

Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Status Report – February 2019

HISD's Bond Oversight Committee toured the newly-opened Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Tuesday at their quarterly meeting to review progress of the 2012 Bond Program.

HSPVA Principal Scott Allen and HISD General Manager of Facilities Design Dan Bankhead led the eight-member committee as they walked through the school's grand entry hall, the 800-seat Denny Theater, the black box theater and the recital hall.

The tour also included a student exhibit in the visual arts wing and visits to the ceramic and sculpture studios, a recording studio, a creative writing lab, two-story high dance studios, the band and orchestra hall, and the choral music room.

After the tour, the committee was briefed on fourth quarter 2018 progress by General Manger of Construction Services Andreas Peeples.

Those schools, which opened in January, include Kinder HSPVA, Barbara Jordan Career Center, Wharton Dual Language Academy, Sam Houston Math Science and Technology Center, and Worthing and Madison high schools.

Peeples noted that with the latest round of openings, school construction is now 85 percent complete, with only four 2012 Bond projects – Lamar, Bellaire, Northside, and Austin high schools – remaining under construction and yet to open.

Looking ahead, Chief Operating Officer Brian Busby reported that the team is currently researching what projects a new bond program would encompass.

Busby said the team is putting together a community engagement strategy and looking toward 2020 for putting forward a new bond referendum.