History of Schools Up for Potential Name Changes

Documents Highlighting the 5 Sites Up for Potential Name Changes & Other Contextual Information
Overview of School Name History

- John T. Allan facility (former Allan Elementary), named for John T. Allan, an officer in the Confederate Army. Allan was born in Scotland and was a district attorney before he became Texas state treasurer. He was a board member at the Texas School for the Deaf.

- Fulmore Middle School, named for Zachary Taylor Fulmore, a private in the Confederate Army. Fulmore, a lawyer, was a Travis County judge. He also was a board member at the Texas School for the Blind. Along with his one-time law partner, Fulmore helped in the campaign for public schools in Austin and was a longtime school board member. He was a chairman of the board at the Texas Confederate Home.

- Lanier High School, named for Sidney Lanier, a noted poet and musician who fought for the Confederacy. Lanier, a Georgia native, practiced law with his father. He wrote an anti-war memoir about his service in the Confederate Army.

- Reagan High School, named for John H. Reagan, the Confederacy’s postmaster general. Reagan was a Texas Democratic Party leader. In May 1865, Reagan was captured and placed in solitary confinement at Fort Warren in Boston harbor. He returned to Texas after his release.

- Eastside Memorial High School at the Johnston campus, named for Confederate Gen. Albert S. Johnston. He was killed in 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh. First buried in New Orleans, his remains were transferred for burial in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Source: Austin American Statesman, Nov. 14, 2017
John T. Allan Facility

- The building was completed in 1900. It was used as Austin High School until 1925, when it became the John T. Allan Junior High School. The Junior High School was named in John T. Allan’s honor by the school board in recognition of a $5000 endowment to establish a school of industrial arts for boys. Classes were held there until 1956, when the school was destroyed by fire. A State of Texas Subject Marker was placed on the site in 1981 by the Texas Historical Commission.

- Allan was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1821. He came to the U.S. in 1821 and to Austin in 1850. He originally opened a furniture store in Austin but then, having studied law in Little Rock, decided to practice and later became a justice of the peace. He served as a confederate officer during the Civil War. Afterwards he served as state treasurer and later district attorney of the fourth judicial district of Texas. He died Jan. 22, 1888.

Sources:
Austin American Statesman, August 18, 1965, Jordan-Ellison Photo Company. [Old Red Campus building, John T. Allan Campus of Stephen F. Austin High School], photograph,1929/1930; (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth125089/: accessed December 6, 2017), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.
Zachary T. Fulmore Middle School:

- The school began as a one-room wooden schoolhouse a few blocks north of the present building. Austin was a growing city; the Colorado River had finally been tamed with a dam, and a new bridge was built, uniting north and south Austin. That original school was called the South Ward School. Miss Luetta Kinney, the first teacher, taught all six grades from her homemade desk. The 12 students drank water from a dipper that came from a barrel of water drawn from the Colorado River. The school was named Fulmore in honor of Judge Zachary Taylor Fulmore, a private in the Confederate Army and County Judge of Travis County, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newning who donated land and materials for the school. Judge Fulmore was a businessman, a judge, and a leader in educational reform in Austin and Travis County. He was ex officio superintendent of county schools at the time of the naming of the school.

- In 1892, when the school reached enrollment of about 75, the school became part of the Austin Public School System. Miss Mollie Dawson was made the first principal. Today Dawson Elementary School carries on her name. Student enrollment grew rapidly and the addition of a new building was proposed. Fulmore is the oldest secondary school building still in use in Austin.

Sources:
Sydney Lanier High School:

- Established in 1961 as the sixth high school in the Austin Independent School District, Sidney Lanier High School was originally located in the building which now houses Burnet Middle School. The school was named for Sidney Lanier, a noted poet and musician who fought for the Confederacy. Lanier, a Georgia native, practiced law with his father. He wrote an anti-war memoir about his service in the Confederate Army.

- The current facility, opened in the fall of 1966, is located on Payton Gin Road, north of Research Boulevard, between North Lamar Boulevard and Burnet Road. Lanier is the northernmost AISD high school. When originally opened, Lanier's student body was Caucasian. Over the years, however, the school's ethnic diversity has evolved to the point where Lanier more closely reflects an international population with over 53 countries represented, making it the most diverse high school in Austin.

