**Washington High School, Parker Elementary set to break ground on new buildings**

*Events planned to celebrate construction phase for two HISD bond schools*



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| **What:** | Two more HISD schools are set to break ground soon to kick off the start of construction of their new schools. Both schools are a part of the district’s $1.89 billion bond program to build or renovate 40 schools.  **Parker Elementary School’s** existing 55-year-old building will be replaced with a new $29.4 million campus to accommodate 850 students. The 110,000-square-foot facility, designed specifically to house the school’s award-winning music magnet program, will feature a 500-seat auditorium with expanded music and practice areas, along with plenty of natural light and flexible learning spaces. The project is on track for occupancy for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.  [**More information on the Parker Elementary project**](http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/71777)  **Booker T. Washington High** **School** will receive a new $51.7 million facility to accommodate 1,100 to 1,300 students interested in engineering professions. The new campus will showcase the school’s engineering program, with 21st century technology and flexible learning spaces to support project-based learning and encourage collaboration. The project is on track for occupancy in January 2018. [**More information on the Booker T. Washington Project**](http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/72073) |
| **Who:** | Parker Elementary Principal **Lori Frodine**, District IX Trustee **Wanda Adams**, Booker T. Washington High School Principal **Carlos Phillips**, District II Trustee **Rhonda Skillern-Jones**, students, parents, alumni, and community members |
| **When/Where:** | **Saturday, Apr. 2, 2016, 1:30 p.m.**  Parker Elementary School, 10626 Atwell, 77096  **Tuesday, Apr. 5, 2016, 9 a.m.**  Booker T. Washington High School, 119 East 39th Street, 77018 |