

**New Lawson MS to host grand opening celebration on Sept. 5**

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| **What:** | Lawson Middle School will host a grand opening to celebrate the completion of construction on their new facility, which was built as part of the Houston Independent School District’s 2012 Bond Program.  The $66 million facility features a new dining commons, a central courtyard area, where students can gather to learn and study throughout the day. The school also features a new fine arts wing, which will house a modern black box theatre that also can be used as a multipurpose space.  Following the ceremony, attendees can take guided tours of the new campus.  Lawson is among 40 schools across the district being renovated or rebuilt as part of the voter-approved 2012 Bond Program and one of 13 schools that opened for the first time this fall. More than 70 percent of all 2012 Bond projects are now complete, and that number is expected to reach over 80 percent by the end of 2018. Once all work is done, HISD will boast of one of the most modern portfolios of urban high schools in the country. | |
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| **Who:** | Lawson Principal **Kasey Bailey,** HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD Board of Education District IX Trustee **Wanda Adams,** Audrey Lawson’s husband **Rev. William A. Lawson,** Audrey Lawson’s daughter **Melanie Lawson,** Lawson Alumna **Shawn Rushing,** Houston Texans player **Whitney Mercilus,** Lawson student **Aileen Argueta,** Madison JROTC Cadet Chief Petty Officer **Joselin Guillen,** and the Lawson Middle School Band, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, and community members. | |
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| **When:** | **Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.** | |
| **Where:** | Lawson Middle School, 14000 Stancliff St., 77045 | |