

New Cal City Schools Could Be Open Next Year

The new high school and elementary school planned for California City could begin accepting students as early as fall of next year, according to Mojave Unified School District Superintendent. Larry Phelps. Phelps said the high school is already under construction with ground breaking for the new elementary school targeted for January.

Although building could be completed by August, Phelps said the high school would probably not be ready to start all four grade levels. This is because state bureaucrats took five years to approve funding for the two schools, making district approved bonding tight in covering the full cost of construction. Also, as is usually the custom with new high schools, the school board must decide in January which Mojave High students are eligible to attend the new school.

Ground breaking for the new Hacienda Elementary School, to be built just west of California City Middle School, is scheduled for January 22nd. This could mean that some classrooms will be ready to be occupied next fall, greatly relieving the overcrowding Robert P. Ulrich Elementary School.



HIGH SCHOOL — Worker building forms for foundations at the new California City High School. BILL DEAVER/Desert News