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NEISD School Board Approves New AMP Facility

SAN ANTONIO – The North East Independent School District School Board approved the schematic design of the North East Agriscience Phase 2 Facility Addition Project on May 8, 2017.

In 2015, NEISD voters passed a \$499.95 million bond that included an \$8.6 million agricultural mechanics and food science building at the North East Agriscience Magnet Program (AMP) at James Madison High School.

“We had master planned the [AMP Complex] anticipating that in the future bond program we would build the next phase of the project which includes the meats processing lab and the ag engineering and fabrication shop,” said Garret Sullivan, Executive Director of NEISD Construction Management and Engineering Department.

With 66 percent of voters voting in favor of the bond, upgrades across the district have begun and are set to be complete by 2020. The AMP Phase II upgrade is set to be finished not later than September 2019. .

“This new building will open many doors for our students,” said Jared Rode, AMP agricultural mechanics teacher. “It was exciting to be apart of the design process of the building and even more exciting to see it come to life.”

The new equipment will also increase the opportunities for students to gain more industry-recognized certifications to be used outside of the classroom.

“As the [Texas Education Agency] continues to put more pressure on us to industry certify our students for funding, equipment and facilities will become more imperative,” Rode said. “Being able to train students in state of the art facilities like this will only increase our certification numbers.

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