



AISD FUTURE: 2017 BOND NEWSLETTER

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[Welcome](#) back to another amazing school year!

As students settle into their classes, the district is focused on continuing to give students the opportunities and tools they need to be successful this year and throughout their lives. Our goal is to make sure every student is college- and career-ready and prepared with 21st-century skills.

Education is a game changer, and we are here to serve all students. AISD celebrates our diverse student population and our programming reflects our respect, appreciation and recognition of the unique talent each student and employee brings to our community.

We foster inclusive and safe learning environments where every student can thrive, which goes hand-in-hand with our theme for this school year: [#AISDHome](#).

If you are interested in learning more about the bond program, including modernization projects and districtwide investments, please join us at the Austin Council of Parent & Teacher Associations' Back the Future event on Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd.

This free and fun event will bring together students, families and PTA leaders from 114 PTAs at 130 Austin ISD schools. There will be a resource fair, parent education programs, student performances and appearances by school and city leaders.

Today and everyday, thank you for supporting our students as we create 21st-century learning spaces and reinvent the urban school experience!

Follow the 2017 bond progress at www.AISDFuture.com and share your bond stories on social media using #AISDFuture.

BOND UPDATES

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT

We recently held the first of many milestone ceremonies to celebrate the progress of our bond efforts. [The T.A. Brown Elementary School and Webb Primary](#) communities came together for a site dedication Aug. 29. Students from each school dedicated the land to learning and growth before participating in a green learning activity.



[Menchaca Elementary School](#) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 30, bringing together students and families as the project team prepares for construction. The Akins High School Eagle band joined the celebration, and Menchaca Mustangs created a student outline of the new school which will be completed in January 2020.

[Doss Elementary School](#) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 6. While students have been temporarily relocated to the former Lucy Read campus during construction, some student representatives were able to participate in the event, including the Owl Choir. The choir sang the school song and Phillip Phillips' "Home" in celebration of their new school and their #AISDHome being wherever they are together.



AISD will host a groundbreaking ceremony for [Govalle Elementary School](#) Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Across the district, bond funds were invested during the summer to repair roofs at Cook, Pillow, Reilly and Ridgetop elementary schools as well as Crockett and Travis early college high schools. Additionally, 190 replacement buses and 30 additional buses are already on the road, ensuring students can travel to and from school safely.

MEET YOUR BOND TEAM

AUSTIN ISD BOND LEADERSHIP

JANNA GRIFFIN

Principal, Doss Elementary School



Janna has served as principal of Doss Elementary School since 2011, and she has been an educator for 30 years. She received a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University and a master's degree from the University of North Texas. She lives in the Northwest Hills area

with her partner and three children.

ELIZA LOYOLA

Principal, Menchaca Elementary School



Eliza is serving in her fifth year as principal of Menchaca Elementary. She has more than 20 years of experience as an educator, previously serving as assistant principal at Menchaca for nine years. She has also taught first-, second-, third- and fifth-grade students. Eliza and

her husband live in South Austin with their two children, one of whom is a student at Menchaca.

MARIZZA MARQUEZ

Director, Webb Primary



Marizza has been the academy director at Webb Primary for three years. She spent 11 years in the classroom serving mostly children in third, fourth and fifth grades at Cook, Pleasant Hill, and Wooldridge elementary schools. She earned her undergraduate degree

from Southwest Texas State and a master of education from The University of Texas at Austin. She was in fourth grade when she decided to become a teacher after being inspired by her mother.

PAULA REYES

Principal, Govalle Elementary School



Paula has lead Govalle Elementary School since 2015. Prior to her appointment she worked as a bilingual teacher at both Allan and T.A. Brown elementary schools and served as assistant principal at Allison Elementary School. She holds a master's degree in

education leadership from Lamar University.

VERONICA SHARP

Principal, T.A. Brown Elementary School



Veronica has been the principal at T.A. Brown since 2001. She was born in Austin and attended AISD schools, graduating from the former Johnston High School. She has a bachelor of science and applied learning and development from The University of Texas at Austin, as well as a master of education from Southwest Texas State University.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The rich history of Menchaca Elementary School began in the late 1800s. Named after Tejano Army officer José Antonio Menchaca, it was originally built as a one-room schoolhouse.

As part of the bond program, Menchaca will receive a new campus that will bring its capacity for students from 606 to 870. It also will improve site circulation to respond to major, adjacent road expansions. The new facility will be constructed on the southwest portion of the existing site while the current facility is occupied. The land used for the existing building will be restored to greenspace.

The Menchaca community held a groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 30, celebrating the project as it moves into the final stages of design and construction begins. Design highlights of the modernized school include learning stairs, outdoor classrooms, a courtyard between three separate buildings with covered walkways connecting administration, indoor classrooms and a natural light gym and modern cafeteria.

DID YOU KNOW?

Educational specifications, or “Ed Specs,” are design standards and concepts used by school districts to guide new school facility construction and major space renovations to create engaging and effective learning environments. In developing the latest version of its Ed Specs, the district embraced modernization and reinvention as envisioned by educators across the district, as well as in the district’s Strategic Plan, Facility Master Plan and academic vision.

When a new project is proposed, parents, teachers and principals are encouraged to actively participate in the process, examining the Ed Specs and considering the concepts that would best serve their communities. By working together, schools will be modernized and provide our vibrant community’s youth the modern learning environments they deserve.

View AISD’s Ed Specs at www.austinisd.org/construction-management/designinformation.

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.

