



AISD FUTURE: 2017 BOND NEWSLETTER

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Austin ISD Friends:

Over one year ago, voters approved AISD's largest bond: a \$1.05 billion investment to embark on the first phase of a long-term plan to modernize schools and address overcrowding and critical deficiencies. Since then, our AISD bond team and school communities have launched an aggressive schedule to begin designing and constructing the innovative learning spaces worthy of our students' talents as they prepare for an ever-changing global marketplace.

How did we get here? With you.

AISD's bond is truly a community-led and data-driven process. The district's Facility Master Plan assessed the condition of the district's facilities and projected our school communities' needs for the next two decades based on a renewed academic vision. This work informed the development of the bond to replace, improve, renovate and equip facilities for our students, as well as teachers and team members.

The bond also reflects the district's sound financial management. All bond dollars remain in Austin, which means you can see 100 percent of this investment in your communities. And, through our nationally recognized, fiscally conservative approach to financial management, we will be able to issue new bonds without increasing our tax rate. AISD continues to maintain the lowest property tax in the region. During the past five years, we have lowered our tax rate for debt associated with the bonds by five cents.

This year, AISD will be updating its FMP to support and strengthen districtwide priorities in the areas of athletics, career and technical education, and fine arts. This work will include the good insights and perspectives of many academic departments and community partners. In January, we will invite our school communities to share their insights in a districtwide survey.

This is an exciting time for Austin's school district and for innovative partnerships. As we move forward, the bond provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reinvent the urban school experience together—from transforming how space is used to building vibrant relationships and new partnerships through community schools.

Thank you for helping to shape and build our #AISDFuture to fulfill the promise of public education in Austin for all students.

Sincerely,
Nicole Conley Johnson
Chief Business and Operations Officer
Austin Independent School District

BOND UPDATES

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT

IN THE FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION, WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETING 17 NEW OR MODERNIZED CAMPUS FACILITIES. THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE MAJOR MODERNIZATION PROJECTS THAT ARE WELL UNDERWAY:

- **Blazier Elementary (Relief) School** is a \$50 million project that will house grades 4-6 and provide relief to the campus' large enrollment. This is Phase 1 of the modernization, which includes a master plan for the district's first K-8 model. Opening date: August 2020.
- **Bowie High School** is a \$88 million project and Phase 1 of a full modernization, which will address critical parking needs, as well as right-size the campus for its projected student capacity of 2,900 students. Opening date: June 2020. This is a phased opening from the summer of 2020 through 2022.
- **TA Brown Elementary School**, including Webb Primary School, is a \$30.7 million project that is focusing on sustainability and a green vision to offer our littlest learners a foundation in STEAM educational opportunities. Opening date: January 2020.
- **Doss Elementary School** is a \$43 million project that is being executed jointly with **Murchison Middle School's** \$23.65 million project, which is Phase 1 of a full modernization for the existing facility that is expected to open in January 2021. The two school communities are working closely together to provide a seamless and complementary educational experience for their students. Doss opening date: August 2020.
- **Eastside Memorial Early College High School** and **International High School at the Original LC Anderson campus** is a \$80 million project that brings three school communities together to build on the rich history and legacy of the original Anderson alumni to provide a bright future for the students of today and tomorrow. Opening date: July 2021.
- **Govalle Elementary School** is a \$32.5 million project that is focusing on offering innovative educational opportunities to support the Eastside Memorial Early College High School family of schools. Opening date: January 2020.
- **Menchaca Elementary School** is a \$33.3 million project that is focusing on outdoor learning that maximizes educational opportunities on the tree-filled campus. Opening date: January 2020.
- **Norman-Sims Elementary School** is a modernization project of the existing Norman campus. Opening date: August 2020.
- **Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders** is a \$70.4 million project that is focusing on providing the nationally recognized campus with opportunities to serve as a local, state and national model for innovative education and teaching. Opening date: January 2021.
- **New Southwest Elementary School** is a \$36.2 million project to address overcrowding in Southwest Austin. It is being designed with participation and input from the Baranoff and Kiker school communities. Opening date: August 2020.

SOME OF THE WORK THAT IS ROLLING OUT AND IS ON THE HORIZON:

Austin High School —

Estimated completion date:
Summer 2022.

Brentwood Elementary School

— Estimated completion date:
Summer 2022.

Casis Elementary School —

Estimated completion date:
Summer 2022.

Hill Elementary School —

Estimated completion date:
August 2021.

LBJ Early College High School,

Health Science — Estimated
completion date: January 2022.

**Metz-Sanchez-Zavala
Elementary School —**

Estimated completion date:
August 2021.

