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Charter Builders selected for \$40 million in additions/renovations for Lewisville High School, founded in 1897

(Dallas, Texas – July 22, 2010) Lewisville Independent School District has selected Charter Builders as construction manager at-risk for \$40 million in additions and renovations to Lewisville High School. These upgrades to the existing high school, founded in 1897, are part of the school district's plan to provide high-quality educational facilities to serve the growing student population, which is expected to increase by 1,200-2,000 new students annually.

Located on the grounds of the existing high school in Lewisville, Texas, construction will occur in two phases, beginning in October 2010. The first phase will add 131,000 square feet of new space to the campus, including a new competition gym, practice gyms, kitchen, cafeteria, band hall, and fine arts classrooms. The second phase consists of 90,000 square feet of additions, including administration offices, classrooms, and a new library, as well as 69,000 square feet of renovations to existing classrooms. Construction is scheduled to complete by August 2012.

“On these projects, the greatest challenge for our team is that work will take place on an active school campus,” said John O’ Connor, Project Manager for Charter Builders. “Our first priority will be the safety of the students, faculty, and our employees while quickly moving the project forward.”

Because construction will happen throughout the school year, the project team will have limited access to certain areas of the site, especially during the second phase, which will be surrounded by occupied classrooms on all sides. To ensure onsite safety and reduce the impact of construction on school activities, the team will take special precautions, such as working off-hours to perform higher risk activities.

“This will be our sixth project with Lewisville ISD since 2008. We’ve received high marks from them, particularly for pre-construction services and for our ability to manage construction on an accelerated schedule, with minimal disruption while school is in session,” said O’Connor. “The entire project team and I are thrilled for the opportunity to continue partnering with the district.”

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