

PUMPHREY ELEMENTARY

Questions Presented to Board Members

April 30, 2009

- **My son is dyslexic. Does each school (where Pumphrey students will attend) have a dyslexic program?**

Yes. Each school in the mix for Pumphrey students has a dyslexia program.

- **When you rezone the district, can parents go to the Internet and vote on what they feel is best? Will they have a say? Can we say where we would like our students to be?**

Unfortunately, no. Because the Board of Trustees and the Administration want to tell parents and students what school they will attend next school year before the end of this semester and the summer break there is a short timeline to determine options, evaluate them and make recommendations to the Board. A group of parents, administrators and elementary principals comprise the Goose Creek committee charged with rezoning Pumphrey Elementary School students to other campuses. The group's first meeting is May 5. The group is expected to give the Board of Trustees a recommendation on May 18. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision about where Pumphrey students will attend school next year.

- **If the pipelines pose no imminent threat, why does the district not wait one year to allow more time for logistical plans? Would this not be in the best interest of the children?**

The Board of Trustees felt that it is in the best interest of students and staff and the school district to move Pumphrey and West Town sooner rather than later. Relocating the staff and students at Pumphrey and West Town eliminates the risk associated with the pipelines.

- **Has the district discussed the apparent encroachment of the pipelines onto District property with the pipeline owners?**

Yes, the owners of the pipelines were all notified about the district's concerns about where the pipelines are located, and the Board president, the Interim Superintendent, and the District's legal counsel have spoken to the pipeline companies involved and informed them of the decision to close the two sites.

- **Will the district request that the pipeline owners relocate the migrated lines or purchase additional R.O.W. to protect the district during a future sale of the property?**

No decision has been made by the Board to sell the property or to seek legal action.

- **By absorbing an entire student body, are you not setting the district up for an overcrowding situation that the TEA will demand be corrected in the near future? This would mean another bond election to build another school?**

The district believes that it has enough open seats to absorb the Pumphrey students without seeking a waiver from the state for larger class sizes. In the 2005 bond issue, voters approved money for land acquisition and a design for elementary No. 15, so another elementary school is already in the works.

- **Will Pumphrey be closed forever?**

Pumphrey Elementary will be closed for good at the end of the year.

- **I would like to ask the question, on behalf of support staff — attendance clerk, receptionist, secretary — they have been told to be proactive and apply for that position and interview for it. Why is this? Why will this position not be given to them? So, on behalf of them, why are they being told that they will have to re-interview for this position?**

Closing the school does not mean work force reduction, just relocation. Staff at Pumphrey can, just as any employee in the district, apply for open jobs in the district. Otherwise, they will be reassigned. Any other perception is a misunderstanding.

- **Is it an option for me to drive my child, who will be a fifth grader, to my mother's house (in the Austin Elementary school zone) in order to have her bused to Austin Elementary where she has previously attended?**

No. Children must attend school in the attendance zone in which they reside.

- **How can you ensure that they are going to be treated fairly at another school?**

All students in the Goose Creek school district will be treated the same whether they come from Pumphrey, Walker, or Austin. Goose Creek CISD is committed to “Success for All Students.”

- **The incident reports you received that stated a number of incidents — did this come from children walking across a pipeline?**

No, many pipeline incidents across the United States have been caused by “third parties” typically performing maintenance on other lines. The “third-party” incursions mentioned in the risk analysis report are from trucks or four-wheelers rutting up the pipeline right-of-way behind Pumphrey Elementary School.

- **With the statement made regarding the City of Baytown’s storm water lines leaking and causing possible damage to pipelines; from a cost standpoint, will a percent of the cost of rezoning be placed on them and not all under school district responsibility?**

The storm water lines cited in the report are the district’s property, but they are part of the Baytown storm water drainage system. The City of Baytown is not involved in this situation.

- **With concern for safety of the pipelines, will a fence be constructed to keep “3rd party” vehicles and people off this property? Will GCCISD fence property for safety?**

Yes, once everyone and everything is moved, fencing will be placed around the Pumphrey property.

- **Have you considered San Jacinto Christian Academy?**

No, because that school is located in Deer Park ISD.

- **What are the options/schools that are being considered?**

In all likelihood, Pumphrey students will likely attend either Harlem, Travis, Lamar and/or Carver next year. However, the Board of Trustees will make the final decision before the end of the school year.