Sources:
Austin American Statesman, Nov. 14 2017, Lanier High School School Website http://www.laniervikings.org/?PageName=%27AboutTheSchool%27
John H. Reagan High School

• The school was named for John H. Reagan, Texas statesman, political figure and strong supporter of public schools, who rose to prominence in the late 1800’s. He served in the Texas legislature and in both houses of the national congress. He was post-master general of the Confederacy under appointment of Jefferson Davis. He was the first chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission which was organized in 1891. He served in this capacity four terms, three by appointment and one by election. He is credited with lending strong support to sections of the state constitution of 1866 and 1875 which contained provision for a vast public land domain to endow public schools.

Source:
Austin American Statesman, August 18, 1965.
Eastside Memorial High School at the Johnston Campus

- Eastside Memorial High School at the Johnston campus was named for Albert Sidney Johnston. Johnston was a U.S. and Texas military officer who served as a Confederate general during the Civil War. He was killed in 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh. He was the highest ranking fatality of the war on either side. First buried in New Orleans, his remains were transferred for burial in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

- A veteran of the Black Hawk War, Johnston resigned from the U.S. Army in 1834. He served in the Texas Army during the Texas Revolution and as a colonel of Texas volunteers during the Mexican-American War. He moved to Texas in 1836. He enlisted as a private in the Texian Army and rose up through the ranks; on December 22, 1838, Mirabeau B. Lamar, the second president of the Republic of Texas appointed Johnston as Secretary of War. He was reappointed to the U.S. Army in 1849 and led troops during the Utah War before joining the Confederacy at the start of the Civil War in 1861. Johnston was appointed a full general and served in the war’s Western Theater as commander of all Confederate troops between Texas and the Appalachian Mountains.

Source:
The History Channel website http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/albert-sidney-johnston
Board Docs & Newspaper Articles
OBITUARY

Jan. 24, 1888

In memory of Mr. Walter S. Allen, 3rd, of the firm of W. S. Allen & Co., and formerly of 125 West 30th Street, New York City, who died on January 24, 1888, at the age of 89 years. He was a man of great business ability and integrity, and leaves a widow and several children. May he rest in peace.
Will of John T. Allan
Apr. 5, 1889
Allan Estate
Donated
Apr. 10, 1889

“Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools, do hereby accept for the City of Austin the property and trust as devised and set forth in the will of the late John T. Allan…”
Establishment of the Allan Fund
Apr. 10, 1889
Special Session on the
Allan Estate
Apr. 17, 1889
Manual Training School Mentioned July 1889

“…who should appear before the Board for the purpose of discussing the probable cost of establishing and maintaining a Manual Training School.”
Old Fulmore School Mentioned Nov. 4, 1892

“It was moved and carried that…in the 11th Ward be allowed the use of the Fulmore School…”
Rules for Allan Manual Training School
Sept. 19, 1896

“Rules for the establishment of the Allan Manual Training School.”
Investigation of New High School Building
Dec. 2, 1898

“The question of the possibility of having a High School building was discussed.”
Called Bond for New High School
May 9, 1899

“The original motion prevailed, the Board decided to issue $50,000 in bonds for building a High School.”
The superintendent stated that Mr. Golbeck had prepared a school account of the life of John T. Allan.
“...he leaves all of his fine estate to the City of Austin in trust, to found an industrial school for boys in the city.”
“Your committee to name the different schools take pleasure reporting unanimously on all names for the schools except in one instance...For the South Austin School a majority of the committee only acted. We have learned that...gave the property upon which that school was built also gave part of the material for the building and gave the name Fulmore to the school by which name it was known for many years. We as a majority of the committee are anxious to perpetuate the name ‘Fulmore’ who is such an...supporter and...worker for the improvement and maintenance of the public schools. We therefore suggest the name ‘Fulmore’ for the South Austin School.”
Allan Biography Displayed May 7, 1904

“...was appointed as a committee of one to have a biography of Hon. Judge Allan framed and placed in the different rooms of the Manual Training Department.”
New Fulmore School Need
Feb. 2, 1906

“New buildings are badly needed in the Hyde Park and South Austin.”
Purchase of Land for Allan
Apr. 5, 1907
First Mention of New Allan Building
Nov. 1, 1907

“…presented plans and specific actions for plumbing, gas fitting, and electric wiring in the Allan Building on East 6th Street.”
Need for More Fulmore Space

June 4, 1908

“The superintendent was instructed to have built on the South Austin school grounds an additional room like the one last built. The Superintendents and Mr. Pettway were appointed a committee to select place and arrange for the erection of this room as soon. The Superintendent was instructed to advertise the Robertson Hill school grounds for sale.

