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Austin ISD Family:

As we wrap up this school year, we are excited for all of our AISD graduates to celebrate this monumental achievement and begin their next chapter in life. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

From pre-K through high school, AISD's mission is to prepare every student with the knowledge and skills to thrive in college, career and life. Read this latest edition of the quarterly newsletter to learn more about how the 2017 Bond Program is creating modernized spaces across the district for students at every grade level.

Thank you for your continued support of AISD and the important work of the 2017 bond.

Sincerely,

Matias Segura

Acting Chief Operations Officer



BOND UPDATES

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT

MILESTONE CEREMONIES

This spring, AISD celebrated the grand opening for **Murchison Middle School** with a virtual ribbon-cutting, school tour, outdoor performance by the Murchison band and cheerleaders and student videos. You can view the full event recording on the [AISD Future blog](#).

We are #AISDProud that four projects are on track to open this fall. As construction begins to wrap up on these projects, we look forward to celebrating the grand openings of the following schools:

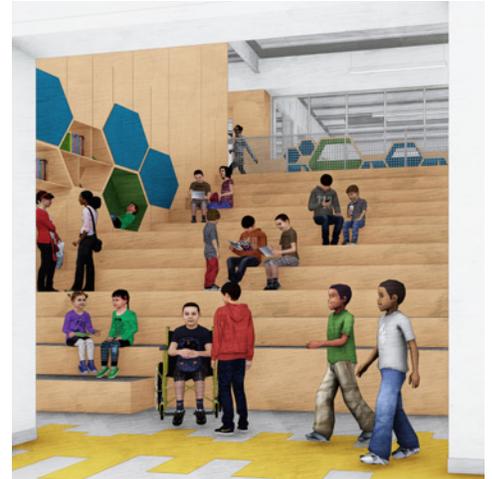
- **Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders**
- **Eastside Early College High School**
- **Hill Elementary School**
- **Sánchez Elementary School**

AISD will also kick off construction at **LBJ Early College High School** with a groundbreaking this summer.

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING INTERNSHIP

During the 2019-2020 school year, students at **Akins Early College High School** had the opportunity to participate in a new sustainable building Internship program focused on architecture and design. In partnership with local firm [BLGY Architecture](#), students learned the fundamentals behind sustainable building practices such as water conservation and energy efficiency. They played a key role in supporting the design of the modernized **Blazier Elementary School Intermediate Site**, visiting the construction site and BLGY office each week. Students also explored lessons from [EcoRise](#) as they worked toward earning LEED certification.

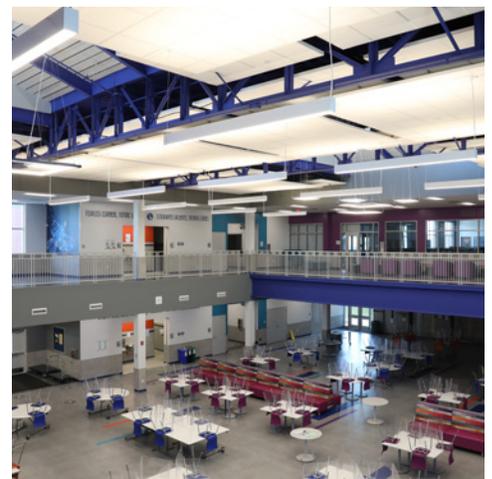
The Sustainable Building Internship is just one example of how the 2017 Bond Program is unlocking new opportunities for our students. The modernized spaces themselves provide students the chance to explore their environments and learn more about what it means to build and maintain a sustainable facility.



Sánchez ES Learning Stairs



Eastside ECHS Aerial



Blazier Intermediate Site Cafetorium

MEET YOUR BOND TEAM

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dr. Anthony Mays, Chief of Schools

Anthony Mays joins AISD as chief of schools from Harris County ISD, where he most recently held the title of senior director of the schools division. Bringing 20 years of public education experience to AISD, Mays has served as principal at Emmett J. Conrad High School and Sam Tasby Middle School at Dallas ISD. Mays is a member of the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.



Dr. Creslond Fannin, Executive Director of Early College High Schools

Hailing from Manor ISD, Fannin joins AISD as executive director of early college high schools with more than 20 years of public education experience. In her new role, Fannin collaborates with district and campus leaders to foster strong working relationships with Austin Community College and community partners to increase opportunities and choices for our scholars. Fannin currently serves on the Austin Community College Dual Credit Task Force and the 2-Gen Leadership Council for United Way for Greater Austin.



Elizabeth Casas, Chief Academic Officer

Elizabeth Casas joins AISD from Dallas ISD as our chief academic officer. Casas brings a wealth of experience from her roles as executive director of bilingual/SEL, executive director of school leadership and assistant superintendent of special populations at Dallas ISD. We are thrilled to welcome Casas to our family!



Katrina Bailey, Director of School Leadership

Katrina Bailey joins AISD as the director of school leadership. Bailey, a former AISD teacher, most recently served as principal of Caraway Elementary School in Round Rock ISD. In her role, Bailey works directly with Mays to support campus and district administrators and implement initiatives through the AISD strategic plan. With 17 years of experience, Bailey will continue to instill a culture of trust, respect and transparency between the Office of School Leadership, campuses and the community.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

LBJ Early College High School will break ground this summer on their modernization, which will create a two-story media resource center that connects to all main corridors of the academic building. The design will greatly improve students' ability to find their way throughout the campus and create a central gathering space. The modernization work also includes new spaces specifically designed for the health sciences program. Construction is expected to be complete by July 2022.

LBJ ECHS received two grants from St. David's Foundation with Keep Austin Beautiful and the City of Austin to transform the campus grounds. The funds will create new seating and landscaping in the courtyard at the front of the school, trees throughout the grounds and improvements to the school's track and fields.



DID YOU KNOW?

AISD provides Career and Technical Education courses to empower high school students with the academic knowledge and technical skills to gain entry to high-skill, high-wage and high-demand industries. CTE provides work-based learning experiences that combine hands-on learning with real-world scenarios so students are prepared to enter the workforce or college after they graduate high school.

CTE courses are dynamic and engaging, giving students a platform to find their passion and make a career of it. Our schools offer options for earning college credit, industry credentials and postsecondary awards (like certifications and associate degrees). Our modernized spaces support these efforts with flexible furniture, outdoor learning spaces, labs and media centers which provide students with increased resources and opportunities for college, career and life. To learn more about CTE at AISD, visit AustinISD.org/CTE.

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](#) notifications by visiting AISDFuture.com.

