

Bids approved to begin work on secure entry vestibules

Construction of secure entry vestibules will begin in early May at Siple Elementary and in June at Gates Elementary.

At the February Board of Education meeting, board members approved the low base bid of \$1,043,410 submitted by seven contractors for concrete, masonry, structural steel, glass, mechanical, electrical, demo and general trades work that will take place at both buildings.

The new entryways will require visitors to enter a vestibule before gaining admittance to the main office and is one of the projects promised during the bond campaign to the community for enhanced security of school buildings.

At both buildings visitors will enter the vestibule where they will be greeted by a school secretary and buzzed directly into the office if needed.

"The vestibules will be built in a way that the visitor will have to enter the office before being allowed to go anywhere else in the building," explained Executive Director of Operations **Phil Thom.**

The bond project includes plans for district schools buildings to have secure vestibule entryways.

"Other district schools will also be getting secure entry vestibules but we just can't do them all at once," said Superintendent **Kevin Brown**.



An example of an entrance security vestibule.

Davison High School will have a new main entrance on the west side of the building, which will also include a secure entry vestibule.

Contractors approved for this project include: Gross Construction (concrete and demo), Masonry Solutions (masonry), Men of Steel (structural steel), J. Perez Construction (general trades), A-1 Glass (glass and glazing), Dickerson Mechanical (mechanical) and Metcalf Electric (electric).