- **When will the parents and teachers know where students will be relocated?**

The goal is to announce a plan for all Pumphrey students and staff before the school year ends.

- **Are there rooms in the school district to hold 500 children?**

No. After reviewing data and looking at possible sites in the district, the administration realized that it could not relocate Pumphrey Elementary students and staff in one location because of instructional program and support services needs. Where Pumphrey students and staff will go next year will be announced hopefully by the end of school.

- **If I don't like the school you choose, will I have the opportunity to decide where my child will go?**

No. A group of parents, administrators and elementary principals comprise the Goose Creek committee charged with rezoning Pumphrey Elementary School students to other campuses. The group's first meeting is May 5. The group is expected to give the Board of Trustees recommendation on May 18. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision about where Pumphrey students will attend school next year.

- **Will the children that qualify for Pre-K be bused to other campuses? Why register these kids if they are going to be bused to another campus?**

Any Pumphrey student needing transportation to a new school site will be taken by Goose Creek school buses. We will do all we can to ensure that the students of Pumphrey are transported in the same way as all students are taken to and from school. Registration is important so that proper decisions can be made about where your child will attend school next year.

- **Have you considered the children and the affects this has on their studying for TAKS? How can you tell the kids that this is the end of Pumphrey yet you want them to get ready for the TAKS test?**

Yes, the impact on students taking TAKS test was discussed thoroughly. However, while emphasizing there is no immediate danger to students and staff, the continued use of these two sites between two pipeline corridors is not in the best interest of the district long term, the Board decided. And to accomplish the logistics of this move before school starts next year, it had to be started sooner than later, or in other words, as soon as possible.

- **Throughout the process of searching for a new location, we have repeatedly been told that the administration team has walked every possible location in Baytown; yet, we have only heard specifically about one location. Besides the church near Travis, what are other options considered?**

We looked at the St. Paul's Methodist Church location near Travis, the current ALP location (formerly Lee Annex), the old Presbyterian Church at 1715 Market St., GED Engineering building (formerly K-Mart) off South Pruett Street, and several locations within Bay Plaza at 2300 N. Alexander Drive.

- **Teachers will be packing and need to know what grade level materials to pack.**

Will this information be available before packing starts?

- **I would like to know when we will have concrete knowledge of where the kids will go.**

Again, the goal is to let Pumphrey students, teachers and staff know where they will be going next year before this school year ends on June 5.

- **When you say you are going to have to learn to wear a new shirt next year and have a new mascot, how is this showing compassion? How is that taking our feelings into consideration?**

We understand that the Board's decision to close Pumphrey came as a shock. But, we are working hard to give you reasons to look forward to working and learning in the Goose Creek school district next year. Our goal is to always treat people fairly and with respect and dignity. It will be up to the folks at Pumphrey and the community to decide if we achieved that goal.

- **How many days will we be given to pack and unpack our belongings? Will we receive any assistance in making this transition? Will our staff receive additional pay for this relocation process?**

Packing should not take more than a day or two. We will follow the same model used during the HVAC repair project whereby substitute teachers were brought in. This time, subs will be brought in to teach class while teachers pack. There will be no additional pay for relocation. The district will provide all the moving materials you will need.

- **Will Pumphrey students have the opportunity to visit their new campus before the first day of school? Special Camp Day? Tour?**

Great ideas. Once the rezoning panel finishes its work, we can discuss how to best assimilate the Pumphrey students into their new schools, and these suggestions are sure to be a part of that.

- **Please let us know how Pumphrey textbooks, library books, computers, school materials, and resources will be divided among the new campuses we will be attending?**

Once the decision on rezoning Pumphrey students is made — hopefully at the May 18 Board meeting — then the district can get a better handle on how to divide up the resources of Pumphrey. Right now, it is too early to say.

- **In light of the serious economic situation in our country currently, how assured can the aides, custodians and cafeteria workers be of being able to retain their jobs elsewhere in the district?**

The staff at Pumphrey will still be needed. Closing the school does not mean work force reduction, just relocation.

- **For Pumphrey parents without transportation, will buses be provided for Family Nights, special events, etc.?**

Any Pumphrey student needing transportation to the new school site will be taken by Goose Creek school buses. We will do all we can to ensure that the students of Pumphrey are transported in the same way as all students are taken to and from school.

As far as special events such as Family Night, we will assess the need in the fall and act accordingly.

- **What about our Backpack Buddy program – will the Pumphrey kids still get the food they receive for the weekends and holidays?**

Yes.