The following Principals were elected for the next school term:

Mrs. B. Pearcy – Principal High School
J. F. Jaff
T. A. Beade
Miss Florence R. Brooks
Mary E. Johnson
Mary A. Holley
Mrs. B. Beakmore
Miss Mary Loring

L. C. Anderson – Principal Robertson Hill
E. D. Norman
B. K. Faxon
K. E. Seeber
Mrs. L. H. Moriarty

Superintendents stated that Mr. Jim complained that the sky lights of the building occupied by him were in a bad condition and he was instructed by the board to have them fitted. Nothing further appearing, the board adjourned.

J. R. Pettway Sec
New Fulmore Land Purchase May 3, 1909
New Fulmore Land Purchase
May 3, 1909

and in as much as the negroes had failed to take Lots 28 and 29 according to their contract, they were justified in retaining the Board as Lisit to Lot 70. Mr. Geo. M. Blakley Jr. was requested to see Mr. Girouard and ascertain if the deed to those three lots was in full respect satisfactory, from a legal standpoint. It was further suggested by the Board, that the Board pay one-half the expense of an abstract and Marshal Harrington to search the other one-half, provided the title was satisfactory. Mr. Smith was requested to ascertain from Mr. G. L. Horst the price of the lots immediately east of the Rhodes Ridge School and to report at the regular meeting of the Board to be held Thursday night. The motion it was ordered to pass the managers and clerks of election, for School Trustees held on May 1st. 26 until an hour and that the Council of Wells were corner 26th & Guadalupe, in which the election for north Austin was held, he paid the same amount as paid the South Austin Fire Hall.

The question of organization of the Board was postponed until the regular meeting Thursday night.

Nothing further appears in the Board adjourned.

AR Pitney
Purchase of More Fulmore Land
May 6, 1909

“Mr. Smith and Mr. Yarrington appeared before the Board in regard to the sale of Lots 19, 20, and 21, Block 1-B Swisher addition.”
More New Fulmore Land Purchased Jan. 6, 1910
More New Fulmore Land Purchased
Jan. 12, 1910
New Fulmore Land Investigated June 13, 1910

“...the Building Committee had investigated the South Austin property and that the block of Mr. Chester Thrasher’s, one block from the Avenue could be purchased for $5,000.”
“Dr. Ellis made a detailed statement to the Board of the plans and specifications for the buildings to be erected in...South Austin.”
Fulmore Plaque 1911
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New Fulmore Grounds Purchased Jan. 25, 1911

“The Board met according to agreement on the grounds purchase for the new Fulmore School building in South Austin...”
New Fulmore School Dedication
Nov. 18, 1911

“The exercises were closed with the singing of ‘Dixie Land’ by the children.”
New Fulmore School
Dedication
Nov. 27, 1911

“Superintendent reported that the Fulmore School was dedicated on November 17th...”
“Mr. Geo. P. Warner appeared before the Board and stated that in as much as the two lots of the old Fulmore school in South Austin had been donated by him, that in as much as the school was no longer conducted at this location, he asked the Board to return the lots to him.”
Allan Junior High Named
Apr. 10, 1916

“It was ordered by the Board that the new Junior High School be named the John T. Allan High School.”
Allan Anniversary Observed May 22, 1932

“He became an officer on the staff of Major Gen. Ward during the Civil War and served for the duration of the war.”
Report to the Board of Education on Integration in AISD
Aug. 8, 1955

EXHIBIT A

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ON INTEGRATION IN
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

As requested by the Board of Education at its meeting on July 11, a preliminary study has been made of the possibility of integrating the negro and white students at the senior high level by the beginning of the 1955-56 school year.

