



# AISD FUTURE: 2017 BOND NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to another exciting school year!

For the 2019–20 year, Austin ISD is focused on changing the game for all our students so they can excel in everything they do. We love Austin today, but we want to create an even better Austin for tomorrow. That's why the district's theme this year is #AISDGameChangers.

We're committed to providing better learning environments and inspiring academic opportunities for all students. This means working together to reimagine how our schools can be used to benefit students and communities, reinvesting resources to bring those visions into reality and reinventing how students are educated in AISD.

Through the 2017 Bond Program, the district is working to create game-changing, 21st-century learning spaces for our students. We're also supporting programs to ensure students are successful in college, career and life. Innovative food service programs such as salad bars, food trucks and scratch cooking teach students about healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime. Our Early College High School program gives students the opportunity to graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree. This year, Akins became the seventh ECHS in the district. Our modernized facilities are being built with these programs in mind to create spaces that support skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

Additionally, we're investing in our educators so our students receive the best learning opportunities. That's why it was so important when the AISD Board of Trustees voted to approve a 7-percent raise for all teachers with more than five years of experience and a 6-percent raise for all other AISD staff. In addition, bilingual teachers and special education teachers will receive an increase to their yearly stipend.

We welcome you to be engaged as we strive to change the game and create a better, stronger AISD for all students through our facilities, programs and more. Today and every day, thank you for supporting our students as we create 21st-century learning spaces and reinvent the urban school experience together.

Your #AISDFuture Team

# BOND UPDATES

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Since voters approved the 2017 bond almost two years ago, AISD has:

- Kicked off all modernization projects in the 2017 Bond Program.
- Held more than 230 Campus Architectural Team and planning team meetings and more than 50 community meetings (engagement is ongoing).
- Held 12 milestone events, including site dedications and groundbreaking ceremonies.
- Completed 16 targeted projects, with 56 more underway and 63 scheduled.

To see the latest progress at the sites of modernization projects already under construction, visit the bond website and view the drone footage that is captured each month.

You can watch the videos and learn more about what's happening at each site at [austinisd2017bond.org/drone-footage](http://austinisd2017bond.org/drone-footage).

As the district moves through the 2019–20 school year, we look forward to completing the first three schools in the coming months. We'll celebrate three grand openings in January 2020:

- Govalle Elementary School
- Menchaca Elementary School
- T.A. Brown Elementary School

There are also several groundbreaking ceremonies that are anticipated to take place later in the school year, including:

- Brentwood Elementary School
- Casis Elementary School
- Hill Elementary School
- Sanchez Elementary School

Follow the 2017 Bond progress at [www.AISDFuture.com](http://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

## THE COMMUNITY BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The AISD Board of Trustees appointed volunteer community members to the Community Bond Oversight Committee to ensure 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.

This committee is responsible for a variety of work, including preparing and presenting bi-annual reports to the trustees, maintaining a record of work and findings to inform future bonds, and reviewing information presented by staff. At the last CBOC meeting, Matias Segura, operations officer, and Nicole Conley, chief business and operations officer provided an update on the district's school changes work to date, as well as information about the process and timeline.

The CBOC is led by tri-chairs, including former AISD trustees Cheryl Bradley and Lori Moya, and Julian Rivera, an Austin lawyer with significant experience in healthcare and education.

For more information on the CBOC and to view the latest report, please visit:  
[www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/cboc](http://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/cboc).



The CBOC at a monthly meeting



The CBOC receives a presentation from AISD Board President Rodriguez



Debra Dibble Boone

The CBOC was instrumental in the development of the district's Historically Underutilized Business program three years ago. This fall, Debra Dibble Boone, founding director of the HUB program is retiring. We'd like to thank Debra for her passion, dedication and commitment to providing a diverse array of opportunities to minority- and women-owned businesses for districtwide procurements.

Prior to leading AISD's HUB program and serving as assistant director for the City of Austin's program, Debra worked at Motorola and Texas Instruments in manufacturing, contracting and quality engineering.

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Casis Elementary School, founded in 1951, prides itself on continuing the rich legacy of meeting all children's needs. Along with special education programming and a strong academic foundation, Casis offers enrichment classes as well as amazing outdoor learning opportunities.

The school is undergoing a full modernization of the existing campus. The project includes expanding the school's current capacity from 669 to 800, computer lab improvements and new teacher computers and presentation systems.

The total budget for the project, which is currently in the design phase, is \$35,216,000. The new school is expected to open in Fall 2022.

The Casis modernization team recently unveiled new 3D renderings that showcase various parts of the new school, including the library, quad and building exterior.

View all renderings at [AustinISD2017Bond.org/Casis-Elementary-School-Modernization-Team-Shares-New-3D-Views](https://AustinISD2017Bond.org/Casis-Elementary-School-Modernization-Team-Shares-New-3D-Views).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Building 21st-century learning spaces takes a lot of work, but understanding the design process shouldn't. That's why we want to break down what takes place during each phase of design, after which a community meeting is held to report back and show progress.

A project kicks off with the Schematic Design Phase, which includes a series of Campus Architectural Team meetings. The design team, made up of architects and industry experts, work with the CAT to brainstorm ideas for the new facility. They use that information and community feedback to present an initial layout of the new school.

The next phase is Design Development. During this step, the CAT continues to meet and provide feedback while the design team goes into more detail. This includes finalizing room layouts, the exterior appearance and plotting out plumbing, mechanical, structural and electrical plans.

The Construction Phase is last in the process and includes the final design of the building. Before construction begins, the school will host a final community meeting to present the design and review the construction schedule and timeline.

## 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](mailto:email) notifications by visiting [AISDfuture.com](https://AISDfuture.com).

