

# South Central High School Renovation and Addition Back on Track

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The South Central School Board Wednesday night approved a construction plan for the \$7-million dollar addition and renovation project at South Central High School in Farina.

The project has been hold due to the state's budget crisis that cut off Capital Development Board money that was paying for 70-percent of the project. The new schedule condenses the construction schedule from 15 to 10 months. There has been no escalation of expected costs, with less than a \$100,000 difference from the original cost estimates two years

ago.

The bidding process will take place next month with a construction schedule that would see both parts of the project completed by the first day of school in January 2018.

Jon Carroll of Poettker Construction says the timetable has bids to be accepted and work on materials to take place in November through early March of next year. Construction of Phase one, which includes six new classrooms, would begin March 1st. Completion is scheduled on the new classrooms before school opens in August of next year.

Carroll says Phase 2 of the project won't begin until June 5th.

"Phase 2 demolition rebuild of that existing court will happen when school is not in session for the safety of students."

Carroll says the goal is to have the shell of the replacement building that will include a multi-purpose room/cafeteria, and a new area for a stage and band rooms completed by the time school begins next fall. He reports inside work would then be completed through the end of next year.

The State Capital Development grant also included an addition at Kinmundy Grade School.