Several meetings were held with the four high school principals and with the directors for the purpose of discussing this question. The consensus of the group was that due to the less crowded conditions of the senior high schools, it would be possible to begin integration at the senior high school level only in the fall of 1955.

If such is done it is recommended that:

1. For the time being, the A. N. McCallum and W. B. Travis high school districts shall remain unchanged. Out of the Stephen F. Austin High School district, two new districts should be formed, one of these districts to be designated the Anderson High School district, the second district to be located in the southeast section of Austin for which a site was purchased in 1953 on Shady Lane. The pupils from the southeast district shall continue attending the Stephen F. Austin High School until the building on the Shady Lane site is ready for occupancy, scheduled for September 1957. It should also be noted that the Board will need to create another district in northeast Austin in the foreseeable future.

2. Each high school student (grades 10, 11, 12) shall be allowed to attend the high school of the district of his residence.

3. Students living outside of the Anderson High School district may apply for transfer to attend that school. Students living within the Anderson High School district may apply for a transfer to attend some other high school. All applications for transfer shall be signed by the parents.

4. A student going to a different high school than he attended last year should present himself to his original high school where he will check his records with the principal, obtain his choice slip and make his request for transfer. This should be done during the week of August 30 to September 2, 1955.
Current John T. Allan Junior High School East Section Plaque 1956
Johnston Chapter 105 of United Daughters of the Confederacy Honor Lanier Feb. 12, 1956

UDC Chapter To Hear Talk On Lanier

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter 105 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Texas Confederate Museum, Old Land Office Building, 11th and Brazos Streets.

A short business session will precede the historical program which has been arranged by Mrs. R. S. Lloyd, historian.

Miss Nellie Lea Brown will speak to the group on Sidney Lanier, reading a selection of his poems.

Through the efforts of the UDC, a bronze bust of Sidney Lanier has been placed in the Hall of Fame, New York University. The bronze bust was presented in a ceremony Oct. 3, 1946, by the then UDC president-general, Mrs. John M. Wilcox of Houston.

The program will include musical selections and will be concluded with group-singing of "Dixie."

An informal social hour will follow with Mrs. Maurice W. Plumb as chairman of the hostess committee.
Current John T. Allan Junior High School West Section Plaque 1957
Johnston Chapter 105 of United Daughters of the Confederacy Meeting Feb. 17, 1957

UDC Group To Convene

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter 105, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Texas Confederate Museum of the old Land Office Building, 11th and Brazos Streets.

Mrs. Chester C. Cameron and Mrs. J. F. Kramer, historian of the group, will be in charge of the meeting. The program will honor the Confederate poet, Sidney Lanier.


Review Scheduled

The Tuesday Book Review Club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. M. Alexander, 1608 Forrest Trail, Tuesday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Ross Bell will review "The Tribe That Lost Its Head."
Johnston Land Purchase Apr. 2, 1957

“The superintendent presented information on the possible purchase of additional property adjacent to the presently owned Wroe tract just off Bolm Road.”
Reagan Site Surveyed
Apr. 8, 1957

“Mr. Mayhall showed a survey map of the Northeast Senior High School site which is in the process of being purchased.”
Reagan Site Purchased May 17, 1957

“Mr. Mason moved that the Nash Phillips-Copus site north of Harris School, the Chico-Lott properties in the Brookdale Green Valley Addition, and the Tannehill Lane site be purchased.”
“The president called for suggestions for a name for the proposed east side high school. He submitted for consideration the name Albert Sidney Johnston famous Confederate general who is buried in the State Cemetery in Austin. The administration was asked to bring name suggestions for this school, also, at the June meeting.”
School Naming Committees
June 10, 1957

“The chairman suggested that there be a committee of two Board members appointed to study suggested names and make a recommendation to the Board before names are chosen for the new schools. He also suggested that publicity be given the fact that the Board is seeking names for schools so that interested citizens will submit some likely names.”
“Mr. Broad and Mrs. Black were asked to study the name possibilities for this school and make a recommendation to the Board as soon as possible.”
Johnston Named
Riverside High
School
Nov. 11, 1957

“The superintendent asked the committee on names to report on
the name for the high school to be built in east Austin. Mr. Broad
stated that it was the recommendation of the committee
to name the school the Riverside High School and he moved that the
school be named. Mrs. Black seconded. The motion carried.”
Johnston Chapter 105 of United Daughters of the Confederacy Meeting
Feb. 2, 1958

Meeting Slated By UDC Chapter

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. with Mrs. J. F. Kramer, 612 East 43rd Street.

