

**Austin HS set to host groundbreaking ceremony**

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| **WHAT:** | Austin High School will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Dec. 4 to formally mark the start of construction on their new school.  Project plans call for a $79.6 million facility that will preserve the school’s historic front façade and incorporate the new modern facility and upgrades. Building features include modern classrooms with bright, open spaces allowing for plenty of natural light, better traffic flow in and around the campus, flexible learning spaces, and a new, secure main entrance off Jefferson Street. The existing auditorium also received renovations to the sound and lighting systems.  Austin is among 40 schools, including 29 high schools, being renovated or rebuilt as part of the bond program. HISD is on track to complete 80 percent of all school construction projects by the end of 2018. |
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| **WHO:** | Austin Principal **Steve Guerrero**, HISD Board of Education Trustee **Diana Dávila**, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, State Rep. **Carol Alvarado**, Council Member **Robert Gallegos**, Austin Alumna **Marsha Eckermann**, Austin Senior **Julio Hernandez**, Austin JROTC, and the Sonic Boom Band, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, community members, students, parents, and staff |
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| **WHEN:** | Tuesday, Dec. 4  10 a.m. |
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| **WHERE:** | Austin High School, 1700 Dumble St., 77023 |