



**CASIS** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AUSTIN Independent School District

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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION  
AUGUST 25, 2022 | 9:00 A.M.



# Casis Elementary School Grand Opening

Casis Elementary School opened in 1951 as a model for collaborative design among public schools in the post-World War II era. The school successfully integrated primary education programs with an advanced special education program within a single campus. Casis Elementary received a full modernization as part of the 2017 Bond Program.

We heard from the Casis community that the school's connection to the neighborhood and natural environment were treasured parts of the original building. With this feedback, we created a "school within a forest" that championed the Casis tradition of connecting with nature.

Many parts of the new school are inspired by its history, so it still feels like the Casis you know and love, but designed for a modern era. When you walk through Casis, you'll see a clear link to nature in nearly every space – from the outdoor classroom overlooking Casis Forest, to the rooftop fitness deck and even the colors of the walls. Each classroom has flexible furniture that can be rearranged to best suit the learning material and each student's learning style. Additional collaboration spaces provide teachers visibility while giving students the space for independent work.



The school features a connected cafeteria and gym, library with a reading den and a community room that can be used by the Casis community. Casis Elementary was also built with a wide range of sustainable features, including water-saving fixtures, ample natural light, native and adapted landscape plants, and recycled construction material. While the building has been transformed, the passion for nature and community connection remains the same.

**Congratulations to the Casis community, and welcome home, Cougars!**

# PROGRAM

Thank you for joining Austin ISD as we celebrate the grand opening of the modernized Casis Elementary School, built as part of the 2017 Bond Program.

## AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL DRUMLINE

### WELCOME

**Samuel Tinnon**

*Casis Elementary Principal*

## CASIS COUGAR PRIDE SONG

### REMARKS

**Dr. Anthony Mays**

*Austin ISD Interim Superintendent*

**Geronimo Rodriguez**

*Austin ISD Board of Trustees, President*

**Lynn Boswell**

*Austin ISD Board of Trustees, District 5*

## CLOSING REMARKS

## RIBBON-CUTTING









# THANK YOU

Special thanks to the Austin ISD Board of Trustees, teachers and team members, the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee and the Community Bond Oversight Committee, as well as the Casis Campus Architectural Team, whose dedication and time throughout the planning and design process have made this school a reality.

## CAMPUS ARCHITECTURAL TEAM

Samuel Tinnon, Principal  
Elexa Antweil, Instructional Staff  
Courtney Ewing, Instructional Staff  
Andrea Rieck, Instructional Staff  
Marissa Hanson, Instructional Staff  
Cameron Campbell, Parent  
Heather Chesney, Parent  
Kimberley Comstock, Parent  
Dana Hogstedt Arnold, Parent  
Revis Ray Joiner, Parent  
Tadd Lanham, Parent  
Lindsey Majors, Parent  
Laura Spence, Parent

## PROGRAM MANAGER

AECOM

## DESIGN-BUILD TEAM

LPA Inc.  
Joeris General Contractors