

## Allen ISD finds great value in using Owner Insite

Owner Insite (OI) has been assisting Allen ISD with multiple projects as part of their 2016 Bond Program, valued at over \$180 million. Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Facilities, came to Allen ISD from a nearby school district that has also utilized OI for their construction projects. As an early adopter of using OI for a school district, Boyter has been one of the it's biggest supporters.

Boyter notes the biggest benefit of the software is the cost-friendly structure of the services.

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“I was part of using OI on one of their first ISD projects. As a school district, we're always very conscious of the bottom line. OI is very accommodating to a school district's budget.”

BRANDON BOYTER, ALLEN ISD

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OI does not charge for a license fee, but rather provides an option for a one-time fee for unlimited users on unlimited projects. This gives the District the option to use it on all types of projects and have all consultant members involved rather than limiting use to only large budget projects and few users.

Boyter adds, “If I'm having to pay the license fee for each of the team members on a project, it just drives the software cost up to where it's unattainable for a school district ”

In comparison the other similar providers, OI provides one differentiator that is crucial to servicing ISDs.

“General Contractors or Architects want to use their software, and when those projects are over, the information goes with them. There's no way to look at the history. Since OI it's District-owned, we're the client, so we keep the information. We have it at our fingertips forever.”



ALLEN ISD PROGRESS PHOTOS

Boyter oversees the design and construction for Allen ISD's 23 campuses, with a student enrollment of over 21,000. His staff relies on OI's functionality and ease. Allen ISD currently has approximately 25 users who depend on the software to track the status and budget of their respective projects.

"One of the best aspects of the software is that it's very user-friendly. It's self-explanatory, most people don't have to be trained." Boyter did qualify that in the event of needing training, the staff at OI are very accommodating. "Steve and his team are great at offering training. Beyond that, they have a robust help center and video section."

At present, Allen ISD is tracking 20 projects within OI, consisting of multiple renovations and two brand new buildings. After reviewing the statistics on the software, Boyter reported an 87% utilization of the OI features across all of the projects.

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*Owner Insite (OI) is headquartered in Austin, TX and provides industry leading construction project management and collaboration software for owners, owner's representatives, architects, and general contractors. OI is used on a variety of new construction and renovation projects for K-12 school districts and universities to healthcare facilities and municipal infrastructure.*

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