Additional Questions Presented to Board Members
April 24, 2009

- **Will children who qualify for pre-K be bused to a new campus? Historically, we have only provided transportation for students in the a.m. only. Since one of the reasons for qualification is due to financial reasons for pre-K attendance, what will be done to accommodate all students from the Pumphrey area who qualify, for parents who do not have the means to take them to new school?**

Goose Creek CISD will transport all affected Pumphrey students to their new locations.

- **Are teachers going to be permitted to transfer to other campuses or have a say where they go?**

We will place teachers where the District needs are based upon where the students are relocated.

- **Are families with multiple children going to have students bused to multiple campuses?**

Our philosophy is to keep families together. It is an exception to the rule when we separate siblings (district special programs such as Bilingual, Special Education, Gifted and Talented are housed at specific campuses based on need). Also, we do cluster students from the home campus to another within the district at times in order to balance classes in grades K-4 in order to meet the 22-1 state student-to-teacher ratio mandate.

- **Are specialty teachers (PE, Music/art) going to be forced back into general ed classrooms?**

We will place teachers based on student needs.

- **Why is Pumphrey still hiring teachers? Won't the need for them be obsolete when other schools absorb Pumphrey's students?**

We will need teachers for the approximately 474 students that are being located to other campuses.

Additional Questions Presented to Board Members

April 22, 2009

- **I'm new to the Baytown area and would like to know what direction Goose Creek CISD will take regarding the relocation of students zoned to Pumphrey Elementary. I live in Country Club Estates subdivision with a 5 year old that will be starting Kinder in the fall of this year. Since Pumphrey Elementary is one of the oldest Elementary schools in the Baytown area, the school district made a wise choice to close the school. I notice there are much better looking schools around the Baytown area and not sure why a new school was never built in the first place. I am very concern and hope my child will not be zone to just any school within the Goose Creek ISD. I never could understand why CCE was zoned to Pumphrey and Country Club Cove and Manor is zoned to Harlem. Please provide what options my child has regarding what school they will be attending this fall.**

The students and staff of Pumphrey Elementary School will be sent to other Goose Creek elementary schools next year. The Board of Trustees will vote Thursday, April 23 on the recommended action from the administration to form a committee to revise the attendance zones of Pumphrey Elementary School to send those students to other schools. After reviewing data and looking at possible sites in the

district, the administration realized that it could not relocate Pumphrey Elementary students and staff in one location because of instructional program and support services needs. Where Pumphrey students and staff will go next year will be announced hopefully by the end of school.

- **I realize the tasks that lie ahead of you as you deal with the decisions to close Pumphrey and West Town are daunting. I do not disagree with the closings as I have first hand knowledge of what can transpire during an explosion and the subsequent damages that can result. I would love for our students to be able to be housed in a new building that is safer for all concerned and am willing to work towards that end as a teacher here at Pumphrey. The question I have is regarding the logistics of an actual move. Is there any possibility that the faculty and staff here at Pumphrey can receive answers as to where we will be housed before the end of the school year? I am sure you can understand, not only the logistics of moving everything in our building, but also the need for teachers to be able to prepare for the new school year. I want to be prepared well in advance to meet the students' needs for the coming year. My desire is that you will be able to keep the current students, faculty, and staff together wherever we need to be placed in order to reach the goals of a safe and enriching educational environment.**

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- **There are even more pipelines near Sterling High School than there are near Pumphrey. Have you looked into the safety of these pipelines? If not, why? It was stated, "If the circumstances were the same, then the Board would make the same decision." How safe are the pipelines near Sterling?**

There are no other district buildings that sit right next to a pipeline right-of-way. Athletic fields at Sterling High School are very close to the right-of-way north of the school buildings. The Victoria Walker Elementary School building is located

approximately 1000 feet from the pipeline right-of-way that crosses Garth Road just south of the intersection of Garth and Seabird.

- **The Board knew of the intentions of the Pumphrey staff before spring break. If we chose not to teach at Pumphrey next year, you would already know. I feel you owe it to us to tell us your intentions. There are possibilities you are considering right now, yet the staff and Mrs. DeLeon have no clue what those might be. We don't want to know after a decision is made because we saw how that works and we will have no say in it at that point. When will we be involved in these discussions? If not all of us, at least include Mrs. DeLeon.**

The Board of Trustees will vote Thursday, April 23 on the recommended action from the administration to form a committee to revise the attendance zones of Pumphrey Elementary School to send those students to other schools.. What school Pumphrey students and staff will go next year will be announced hopefully by the end of school. Mrs. DeLeon was made aware of the possibility of a Board vote to close the West Town and Pumphrey sites on the morning of Monday, March 30. She was advised of the pending Board action for this coming Thursday, April 23 Board agenda item on Monday, April 20.