The program will honor Sidney Lanier who was born in February. Mrs. Nan Elkins will give the program.

Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Maurice Plumb, chairman, Mesdames Ben Sharpe, Woodie Sport, J. H. Tyler, Charles Foster, J. E. Howze, R. J. Rasor, L. E. Purnell, A. P. Robinson, J. B. Nitschke and H. J. Thaxton, and Miss Opelia Gilmore and Miss Miriam Landrum.

Travel Talk Slated

Alpha Gamma Delta Mothers Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the chapter house, 807 West 25th Street.

Hostesses will be Mrs. D. A. Schofield and Mrs. W. C. Hoeyt. Guest speaker Mrs. George Hoffman will discuss her experiences in Europe last summer and will show colored slides.

Board To Convene

The board of directors of Altenheim will meet at the home on Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Johnston as Riverside High School
Feb. 10, 1958

“That a proposed budget had been drawn up for the Riverside High School...”
Mrs. Pettus To Entertain UDC Chapter

Johnston Chapter 105 of United Daughters of the Confederacy Meeting Feb. 1, 1959

Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter, No. 105, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. J. J. Pettus, 1008 Meriden Lane.

Mrs. Chester C. Cameron, historian, will review "The Gallant Mrs. Stonewall." Mrs. Nan Cameron Elkins will read poems of Sidney Lanier in observance of his birthday which is in February. Group singing of "Dixie" will close the program.

Hostesses for the social hour will be Mesdames Pettus, chairman; Byrd Bowman Davis, Ben H. Sharpe, J. H. Tyler and Miss Ophelia Gilmore.
Allen Junior High
School
Confederate Party
Apr. 26, 1959

"The Confederate Party of John T. Allen Junior High School will be honored by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, No. 105, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thursday at 1:50 p.m. in the school cafetorium."

"Mrs. Chester C. Cameron, ex-president of Texas Division, UDC, will speak on "Ideals of our Confederacy."

"Accepting the plate will be Arthur Gil and Monique Sosa, titular heads of the school's Confederate Party."
The superintendent stated that the children who will attend the Riverside High School next year have asked that the Board consider changing the name of this school. They would prefer that the school be named for some historical or educational figure such as the other high schools of the city. The Board asked the superintendent to have names to present at the next meeting.”
Lanier Land
Purchased
June 18, 1959

“Mr. Carruth requested the permission of the Board to purchase the 22 acres owned by Mr. Mayfield in northwest Austin for the purposes of constructing a junior high school...The motion carried.”
Riverside Still the Name
June 18, 1959

“Mr. Mayhall explained the latest developments in the progress of the construction of the Riverside High School.”
“The superintendent showed a map of the proposed site in the northwest part of the district which is to be used for a junior high school.”
Reason for Riverside Renaming
July 13, 1959

“The Board discussed the renaming of this school as has been requested by the students who will attend. After a discussion of many names, Mr. Avery appointed a committee composed of Mr. Gray, chairman, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Bray to make a suggestion to the Board at the next meeting.”
“Mr. Gray, chairman of the committee appointed by the Board, suggested three names: Davy Crockett, Coronado and Albert Sidney Johnston. The Board instructed the superintendent to ask Mr. Gordon Bailey, former principal of Allan Junior High School, to select with the help of the student committee, a name for the school from the list submitted and report to the Board at its meeting on August 10th.”
"In a special board meeting Monday night, the members decided to name the former Riverside High one of the names - David Crockett, Coronado, or Albert Sidney Johnston."
Renaming of Riverside High School

Aug. 10, 1959

“Mr. Gray moved approval of the recommended name of Albert Sidney Johnston for the high school being constructed in the east part of town, formerly known as the Riverside High School. Mrs. Bray seconded. The motion carried.”
Integration in Junior High Schools

Aug. 10, 1959

“The superintendent reminded the Board that it is now time to consider the further integration in the junior high schools.”
Johnston Ties To Texas
Aug. 12, 1959

“Mrs. Rutland explained that Johnston, the Confederate general killed at Shiloh, was more Texan than anything else…”

“Now some Austinites are perplexed about this man Johnston. Why was he important enough for the Austin Board of Education and the future students of Austin’s new east side high school to scuttle a perfectly good name like ‘Riverside’ to name the school for Johnston?”

