

# AISD Future

## Austin ISD 2017 Bond Implementation

### Menchaca Modernization FAQ



#### 1. What is included in the 2017 Bond Program for Menchaca Elementary School?

Menchaca Elementary School will receive a newly constructed school built on the existing site, to the west of the current campus. It will be designed based on the new Austin ISD Educational Specifications to create a state-of-the-art facility with increased capacity.

There will be site circulation improvements to accommodate the major, adjacent road expansions of 1626 and Manchaca Road. Menchaca will also receive technology upgrades including classroom-based technology.

#### 2. Where will the modernized school be constructed?

The existing site is large enough to accommodate construction of the modernized facility while the current facility is occupied. Upon completion of construction, students will move from the existing building into the new facility.

#### 3. What does Austin ISD plan to do with the land that the existing school is sitting on once the new school is constructed?

Austin ISD plans to demolish the existing building and restore the land to greenspace.

#### 4. What is the total budget for Menchaca Elementary School?

\$33,351,000

#### 5. Who is on the planning team for Menchaca Elementary School? How are they selected?

A Campus Architectural Team has been established for the Menchaca Elementary School construction and modernization project. It includes members of the school's community that have been selected by the principal and Austin ISD leadership.

The CAT is responsible for providing community input during planning, design, and construction as we seek to modernize the facility and shape the environment for 21st century learning. The designated design team will meet regularly with the CAT throughout each phase of a given project, from initial planning through design, construction and finally the opening of the modernized facility.

#### 6. Which firms have been selected as the architect and builder for this modernization?

[LPA](#) and [Joeris General Contractors](#) have been contracted by the district as the design-build team for this project.

#### 7. How can I get involved and give input?

Everyone is encouraged to send feedback and questions about the bond program by email to [Future@AustinISD.org](mailto:Future@AustinISD.org). You can also share feedback specific to this project directly with principal Eliza Loyola by email to [Eliza.Loyola@AustinISD.org](mailto:Eliza.Loyola@AustinISD.org).

There will also be a series of community engagement opportunities that will be held for Menchaca Elementary School during the different design phases of the project. 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 [Menchaca 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.

**8. What is the timeline for construction? When will students move into the new campus?**

The design phase for Menchaca Elementary School began in February 2018. You can access the current comprehensive timeline at [AISDFuture.com](#). A more detailed construction timeline will be available on the bond website soon.

**9. Where can I find more information about the modernization project for Menchaca Elementary School?**

For the most up-to-date information on this project, visit [AustinISD2017Bond.org/Menchaca-ES](#).