- **Are there any other district buildings sitting right next to pipeline right-of-ways?**

There are no other district buildings that sit right next to a pipeline right-of-way. Athletic fields at Sterling High School are very close to the right-of-way north of the school buildings. The Victoria Walker Elementary School building is located approximately 1000 feet from the pipeline right-of-way that crosses Garth Road just south of the intersection of Garth and Seabird.

- **How much 2005 Bond money is left for the renovation work at West Town and the Pumphrey sites?**

The 2005 Bond program had \$3,999,512 million for Pumphrey improvements including the new library and \$662,831 for the West Town complex for a total of \$4,662,343 million out of the \$240 million Bond program. Of this total \$1,355,618 million has been spent leaving \$3,306,725 million that will not be spent.

Additional Questions Presented to Board Members
April 9, 2009

- **Since Goose Creek CISD knew the pipelines were already there, why was Pumphrey Elementary School built in that location?**

We cannot speak for that Board decision, which was made 38 plus years ago. However, many things have changed since the late 1960s — among them are the pipelines getting older. The decision to close Pumphrey and West Town was made after a risk-analysis study indicated that the pipelines near the sites could be problematic in the future. Of course, the pipeline may never cause a problem, but we decided that in the long term, those Goose Creek CISD sites should be closed and the students and staff housed elsewhere.

- **Why were all the decision made in secret meetings without any public discussion?**

None of the decisions regarding the closing of Pumphrey and the West Town complex were made in secret. The school board conducted some discussions about the report in closed session with the Board's legal counsel as allowed by law. The decision to close the two sites was made at a public meeting on March 30, 2009. At every regular school board meeting, there is a portion of the meeting reserved for public comment. No one asked to speak to the Board before the March 30 meeting. One of the agenda items posted for that meeting was a "Consideration of the Long-Term Utilization of Pumphrey Elementary School and West Town."

- **Will the school grounds still be maintained next year when the school is closed?**

Goose Creek CISD will maintain the grounds as long as we own the property.

- **You said there would be no layoffs, but many positions will be duplicated — principal, school secretary, cafeteria workers, janitors, etc. What will happen to these employees?**

Right now, we are expecting to use current Pumphrey employees to teach and work with Pumphrey students — wherever that may be.

- **Your reason for closing Pumphrey is the pipelines. Since there are pipelines in front of Luby's and behind San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, should I not eat at Luby's or use the hospital.**

Where you eat or seek medical care is solely your choice. The Board's decision impacts those who are solely under the Board's care.

- **Since there are pipelines, plants and industrial facilities all over Baytown, should the town shut down and everyone move somewhere else?**

No.

- **Will the Pumphrey property be sold?**

Yes, if a qualified buyer can be found.

- **What will happen to the equipment, furniture, etc., at the school?**

We cannot answer this question until the Board decides where Pumphrey students will be housed next year. It is possible that all the items in Pumphrey will be needed at the new site or sites.

- **Was the new library at Pumphrey designed to be located on the pipeline right-of-way?**

The library foundation and overhang were designed to be on school district property, not the pipeline right-of-way.

- **Are the pipeline right-of-ways that are at Pumphrey also the one near San Jacinto Hospital?**

The pipeline right-of-ways that are in front of and behind Pumphrey and the West Town district site connect before they cross Baker Road. That pipeline right-of-way then goes east north east towards Garth Road and crosses Garth Road just south of the Home Depot store. This pipeline right-of-way connects with the right-of-way that passes by San Jacinto Hospital north of Cedar Bayou Lynchburg Road near North Main Street.

- **How much 2005 Bond money is left for the renovation work at West Town and the Pumphrey sites?**

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- **Why can't Pumphrey be housed at the Lee Annex with portable buildings used, and the ALP group housed at a different location, since there is already a cafeteria/eating area on site?**

The 2005 Bond program approved by voters included a project to relocate the ALP students and staff to the site currently called the "Lee Annex."