“Jefferson Davis appointed Johnston a general in the Confederate Army and placed him in command of the Western Department.”

“Johnston interest revived as School Board names new high school for famed Confederate.”
Transfers to Johnston High School
Feb. 3, 1960

Mr. Carruth stated that some question has arisen concerning transfers into the newly opened Albert Sidney Johnston High School. He stated that it was the understanding of the administration that the existing transfer policy would hold in this district, as well as all others; i.e., that no transfer would be allowed except in cases of pupil adjustment, health, hardship, and for the purpose of taking a subject not offered at another high school. Members of the Board expressed their opinions and understanding of the transfer policy and Mr. Cunningham discussed the conditions for transfer from one high school to another. He also defined the districts for the high schools. The Board discussed several possibilities for adding more students to Johnston: making it an open school; making a certain area optional for this school or Austin High School; or allowing transfers for this semester only. They also discussed the difficulties of staffing and scheduling classes for any appreciable increase in enrollment at this time, as well as the other problems involved in the free transfer system.

Mrs. Bray moved to abide by the present transfer policy. Mr. Mason seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

C. B. Avery, Jr., President

Mrs. Carrie Bray
Mrs. Carrie Bray, Secretary
Lanier Naming
Mar. 14, 1960

“Mr. Gray moved approval of the name of Sidney Lanier for the junior high school to be constructed at Doris and Hathaway Streets in northwest Austin. Mrs. Black seconded. The motion carried.”
Daughters of the Confederacy Present Picture
Apr. 29, 1960

“Daughters of the Confederacy have been watching with interest the...of the new Albert Sidney Johnston School on Riverside...At that time our...wishes to present a framed picture of General Johnston to the...”
Johnston Dedicated May 9, 1960

“The superintendent asked the Board’s permission to hold the dedication of the Albert Sidney Johnston High School on May 29 at 2:30 p.m.”
City’s Fifth High School To Be Dedicated Sunday

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 27, 1960; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman

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Johnston Dedication Ceremony

May 27, 1960

“Presentation of commemorative gifts for permanent display in the school by the members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Children of the Confederacy will be a feature of the program.”

“Gifts will be presented by Mrs. J. F. Kramer, president of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter 105, UDC; Mrs. W. O. Parrett, president of the Albert Sidney Johnston chapter, UDC, San Antonio; and Miss Sara Ann Redfield, president, Calvin Crozier chapter, Children of the Confederacy, Austin. This part of the program will be presided over by Mrs. Chester C. Cameron, historian of the Austin UDC chapter.”
Lanier Name of Two Schools Feb. 3, 1961

“The superintendent explained that the senior students of the Lanier Junior-Senior High School are concerned because they will graduate from a school which, after a few years, will not exist.”
“The superintendent discussed the concern of students who will attend the Lanier Senior High School that the school will operate as a senior high school for only a few years.”
Integration of Sixth Grade
July 10, 1961

“Mr. Cabe explained that according to the policy adopted in 1955, it is now time to extend integration to the sixth grade.”
Reagan Architects Selected Apr. 11, 1962

“The superintendent asked if the Board were ready to appoint architects for the high school to be built on the site northeast of the intersection of Cameron Road and Highway 290.”
Reagan Named Jan. 7, 1963

“Mr. Brown moved, Dr. Thomas seconded that John H. Reagan High School be the name of the new high school in planning for the northeast site. The motion carried.”
Reagan Name Chosen
Jan. 8, 1963

“The name was selected by the Austin School Board.”

