



AISD FUTURE: 2017 BOND NEWSLETTER

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With the spring semester well underway, Austin ISD is proud to share the latest updates for the 2017 Bond Program. Working with our school communities, we've made significant progress on the modernization projects included in the bond, with 18 modernization and targeted projects underway—and several already moving into construction.

AISD's bond program was informed by the district's [2017 Facility Master Plan](#), a high-level, long-term plan for all district facilities during the next two decades. Trustees approved the district's FMP, which includes regular updates every two years.

The 2019 FMP update is underway. Its main focus is the addition of master plans to support and strengthen districtwide priorities in the areas of:

- athletics, fitness and wellness;
- career and technical education, including career-centered learning and a range of pathways for students to explore industry opportunities; and,
- fine arts, including the visual and performing arts, as well as creative learning.

This collaborative work is being shaped with guidance from the trustee-appointed community members serving on the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee, district team members and our communities across Austin.

Share Your Perspectives - Complete Survey by March 28: Your insight and perspectives are critical to this process. Please complete and share the community survey, which is open until March 28:

https://austinisd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Mgr19juBukwyDb

We look forward to receiving your input as we shape the future of AISD to ensure we fulfill the promise of a high-quality public education in Austin for all students. To learn more about the FMP and the 2019 update, visit www.AustinISD.org/fmp.

Thank you for supporting AISD as we reinvent the urban school experience together by creating 21st-century learning spaces for the students of today and tomorrow.

Nicole Conley Johnson
Chief Business and Operations Officer

BOND UPDATES

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT

We're only a few months into 2019, but it has already been a busy year. Many modernization projects have kicked off and are now in the design phase, including:

- **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
- **Health Science School at LBJ Early College High School** — Estimated completion date: January 2022
- **Metz-Sanchez-Zavala Elementary School** — Estimated completion date: August 2021
- **Rosedale School** — Estimated completion date: August 2021

AISD also has celebrated two project milestones since the start of the year. The groundbreaking of the new Eastside Memorial Early College High School and International High School at the Original L.C. Anderson Campus was held Jan. 19. This special event brought all three school communities together to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and prepare for the future together.

On Feb. 22, the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders hosted their groundbreaking ceremony, which celebrated the Groundbreaking Women who have laid the foundation for today's students. Honorees included AISD's Chief Business and Operations Officer Nicole Conley Johnson, ARS founding principal Jeanne Goka, ARS Foundation board member and past chair Michelle Milford Morse, and Ann Richard's daughter Ellen Richards, who was instrumental in launching the school. The event also included a performance by the Tiarra Girls, an Austin Latina rock band comprising ARS students and alumnae.

Other project teams across Austin are starting construction, including:

- **Doss Elementary School** — Opening date: August 2020
- **Govalle Elementary School** — Opening date: January 2020
- **Menchaca Elementary School** — Opening date: January 2020
- **New Blazier Relief School** — Opening date: August 2020
- **T.A. Brown Elementary School and Webb Primary School** — Opening date: January 2020
- **Eastside Memorial Early College High School and International High School at the Original L.C. Anderson Campus** — Opening date: June 2021



Follow the 2017 bond progress at www.AISDFuture.com, which provides information about project-specific meetings and timelines, as well as virtual reality renderings that allow you to tour the modernized schools.

MEET YOUR BOND TEAM

AUSTIN ISD BOND LEADERSHIP

DREW JOHNSON, PE

Director of Bond Planning and Project Controls



Drew joined AISD as the director of bond planning and project controls in October. He previously served as a program management consultant, assisting with the district's facility condition assessments of all campuses in 2016 and helping to plan

the 2017 bond program.

Drew earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin's Cockrell School of Engineering. He is pursuing a master of business administration at the University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business.

BETH WILSON

Executive Director Planning and Assets Management



Beth serves as AISD's executive director of planning and assets management. A critical part of the district's planning team for 10 years, her work includes spearheading the development of the facility master plan that informed the 2017 bond.

Beth holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining AISD, she served as a planner for the cities of Austin and Bryan.

DARIEN CLARY, MPH AND LEED GA

Sustainability Manager



Darien leads the development of AISD's sustainability strategies and their integration into infrastructure and operations, teaching and learning, and community engagement. She works closely with the bond program team to ensure all

new facilities will incorporate sustainability best practices.

Clary earned a master's degree in behavioral science and global health from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree in biology from Southwestern University. She is a native Austinite and proud AISD graduate.

ASHLEY GONZALEZ

District Police Chief



As chief of police, Ashley is responsible for overseeing the district's full-time police force, including school resource officers and patrol officers, as well as maintaining and enforcing district policies and state laws. For the 2017 Bond Program, he

works in close collaboration with all project teams to ensure school safety in the design of each modernized facility.

Ashley brings 30 years of operational, investigative and administrative experience to the district. He holds an associate degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration. He is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders is committed to building the community and to changing the world. Students in sixth through 12th grade from throughout Austin are preparing for college through rigorous academics and real-world service projects. For the 2017 Bond, the campus will undergo Phase 1 of a strategic modernization to create a state-of-the-art campus at its current site.

The Ann Richards School community held its groundbreaking ceremony in February, celebrating the project as it moves into the final stages of design and construction begins. Design highlights of the modernized school include support for project-based and authentic learning, a culture of making, areas for community gathering and new athletic fields. The new facility will have increased capacity to support 1,050 students.

Phase 1 of the modernized Ann Richards School is set to open in January 2021.

DID YOU KNOW?

Career and Technical Education provides students with the academic knowledge and technical skills they need to gain entry to high-skill, high-wage and high-demand industries. CTE programs provide work-based learning experiences that combine hands-on learning with real-world scenarios so students are prepared to enter the workforce or college after they graduate high school.

AISD offers recommended sequences of courses based on student interests, goals and aptitudes, which align to 16 nationally recognized career clusters that guide students through a planned program of study. CTE courses are dynamic and engaging, giving students a platform to find their passion and make a career of it. With options for earning college credit, industry credentials and postsecondary awards (such as certifications and associate degrees), CTE helps all students prepare for college, career and life.

GET INVOLVED

AISD welcomes students, families, team members and the greater Austin community to be informed about and engaged in the bond implementation process.

Learn about districtwide and campus-specific community meetings and sign up for [email](#) notifications by visiting [AISDfuture.com](https://austinsisd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Mgr19juBukwyDb).

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