

# PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION



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Completed in 2012, a new \$60 million football stadium sits at Allen High School in the Dallas suburb of Allen, Texas. The decision to build such a stadium, which rivals some NCAA Division I (Football Championship Series—FCS) stadiums, was made by the board of trustees of Allen Independent School District (ISD). The stadium was built at a time when other school districts in Texas were struggling to meet their budgets, keep class sizes low, and retain good teachers. Ironically, in 2014, two years after it was completed, the stadium was declared structurally unsound. Significant cracks appeared in the concrete foundation of the stadium, requiring extensive repairs, and it could not be used for the 2014 football season.