

## Flooding Issues Addressed at Wickenburg High School

This past summer during the monsoon storm season Wickenburg High School and the Webb Center for the Performing Arts flooded due to an excess of storm water flowing down onto the campus from the baseball/softball field area. The water flooded the band/choir room and blew open the basement door at the Webb Center, completely destroying the basement.

WUSD's maintenance department worked with our insurance company to develop a temporary plan to keep excess water from entering the campus, which included closing off the walking bridge between the cafeteria and buildings G and H. Over the course of this school year WUSD has been working with an engineer and the School Facilities Board (SFB) to submit a grant which would change the high school's storm water flow on a permanent basis.

Recently, we received word that the SFB awarded WUSD \$155,000 to complete the necessary changes. These changes will include modifying the flow of water from above the campus as it comes down the ball field road, diverting most of the water into the wash which goes under the walking bridge. A small amount of water will be allowed to flow toward the walking bridge, but only an amount which can be handled by the drain which is located in the cul-de-sac.

The work will begin this summer and we anticipate that it will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete. Our maintenance department will be meeting with the project manager soon to discuss how we can minimize the work area as the campus will be in use with various programs throughout the summer.

We look forward to bringing this project to final conclusion and ensuring the high school campus will be free from flooding damage in the future. I know our high school students and staff will also be excited to once again have access to the walking bridge upon their return to school in the fall.