

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

New Austin High School to host virtual grand opening

Watch the celebration live online at HoustonISD.org/LiveTV

WHAT: Stephen F. Austin High School is marking the opening of its new campus with a virtual grand opening celebration that will be broadcast online, allowing all current and former Mustangs to safely participate.

Austin High School is one of 40 schools, including 29 high schools, renovated or rebuilt as part of the district's 2012 Bond Program. The \$80.9 million, 288,628-square-foot project called for a new school, as well as preservation of the original building's historic front façade and auditorium.

Opened in January 2021, the new Austin features labs for maritime, robotics, and welding; a life skills classroom that supports special education students; and a flexible band hall with independent practice rooms. The school also has two gyms, a central outdoor courtyard, and learning stairs for studying and small-group lectures.

Viewers are encouraged to share on social media their Austin memories and pictures of their virtual celebrations using the hashtag #MustangMemoryLane.

*Editor's Note: Media are invited to Austin High School, where they can watch the celebration online, tour the school, and interview students and staff. **RSVP required by noon on Thursday, April 8.***

WHO: On-site: Austin High School Principal **Orlando Reyna** and Austin students
Virtual: HISD Board of Education Trustee **Judith Cruz** and HISD Interim Superintendent **Dr. Grenita Lathan**

WHEN: Thursday, April 8, 2021
2:30 p.m. (Media may begin arriving at 2 p.m.)

WHERE: Viewers: Watch live online on HoustonISD.org/LiveTV
Media: Austin High School, 1700 Dumble St., 77023

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