



District Launches High School Transition Plan

The Board of Education recently unveiled the High School Transition Project designed to prepare for the 2006-07 school year when Kimball and Dondero High Schools are slated to merge.

The District has established a 15 person Design Team comprised of students, staff and parents as well as the principals of both high schools and a member of the Board of Education. This team will meet periodically this spring with the stated goal of selecting a transition team to study all phases of the high school consolidation project. The Transition Team will be comprised of the three major groups representing students, staff and parents. The Design Team will announce the procedure for volunteering for a Transition Team position by early May. The goal is to have the larger comprehensive transition group identified by mid-June 2004, with their task beginning in late August. The five phases of the consolidation process are:

- Organization (April – June 2004)
- Introduction (August – September 2004)
- Evaluation and Assessment (October – December 2004)
- Planning (January – April 2005)
- Implementation (2005-06 school year)

The Transition Project will address many of the issues that have been raised since the high school consolidation decision was made in January. The Transition Team will complete its work by the spring of 2005 allowing a full year prior to the consolidation to celebrate our two high schools and make plans for an outstanding conversion to one high school in the fall of 2006.