Northeast Middle School

— Estimated completion date:
August 2022.

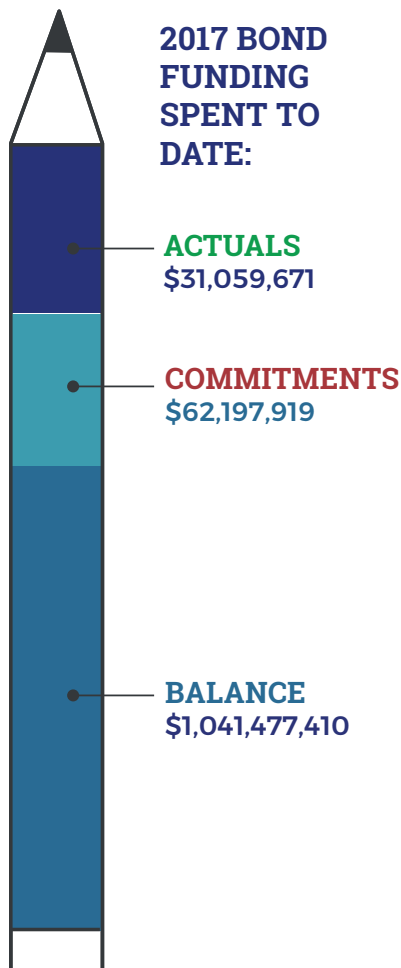
Rosedale School — Estimated

completion date: August 2021.

AISD's bond program also includes districtwide improvements to technology for teachers and students, as well as transportation.

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NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT



VERTICAL TEAM INVESTMENT BY STUDENT:

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| ■ Akins \$11,870 | ■ Lanier \$3,017 |
| ■ Anderson \$13,581 | ■ LBJ \$12,067 |
| ■ Austin \$8,211 | ■ McCallum \$9,125 |
| ■ Bowie \$13,407 | ■ Reagan \$15,506 |
| ■ Crockett \$6,253 | ■ Travis \$4,453 |
| ■ Eastside Memorial \$43,084 | ■ Special Campus \$50,175 |



BUSES
ON THE GROUND:
190 replacements
30 additional



DOLLARS SPENT
ON TECHNOLOGY
UPGRADES:
\$7.5M+

49

TARGETED
PROJECTS
COMPLETED OR
UNDERWAY

18 **CBOC** 
MEMBERS

The Board of Trustees appointed volunteer citizens to the Community Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to ensure that the projects remain faithful to the voter-approved bond program scope of work and to monitor and ensure the bond projects are completed on time, with quality and within budget.

135+ **CAT** 
MEMBERS

Campus Architectural Teams are campus and community members who provide guidance to the design and construction professionals as they design the schools.



6 **MILESTONE**
CEREMONIES **HELD:**

- **T.A. Brown Site Dedication** (Aug. 29)
- **Menchaca Elementary Groundbreaking** (Aug. 30)
- **Doss Elementary Groundbreaking** (Sept. 6)
- **Govalle Elementary Groundbreaking** (Sept. 25)
- **T.A. Brown Groundbreaking** (Nov. 30)
- **Norman Site Dedication** (Dec. 8)

10  **CBOC**
MEETINGS HELD

100+
 **CAT**
MEETINGS
HELD



30+ **COMMUNITY**
MEETINGS HELD



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The 2017 Bond Program called for \$146.5 million in strategic investments in East Austin, including \$80 million to build a new, modernized high school for Eastside Memorial Early College High School & International High School at the Original L.C. Anderson campus. Planning is well underway for the new high school, with abatement and demolition beginning now and new construction work expected to begin in Spring 2019.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 900 Thompson St. Austin, TX 78702, inside the Original L.C. Anderson gymnasium, starting at 9:30 a.m. It will be immediately followed by a conversation between members of all three school communities to discuss building on the enduring legacy of LC Anderson and the bright future of Eastside Memorial ECHS and International HS students. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration!



DID YOU KNOW?



An Early College High School enables qualified, motivated students to earn an associate degree (or up to 60 college credits) before earning their high school diploma.

Six of Austin ISD's 12 high schools are Early College High Schools, a program offered in partnership with Austin Community College. Students take almost all of their college courses on ACC campuses in mixed classrooms with traditional college students.

The program is offered for free, saving an ECHS student an average of \$12,000 in tuition and fees.

GET INVOLVED

WE WANT STUDENTS, FAMILIES, STAFF AND THE GREATER AUSTIN COMMUNITY TO BE INFORMED AND PARTICIPATE THROUGHOUT THE BOND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.

Learn about districtwide and campus-specific community meetings and sign up for [email](#) notifications by visiting AISDfuture.com.