“John H. Reagan, famed early Texan, is becoming a familiar name around Austin with the naming of a state office building for him and now a school.”
Reagan Boundary Set
Dec. 15, 1964

"Boundary lines for the new Reagan High School to open next fall have been set, with most Stephen F. Austin High School to be the main source of students."
Regan High School Mascot Chosen
Mar. 12, 1965

“Raiders is the name chosen for the students of Reagan High School…The Reagan Rangers was the only other name which gave the Raiders any real competition. Romans, Patriots and Cavaliers hardly had a chance.”
Reagan Opens Doors in Fall
Aug. 18, 1965

“The school is named for John H. Reagan, Texas statesman, political figure and strong supporter of public schools, who came to prominence in the last half of the 1800’s. He served in the Texas Legislature and in both houses of the national Congress. He was postmaster-general of the Confederacy under appointment by Jefferson Davis.”
Reagan Football
Sep. 3, 1965
Regan High School Opening Photos Sept. 7, 1965
Regan High School Symbols Announced Sept. 24, 1965

“Our school was named after John Henninger Reagan, who, during his lifetime, was a lawyer, surveyor, a representative in both houses of the Texas Legislature, and the Postmaster General of Texas during the Civil War. Most of all, he was noted for his honesty and integrity in all of his dealings. Our motto, “Not Without Honor,” was taken from John H. Reagan’s biography, Not Without Honor. The mascot still remains somewhat of a mystery, for who drew it is not known. It is a picture of a cowboy on a reared horse with his gun held high in the air.”
Regan High School Dedication Oct. 1, 1965
Regan High School Opens Oct. 11, 1965

"The second senior high to be opened her in five years is Reagan, and some 1,700 teenagers from three other high schools are learning to work together and create spirit for a new school."

School Begins Breaking the Ice

MIKE COX

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Oct 11, 1965; Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman
Regan High School Student Council
Nov. 12, 1965
Regan High School Flag 1965

Seal included Confederate flag and soldier.
Reagan's KKK Doesn't Wear Hoods, Sheets

Dec. 10, 1965

"The KKK roams freely in the lunchroom at Reagan. Members of this organization don't wear white robes or burn crosses, though. The Reagan KKK is a student council sponsored group known officially as the Kleanup Kafeteria Krew. The Reagan KKK may be the only group created to discriminate against messy lunchrooms."
Lanier Plaque
1966
New Building At Reagan 1967

“This building, presently under construction, will enlarge Reagan’s capacity from 1,500 to 2,500 students.”
Reagan
Tentative Alma Mater

Varsity football players are introduced during the first pep rally.

ALMA MATER
(Tentative)
Not without honor we shall always be
True to our colors, symbols of our unity
Spirit and victory, bonds which strongly tie
Our hearts, our minds together, live with honor
Reagan High.

Nobody’s Perfect!
Reagan Addition Plaque 1967
Johnston Daughters of the Confederacy Give Reagan Painting Nov. 1, 1967

“A large oil portrait of John H. Reagan was presented to Reagan High School recently by Albert Sidney Johnston chapter 105, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The portrait will hang in the school foyer.”
Problems of Early Schools
Sept. 11, 1971

“However, Mr. Newning suggested the name Fulmore for the school to honor Judge Zachary Taylor Fulmore, a man deeply interested in education, who was at the time ex officio superintendent of county schools, as he was County Judge of Travis County.”
Johnston Rams Legacy Hall In Current Cafeteria

Johnston Rams Legacy Hall on display in Eastside cafeteria.
Resolution of Descendants of Confederate Veterans

“Be it therefore resolved that the Descendants of Confederate Veterans does oppose any renaming of these schools by the District’s Board of Trustees Board of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion…”

WHEREAS, the Descendants of Confederate Veterans is charged with "the perpetuation of the memory and spirit of the Confederate soldier’s history"; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Independent School District has announced their interest in renaming the Austin area schools that were named after Confederate leaders: Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston, John H Reagan and Sidney Lanier; and

WHEREAS, The Descendants of Confederate Veterans believes that each of these men, through word and deed were firm believers in the formal education of all people and in many cases made great and undeniable strides in the furtherance of education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, The Descendants of Confederate Veterans believes that much can be learned by the studying of these honorable men, their ties to Texas and their contributions to society as a whole;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Descendants of Confederate Veterans does oppose any renaming of these schools by the District’s Board of Trustees Board of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Descendants of Confederate of Veterans deplores racism in all of its forms from wherever the source and does heartily support the Austin Independent School District in its efforts to promote racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity so long as the cultural heritage of Texas is not forgotten, diminished or neglected.