- **Is this a way to get rid of a low-income school?**

Absolutely not. The decision to close Pumphrey and West Town was made after a risk-analysis study indicated that the pipelines near the sites could be problematic down the road. Of course, the pipeline may never cause a problem, but we decided that in the long term, those Goose Creek CISD sites should be closed and the students and staff housed elsewhere.

- **Why can't the gas companies replace these gas lines or repair them?**

That is a question for the pipeline companies and one we cannot answer. We can only do what we feel is best for the students and staff at Pumphrey and West Town, which is to move them.

- **Is there an option to leave this school open until the children currently enrolled can finish?**

Not as things stand today. We feel that it is in the best interest of students and staff and the school district to move Pumphrey and West Town sooner rather than later.

- **Is Goose Creek planning on building a new elementary school?**

Yes. Included in the 2005 Bond project approved by voters was the site acquisition and design fee for Elementary No. 15.

- **Why was the ALP your first priority?**

It is not. The 2005 Bond program included a project to relocate the ALP students and staff to the site currently called the “Lee Annex.”

- **How many buildings (schools) do you plan to use?**

At this time there are no definite plans for where any of the students and staff will be beginning next school year. We expect to advise parents and staff before the summer break where they will be for the next school year.

- **How or will they be transported?**

Any Pumphrey student needing transportation to a new school site will be taken by Goose Creek school buses. We will do all we can to ensure that the students of Pumphrey are transported in the same way as all students are taken to and from school.

- **Is this a temporary thing or is it a permanent thing?**

The decision to close Pumphrey and the West Town complex is permanent because the situation involving the pipelines on the property is unlikely to change.

- **How are they going to be treated?**

All students in the Goose Creek school district will be treated the same whether they come from Pumphrey, Walker, or Austin. Goose Creek CISD is committed to “Success for All Students.”

- **Is this another Louisiana thing?**

Unsure what this question is getting at, but the decision to close the school was made solely on what is in the best interest of the students and staff and the district as a whole.

- **Can the pipelines be repaired in the summer?**

That's a question for the pipeline owners to answer. As for Goose Creek, we maintain that the sites are safe but not in the best interests of the students and staff and the school district over the long term.

- **If the school system moved, what will happen to the 600 plus residents?**

We are only responsible for the students and staff in Goose Creek. The Board decision was based solely on what is in the best interests of students and staff.

- **Is there a maintenance program on the pipelines?**

Yes, and the responsibility lies with the pipeline companies.

- **Can you (the Board) answer questions about the report?**

We will do our best to answer all questions about this issue. Send questions about the report to ngarcia@gccisd.net. Copies of the report are available at the Goose Creek Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10 East. Please call 281-420-4800 for more information.

- **Why was the meeting not held at Pumphrey Elementary?**

The size of the group that the Administration and the School Board anticipated for the meeting on Tuesday evening was considerably larger than what occurred. The facilities at Pumphrey could not handle the size of the group we anticipated.

- **Are you putting these students' needs first?**

Be assured that the needs of Goose Creek CISD students — at Pumphrey or anywhere in the district — are our first priority in any decision.

- **Why are you doing this?**

The School Board considers the safety of its students and staff to be of paramount importance. While the Board considers the site a safe site, long term they believe it is in the best interests of the district to relocate these students and staffs to safer sites within the district.

- **If the area is safe for homes, why not students?**

We cannot speak for homeowners. The school board's responsibility is to the students and staff. The Board decision to close Pumphrey and West Town was based solely on what is in the best interests of students and staff and the school district as a whole.

- **Have you taken this problem up with the gas companies?**

Board members have spoken to the pipeline companies involved and informed them of the decision to close the two sites.

- **Since this is a neighborhood school and there are plans for it to be moved, are we going to have to take them to school? If so, what about our jobs?**

Any Pumphrey student needing transportation to the new school site will be taken by Goose Creek school buses. We will do all we can to ensure that the students of Pumphrey are transported in the same way as all students are taken to and from school.

- **Have you checked with the Railroad Commission or DOT?**

Several members of the Board of Trustees are aware that the Texas Railroad Commission and the DOT regulate pipeline companies. However, the fact remains that there are leaks from pipelines all across the country every year.

- **This campus has a majority of low-income students. If we bus students to various areas, how are the low-income families going to be as involved?**

The district will work with parents to see that they can be involved in their childrens' schools; we know parent involvement is key to ensuring student success.

