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MEMO:

TO: Committee to Save and Restore Old THS Buildings  
FR: Bob Wright  
DT: September 3, 2003  
SJ: "Mothballing" the Old Texas High School Buildings

With the cooperation of the Superintendent Larry Sullivan, I have inspected the roofs of the three classic buildings on Pine Street several times since May. The roofs of the Texas High School and Texarkana College buildings have concrete decks. The Auditorium has a wood deck. The Auditorium and Texarkana College roofs have visible wind damage. The concrete decks do not deteriorate as fast as the wood deck. All three buildings have had water related problems from lack of roof maintenance and the Auditorium has suffered most. All buildings have asbestos in the roofs. The Texarkana College building gym floor was destroyed by termites.

With the coming change in seasons, we will probably be getting more rain. Repairs made on roofs with wet substrates do not last as long as repairs made on dry roof substrates. The longer the roofs remain un-repaired, the less time the repairs will hold.

The idea of "mothballing" is to keep the buildings from deteriorating due to weather while planning takes place regarding their ultimate restoration.

I have provided David DeFoy, TISD Purchasing Coordinator, pictures and drawings showing how the roof repair on each of the buildings could be advertised for bid. I believe the Administration can obtain bids with warranties for at least two years. Certainly my company would offer that warranty. Unless there were an out of the ordinary major storm, if the repairs are still holding up after the warranty period, as we would expect, in my opinion the service life would probably be at least a year or two longer.

I expect a properly specified bid spec would receive response proposals for an amount less than half of the school board's current demolition budget.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Wright

President  
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