

## **Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Status Report – July 2017**

HISD's Bond Program continues to make steady progress with eight new or renovated schools set to open to students in August and another eight set for completion in the following two quarters.

Bond Oversight Committee members heard from Construction Services Officer Derrick Sanders and other members of the district's bond team as they discussed the status of building programs and reviewed second quarter progress during the group's regular July meeting.

The new schools set to open next month include Furr, Milby and Wisdom high schools, and Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men. Renovated schools set to open include Kashmere and Waltrip high schools, Sharpstown International School, and Codwell Elementary, which is not funded by the 2012 Bond.

DeBakey High School for Health Professions was completed in the second quarter and opened for summer school in May, but will open for the first time to all students for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Projects set for completion in the final quarter of 2017 and first quarter of 2018 include Sharpstown, North Forest, Washington, and Scarborough high schools, High School for Law and Justice, Parker Elementary, and Eastwood and Pilgrim academies.

A dozen other projects already have been completed as part of the 2012 Bond Program. They include Sterling Aviation High School, North Houston Early and South Early college high schools, Condit and Mark White elementary schools, Mandarin Immersion Magnet School, Fonwood Early Childhood Center, Worthing High School (Phase 1), Tanglewood Middle School, Delmar Fieldhouse, and Butler and Barnet stadiums.

The Bellaire High School project also is moving forward, the bond team reported to committee members. With consensus reached on design plans, Bellaire High School has a target completion date of fourth quarter 2020.

Also during the meeting, the committee was briefed on the financial status of the bond program and received a report on the modern, flexible furniture being used to outfit new buildings and the important role it plays in 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning.

Schools in the bond program are outfitted with new furniture designed to not only support diverse learning styles and new teaching methods, but also to be flexible and comfortable enough to keep students engaged.

The committee also heard reports on minority- and women-owned business enterprise participation rates, which continue to track above board-established goals; and second-quarter communications and community engagement initiatives, which included two grand openings, two groundbreakings, one beam signing, and one topping out celebration.

HISD's \$1.89 billion bond program to replace or renovate 40 schools across the district was approved by Houston voters in 2012 by a two-to-one margin. In addition to campus-based projects, the program also includes work benefitting students across the district, including \$100 million in technology upgrades,

\$44.7 million to replace regional fieldhouses and improve athletics facilities, \$35 million to renovate middle school restrooms, and \$17.3 million for safety and security improvements.

The Bond Oversight Committee is an independent citizens' committee tasked with monitoring the bond program, ensuring revenues are spent appropriately and evaluating program risks and controls. The group meets quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 31, 2017.

For more information on the Bond Oversight Committee or any HISD building program, visit [www.BuildHISD.org](http://www.BuildHISD.org)