**[](http://www.houstonisd.org/HISDmedia) Grand opening planned to celebrate new Mandarin Immersion Magnet School**

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| **What:** | Mandarin Immersion Magnet School will host a grand opening next week to celebrate the completion of its new building, which was built as part of the 2012 Bond Program.  The new school — the first of its kind in Texas when it was first launched in 2012 — formally opened its doors to student in August. Located just west of the Galleria on West Alabama Street, the $32.2-million, 120,000-square-foot facility is designed to accommodate up to 950 students.  The school was designed around a sun and moon concept. In accordance with the concept, bright colored learning spaces and academic areas are located in the sun wing, which represents energy. Common areas and community spaces — such as the cafeteria and gym — are in the moon wing, which represents reflection. The building also features a soaring, three-story atrium housing the central library and learning commons areas.  Mandarin is among 40 schools — including 29 high schools — being renovated or rebuilt as part of HISD’s voter-approved 2012 Bond Program. By the end of 2016, construction will be underway on nearly three dozen campuses — more than at any other time in the district’s history. Once all work is complete, HISD will boast of one of the most modern portfolios of urban high schools in the nation.  *Media Note: Following the Grand Opening, Principal Chang will lead dignitaries on a brief tour of the campus and allow them to visit a Mandarin classroom. Media are invited to cover the Grand Opening, as well as the dignitary tour.* |
| **Who:** | Mandarin Immersion Magnet School Principal **ChaoLin Chang**, HISD Board of Education Trustee **Harvin Moore**, HISD Chief School Officer Dr. **Esther Omogbehin**, State Rep. **Gene Wu**, Houston City Council Member **Mike Laster**, Faith Lutheran Church Rev. **Junfeng Tan**, Mandarin Student Council Vice President **Eden Roberts**, the Mandarin Golden Dragon Dance Team, and the Mandarin Dragonettes, as well as other dignitaries, school stakeholders and community members. |
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| **When:** | **Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, at 10 a.m.** |
| **Where:** | Mandarin Immersion Magnet School, 5445 W. Alabama St., 77056 |