- **Why does the school have to worry about the pipelines? I live two minutes from Pumphrey. Do I have to move?**

We cannot speak for homeowners. The school board's responsibility is to the students and staff. The Board decision to close Pumphrey and West Town was based solely on what is in the best interests of students and staff and the school district as a whole.

- **May I have a copy of the report?**

Yes. There are copies at the Goose Creek Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10 East or one can be emailed to you. Please call 281-420-4800 or email Board secretary Noemi Garcia at ngarcia@gccisd.net for more information.

- **Would this happen in the same way at another campus?**

If the circumstances were the same, then the Board would make the same decision.

- **Will the playground stay in place for the neighborhood children?**

No decisions have been made on what would remain long term at the site.

- **Is a voucher to go toward private school an option for Pumphrey students?**

No.

- **What is the product in the lines in question? How far has the lines migrated?**

The pipelines are transporting gasoline, diesel, propane, butanes, and natural gas. At the nearest point, the 100-foot-wide right of way, hosting eight embedded pipelines, lies within 80 feet of the Pumphrey school building complex.

- **Do you mean to find jobs for the Pumphrey staff?**

The teachers and staff at Pumphrey will still be needed to teach and work with Pumphrey students. Closing the school does not mean work force reduction, just relocation.

- **Do you know where the students will go?**

Not yet. We are actively researching other sites in the community as well as evaluating space within the District for the students and staff at Pumphrey.

- **Are you willing to find a building to house us as Pumphrey Elementary School?**

We are exploring the option of keeping the entire campus together at another site. No decision has been reached, however.

- **If we raise money, will this help from closing the school?**

No. The decision to close the school is not based on a financial consideration; it is based on a long term safety concern. The decision is final and in the best interest of all involved.

- **What will bond money be used for?**

Unused bond funds originally earmarked for the Pumphrey Library and renovations at West Town will not be used for “new” projects. The Board of Trustees must approve all bond expenditures.

- **If there is no imminent danger, why couldn't the relocation be postponed until a new school could be built for Pumphrey.**

While emphasizing there is no immediate danger to students and staff, the continued use of these two sites between two pipeline corridors is not in the best interest of the district long term, the Board decided.

- **Is Exxon gaining the property back?**

Exxon Mobil is not involved in this process or decision in any way. None of the pipelines in the two right-of-ways at Pumphrey and the West Town Complex are currently owned and operated by Exxon Mobil.

- **When will the next Board meeting on this subject be held?**

Whenever the administration is ready with a recommendation concerning the original decision to relocate the students and staffs, the Board will have an agenda item for that discussion and decision. An agenda for any Board of Trustees meeting will be posted on the front door of the building and on the school district website (www.gccisd.net) three days before the meeting.

- **Will the new elementary already scheduled to be built be Pumphrey?**

There is no new elementary school to be built in the near future. The 2005 Bond Program included the purchase and design for an elementary school. However, the site chosen for that school in late 2005 is on state Highway 146 just north of the Cedar Bayou Bridge. There are no bond funds available for another new elementary school out of the 2005 Bond program.

- **If this decision was just made last night, why was security scheduled two weeks ago?**

Planning ahead for extra security before a public meeting is standard operating procedure. While the decision was made on March 30, the Board had been discussing the matter with their legal counsel for at least two months. Security was

advised that there might be a meeting on Tuesday evening, March 31, pending the outcome of the Board meeting on Monday evening, March 30.

- **What are the long-term plans for the utilization of these facilities?**

The facilities will be closed at the end of the school year. What will the district do with them after that?

No discussion on that matter has taken place as yet.

- **Who is responsible for the maintenance of the pipeline?**

The pipeline companies are responsible.

- **Will certified teachers replace uncertified teachers in our field?**

It is the district's goal to have all of its teachers certified. However, the decision to close Pumphrey and the West Town complex is not expected to affect staffing at our schools.

- **How long will the school be closed?**

We are planning that the current Pumphrey and West Town sites will be closed for good at the end of the year.

- **What about the name and the building over the school?**

The Board of Trustees typically asks for citizen input on the name for all new schools and they will more than likely ask for input for the next elementary school to be built.

Please note:

Anyone who wants to submit another question about the Pumphrey/West Town relocation may do so by calling Board secretary Noemi Garcia at 281-420-4816 or emailing her at ngarcia@gccisd.net. The answers will be sent to those inquiring and placed on the school district website, www.gccisd.net.