINTER 2008

May 8, 2007

Voters voted YES to a \$68.9M bond for Phase 1 of Battle Creek Public Schools Facilities Plan!

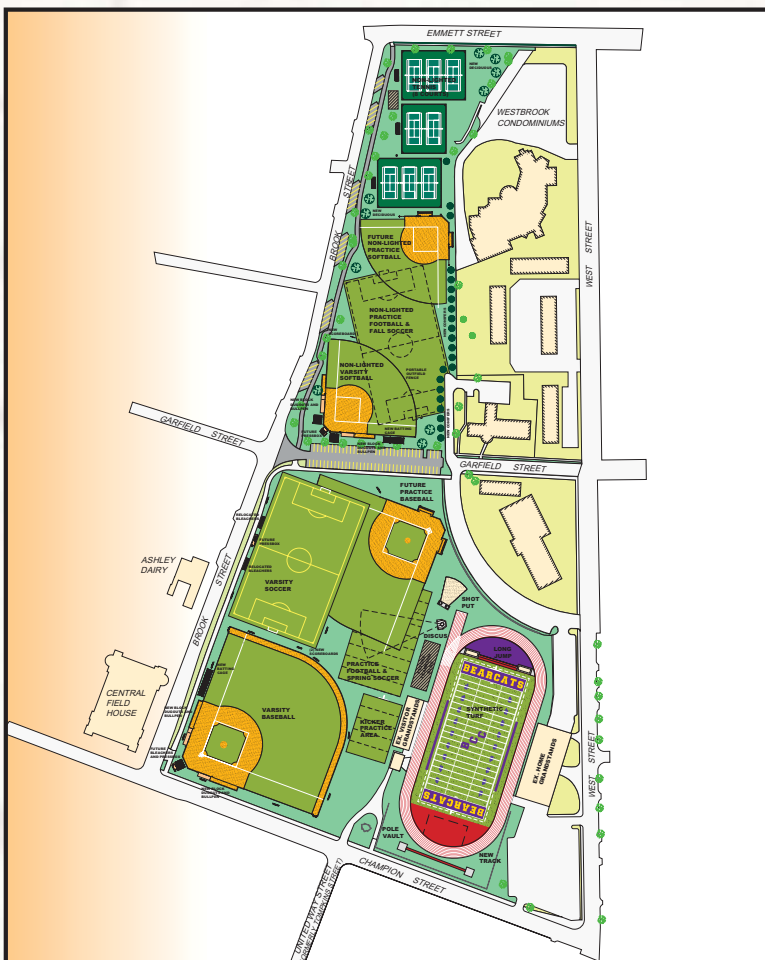


Facility Plan Phase 1 Update*
As of January, 2008

C W Post Athletic Field takes shape!

One of the primary goals of the Bond Construction Project at Battle Creek Central High School was to return the sense of "campus" to the school, bringing all sports events to one area and making it easier for athletes, students, and families to attend and participate. Currently our sports teams are spread out all over the city and often students who wish to participate, and families who would like to support their athletes, can not because of transportation issues. It was also difficult for parents and family members who had students in more than one sport at the same time.

After many months of working with the City of Battle Creek and researching individual sports requirements, a huge team of coaches, planners, administrators, and architects developed a working plan for the C W Post Athletic Complex. The challenge was to provide adequate facilities at one location, for men's and women's sports, every season. Everyone had a wish list. It was amazing to see the plan evolve as ideas, wants, and needs were considered and revised. It was truly a group effort and couldn't have been accomplished without all the hours of input and professional collaboration each person gave.



C W POST ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The current plan shows the overlapping of many of the sports events. Conflicts using the facilities are reduced by overlapping event areas used in separate seasons. Football and Softball sports fields on this campus are now closed and will reopen in April 2009. The C W Post Stadium will be closed from May 5 to August 20, 2008, to allow for the construction of a massive underground geothermal heating and cooling plant, 6 feet under the new athletic fields.

The reasons for developing this underground thermal factory are as simple yet complex as the use of geothermal. Geothermal is much more expensive to install when compared to the other HVAC systems. However, we promised that Battle Creek Central would be air conditioned. We have sought for months to find the best way to do this, while at the same time controlling the electrical expense in our operating budget. With a 4-5 year payback we selected geothermal.

For enlarged drawing see page 9.

DECEMBER 2007 & JANUARY 2008

- Acquisition of properties for the high school expansion continues
- Demolition of acquired lots for Central High School (CHS) continues

JANUARY 2008

- Public bids for C W Post Athletic Complex and Geo-Thermal Plant

FEBRUARY 2008

- Construction started for the C W Post Athletic Complex and Geo-Thermal Plant
- Architects and Construction Managers provide detailed drawings and cost estimates of the Valley View Elementary project

MARCH 2008

- Architects and Construction Managers provide detailed drawings and cost estimates for the Central Field House

APRIL 2008

- Drawings and revised cost estimates provided for the Alumni House addition and Central High School
- Public bids for Central High School and Valley View Elementary projects

MAY 2008

- Construction and renovations underway for Valley View Elementary
- Construction is underway for the Central Field House

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST 2008

- Weekly Engineering and Tactical Team meetings, including administrators, architects, and construction teams

SEPTEMBER 2008

- Architects turn over construction documents to construction management team for Alumni House addition and Battle Creek Central High School renovation of existing building

OCTOBER 2008

Public bids for construction of the Alumni House addition and the Central High School renovation of building project

NOVEMBER 2008

- Construction is now underway for all bond projects at all sites: Valley View, Alumni House, Central High School

* Subject to change. Review process and approval by State of Michigan at all stages.

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