

RCS bus garage under construction

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Trace Creek Construction crews work on a bus garage at the Robertson County School District. Construction is expected to be complete at the beginning of 2019. -

MOUNT OLIVET — A new school bus garage is currently under construction in Robertson County.

Robertson County School Superintendent Sanford Holbrook said the district has needed a new bus garage for some time as the current one is older and does not meet the needs of the district.

According to Holbrook, the current bus garage is located behind the old Deming School gymnasium and is about 50 years old. It does not have a hydraulic lift inside and when a bus is pulled into the garage, the doors cannot be closed.

“The garage is about five to six feet too small to have the doors closed when a bus is pulled inside,” he said. “It makes things difficult for our mechanics, especially in the winter, because they have to work on a bus with the doors open.”

Holbrook said the new garage will be fully equipped with a lift, office and a work room for bus driver training.

“They’ll be able to use that room for training, workshops and other things,” he said. “We’ll have a lift that will make it easier for mechanics when the buses need work.”

The garage will help make the buses safer for students, according to Holbrook.

“Safety is our number one priority,” he said. “Having this new garage will help us make our buses safer.”

Holbrook said the new garage is also being built behind the RCS Agricultural barn along Kentucky 616. A two-lane roadway with one entrance and exit will also be built, allowing easy bus access.

“By building the garage there, we will have everything on the same campus,” he said. “We’ll have cameras in the area so we can monitor the buses and what is happening at the garage.”

Holbrook said he was pleased to see the garage coming together.

“I’m pleased the board of education approved the building of this garage,” he said. “It will help us improve safety and keeping our buses in top notch shape. It’s another upgrade to our school district. We appreciate the community support we’ve received from the community. We’re blessed with all of the support we’ve received.”

According to Holbrook, Trace Creek Construction is completing the work for \$750,000. The funding comes from bonding through the facilities money.