

Sam Rayburn ISD Awarded FEMA Safe Room Grant

Sam Rayburn ISD has been awarded a grant totaling nearly \$900,000 by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The funds will be used for construction of a community safe room, a concrete structure intended to serve students, staff and residents of the surrounding community in the event of a disaster.

“As a secondary bonus, the building will be utilized to increase student learning opportunities on a daily basis,” says Dr. Cole McClendon, Sam Rayburn ISD superintendent. “Not only will we have a safe place to go when faced with looming weather emergencies; it will also provide SRISD students with new experiences in fine arts. If the intended instructional plan is implemented with additional elective courses, future music students will also have a new band hall for their classes and practice sessions. That makes the grant a double win for us.”

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