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**Milestone ceremonies planned for Codwell Elementary School, Sterling Aviation High School**

**What:** The South Area feeder pattern will host milestone celebrations at Codwell Elementary School and Sterling Aviation High School to showcase improvements and investments in area schools. The event will begin with a groundbreaking ceremony at Codwell Elementary, which is receiving a $12.5 million renovation that will allow it to reopen to students. The event will conclude at Sterling Aviation High School, which will celebrate its new 237,000-square-foot facility, which was constructed as part of the voter-approved 2012 Bond Program.

The renovated Codwell Elementary School will offer updated classroom spaces, an upgraded library, a new kitchen, a bus drop off circle off Tavenor Lane and a new entry with security vestibule. The school features a Fine Arts and Physical Development magnet program.

The new Sterling Aviation High School opened its doors to students in January and is the first comprehensive high school to be completed under the 2012 bond program. The campus is one of only a few public schools in the country to feature a working airplane hangar and aviation sciences program. The building features the latest in 21st century educational design with flexible classroom spaces, several learning commons areas, and a state-of-the-art science labs.

By hosting a joint event, both the Codwell and Sterling Aviation principals want to showcase their commitment to providing a strong educational experience for all students in the South Area, from kindergarten to graduation.

***Codwell Groundbreaking***

**Who:** HISD Board of Education Trustee Jolanda Jones, Codwell Elementary Principal Kristy Love, Sterling Aviation High School Principal Justin Fuentes, Crestmont Park Civic Association President Charles Cave, and Dr. John E. Codwell III, grandson of the school namesake, as well as students, staff, stakeholders and community members.

**When:** Friday, March 3, 2017, at 1 p.m.

**Where:** 5225 Tavenor Lane, Houston, 77048

***Sterling Aviation Grand Opening***

**Who:** HISD Board of Education Trustee Jolanda Jones, HISD Chief School Officer Eric Pruitt, Sterling Aviation High School Principal Justin Fuentes, former Sterling Aviation High School Principal Daisy Maura, Sterling Aviation High School Valedictorian Jordan Owens, and Codwell Elementary Principal Kristy Love, as well as and students, staff, stakeholders and community members.

**When:** Friday, March 3, 2017 — Student entertainment starts at 2:30 p.m., program begins at 3 p.m.

**Where:** 11625 Martindale Road, Houston, 77048