



## Corsicana Independent School District

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### Information Concerning Tiger Stadium

To the CISD Community:

When I arrived in Corsicana in 2010, one of the first buildings on my tour was Tiger Stadium. I was very impressed and looked forward to the many events that would be taking place in that venue. A few months later, I was made aware that the District had not been able to hold track meets for quite some time due to the track buckling. We continued the work of prior administration to correct those problems. As experts researched to determine the cause, additional problems surfaced to the point that we were forced to consult attorneys and subsequently file a lawsuit.

The Board and administration are committed to ensuring a quality, safe environment and to protecting taxpayer monies and investments. Because of this, we are utilizing the services of Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P., a contingency-based school facility law firm in Texas.

This week, the District received a report from an engineering firm that brought to light a public safety concern at the stadium. Specifically, we have been advised that certain columns under the Home-side bleachers can only support approximately one-half of the weight load required by the applicable building code. We worked with the engineering firm to create a short-term solution. We will block off seating in the identified areas of concern, immediately. The sections that will be blocked off are located on either side of the reserved seating at the top of the stadium. The experts recommended blocking off seven rows of seats in rows 31-37; however, the district is blocking off an additional eight rows, taking the blocked section all the way to the top. The reserved section is not included because of the fixed number of seats.

I am troubled and disappointed that our students and community no longer have full use of the stadium. The CISD Board of Trustees and administration are fully committed to taking appropriate action to truly remedy the Tiger Stadium construction. We thank you for your continued support as we seek to secure the safest and best outcome for our students and your investment in CISD.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane Frost  
Corsicana ISD Superintendent