



# Board Update

## **Master Planning for Programs and Facilities**

How do we make the correct decision for use of facilities if our enrollment is declining? Is there room for new facilities in a district that is not showing significant growth? Can we benchmark our facilities against a standard that will meet the needs of our children for the next 10-15 years? How do we keep up with ever emerging technologies so that every student and teacher has access? How can we plan and provide for the safest most instructionally sound learning environment? Don't we have a list of current facilities needs and how do we establish priorities for what we do first?

These are just a few of the questions we could ask. The answers are more than the board or the superintendent can determine by themselves. The answers lie in the management of an effective process to glean from Beeville ISD's stakeholders those critical areas that need to be addressed in the next 5 to 10 years.

Beeville ISD has done an incredible job with the bond issue it is just now completing. BISD is under budget and on time with the latest slate of projects. A large portion of the latest bond proceeds went to build the Hampton-Moreno-Dugat Early Childhood Center, the gym at Moreno Junior High, and the additions at A.C. Jones High School. The school board has received monthly reports on these projects, which have helped to maintain focus and adherence to timelines.

However, we continue to have needs that are due to aging facilities, flat or declining enrollment, and new curricular demands that are significantly different than when many of us went to school. Beeville ISD is a proud community and we are going to allow Owner's Building Resource to come in and help us determine priorities for Beeville's programs and facilities for the next 5 to 10 years. The process will involve significant community, parent, and employee input as we build consensus on what is best for our learners. We will start the planning process on April 7, 2005, as a framework and timeline will begin to take shape. We must continue to focus on "...what the best and wisest parent wants..." for all our children as we plan for their future.

***Knowledge is the only instrument of production that is not  
subject to diminishing returns.***

**J.M. Clarke**