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FALL 2018



Metz, Sánchez and Zavala school communities came together on Nov. 1 to celebrate Día de Los Muertos with good food, a performance by Austin High School's Ballet Folklorico and a screening of the movie "Coco" (see more photos on page 5). On Sept. 24th, Austin ISD Trustees approved Sánchez Elementary School as the site of a \$25 million Austin ISD 2017 Bond program investment, modernizing the campus in east Austin and creating a 21st-century learning space. A newly modernized facility is planned to open in the fall of 2021.

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Trustees made the decision at the Sept. 24 Regular Board Meeting. The board vote aligned with the recommendation of the Metz, Sánchez and Zavala Project Planning Team and district administration. The planning team was composed of faculty, staff and community members from the three schools.

The modernization of Sánchez will provide students with collaborative spaces, learning neighborhoods, integrated technology and outdoor learning spaces as part of the 2017 Bond investment.



CAT: FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY WILL HELP DESIGN SÁNCHEZ



Now that Sánchez has been chosen to be the modernized site, a Campus Architectural Team has been formed to continue the modernization process. The CAT is made up of the principal, faculty, staff and community members, and will provide input to the architects to design the 21st-century learning environment! Members of the CAT will serve as ambassadors to the community and ensure that the design reflects the needs of the students and community values.

Efforts to help the schools' families become acquainted and form new friendships are underway and began with an East Austin neighborhood event for Día de los Muertos on Nov. 1, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Pan American Recreation Center. The event included the movie "Coco", food, music, children's activities and entertainment.

Austin ISD Trustees deliberated on the school to be modernized from among Sánchez, Metz and Zavala Elementary schools. Trustees voted to concur with the recommendation of the Metz, Sánchez and Zavala Project Planning Team and district administration. The planning team is composed of faculty, staff and community members from the three schools. Earlier this year, the planning team undertook a months-long evaluation of each of the schools, all located in East Austin.

To support an elementary school the modernization, Austin ISD performed a high-level "constructibility analysis" based on the district's Educational Specifications. Overall, the study found that both Metz and Sánchez elementary schools could be fully modernized within the budget. Zavala Elementary had significant constructibility challenges and could not. Findings show that Sánchez:

- **Could be easily modernized to align with the district's updated design standards and concepts to create engaging and effective learning spaces.**
- **Has an existing building arrangement that allows for a separation of parent and bus traffic.**
- **Includes an opportunity to address lack of natural light within the building.**
- **Has strong linkages to outdoor spaces, including proximity to Lady Bird Lake.**

Austin voters approved AISD's 2017 Bond Program in November 2017. The \$1.05 billion program will construct 17 new or modernized campus facilities, address campus overcrowding and critical facility needs and improve technology integration for teachers and students districtwide.

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Modernization is a term that describes schools of the future. In the 21st-century classroom, teachers facilitate student learning in which children can develop the skills they will need in their lives. Under the bond program AISD is constructing 17 new or modernized campuses. Modernization is characterized by:

- Flexible learning spaces.
- Integration of technology.
- Collaborative workstations.
- Outdoor learning spaces.
- Student mobility in the classroom.



Also as part of the 2017 Bond Program, both Metz and Zavala will receive funds to make safety and technology improvements. Through the Targeted Utilization Plan program schools with a student enrollment less than 75% of their permanent capacity receive TUP support. TUP strategies are district-funded plans to increase enrollment and optimize how we use the building space with community partners. Austin ISD's academic leadership and communications teams work with the school leadership to create and implement the plans. TUP plans can include academic programming, marketing, outreach support and more.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When the Sánchez students are temporarily relocated during construction, will Sánchez staff go with them?

Many teachers will travel with the students. Austin ISD intends to make as few staff changes as needed to ensure your student is surrounded by familiar faces.

Will there be improvements to Metz and Zavala funded by the 2017 Bond Program?

Yes, both schools will undergo improvements and enhancements including notable technology upgrades for students and staff. There will be improvements to computer labs, network system, presentation systems, and instructional technology for teachers. Upgrades and replacements of security cameras and alarm systems also will be funded by the bond program. Metz's improvements will total approximately \$297,000 and Zavala's improvements total approximately \$332,000.

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Will my child's class size change during co-location?

No. At all Austin ISD campuses, the expected classroom size for grades kindergarten through fourth grade is 22 students. Teachers may be added if a grade level is averaging above 22 students.

When will the modernized Sánchez re-open?

The modernized Sánchez Elementary is scheduled to re-open in August 2021.

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Will my family be able to visit my student’s temporary school before school starts?

Yes, there will be a tour before the school year starts next fall. The date and time will be determined closer to the start of school year, and all parents will be notified.

How long will students co-locate at another school?

Sánchez students will co-locate for two years, from fall 2019 to fall 2021.

How can I get involved and give input?

There will be a series of community engagement opportunities that will be held after the project time-line is set. These meetings will provide an opportunity for discussion and feedback. Notifications for each meeting will be sent out in advance to the school community and project events and key dates will also be available on the Sánchez modernization page of the bond website.

You can also sign-up for school specific email updates on the bond website, which will include information on upcoming opportunities for participation.

How much will the Sánchez modernization cost?

The modernization cost is \$25 million and was approved by voters as part of the Austin ISD 2017 Bond Program investment in our schools.

There are several ways to learn about AISD’s Bond Program. You can email future@austinisd.org or call 512-414-9595. The bond program website is www.AISDfuture.com

DO YOU KNOW THESE BOND TERMS?

ATTENDANCE ZONE

The geographical area from which students are assigned a school to attend. Austin ISD students living within the Attendance Zone are known as the Attendance Zone Population.

CORE SPACES

Large areas within a school building that are utilized by students throughout the school day, i.e., cafeteria, gymnasium, library. The size of these areas and ability to serve students is one of the factors considered in determining the size of the Attendance Zone population.

DESIGN TEAM

The team of professionals from architectural and engineering firms that design a facility.



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EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

An Austin ISD set of guidelines that sets the standard for the way educational facilities should be designed and built to support the district's educational mission. "Ed Specs" include:

- **Number and size of rooms in a school.**
- **Room adjacency.**
- **Elements of each room (sinks, electrical outlets, storage, etc.).**

FACILITY MASTER PLAN

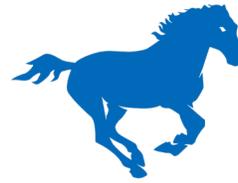
Austin ISD's comprehensive plan for all its school buildings and other facilities. It is a living document that is reviewed through a recommended review cycle. The FMP outlines the current status and future use of all district facilities.

The FMP 2019 update is underway! A living document that guides the development of future capital improvements and supports planning for bond elections. Our Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee is leading the update for 2019, which includes master planning for Athletics, Career and Technical Education and Fine Arts. FABPAC will develop recommendations now through May 2019, when the Board will meet to review the suggested updates and vote to approve the new FMP by June.

SWING SPACE

Surplus space available in a district facility that is used to temporarily house students or staff from another facility that is undergoing renovations or construction.





Thank you to the Metz, Sánchez and Zavala school communities for making this a great year!

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