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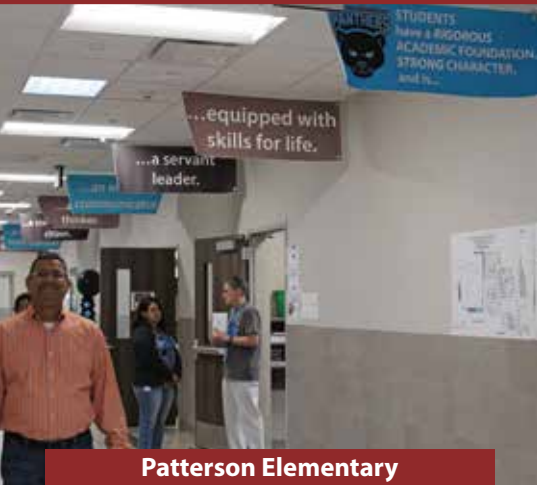
# Fort Bend ISD making steady progress on **2014 Bond Projects**



**Leonetti Elementary**



**Neill Elementary**



**Patterson Elementary**

Fort Bend ISD opened three new schools this year — Donald Leonetti Elementary in Sienna Plantation, James C. Neill Elementary in Harvest Green and James Patterson Elementary in the Grand Vista community. The new schools are included in the \$484 million 2014 Bond Program that voters approved in November 2014; and combined, they welcomed nearly 1,500 elementary students on the first day of school.

Construction on the new campuses progressed throughout the summer in preparation of students' return to school. Officials approved inspections, crews cleaned construction areas, vendors assembled and installed furniture, District personnel tested technology, crews made final walk-throughs and teachers and school staff prepared learning and office spaces to receive students on the first day of school.

"The District is excited to share the new elementary schools with the FBISD community," said Carolina Fuzetti, Executive Director of Design and Construction. "These schools introduce students to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environment that is the vision of our Board of Trustees, designed by the architects and engineers, and constructed by contractors."

"It is such an honor to serve as principal of Neill Elementary School from the ground up," said Principal Lori Hoeffken. "We have not just built another school, we have built the foundation for excellence. As a Fort Bend ISD leader, I am dedicated to ensuring that every aspect of this new learning environment is just right for our students. The Neill leadership team and our District worked hand-in-hand with PBK Architects, Drymalla Construction, Jacobs, and the FBISD 2014 Bond Program Team from pre-construction through occupancy on everything from proper lighting and technology to color selections and furniture. I have been amazed at the amount of detail that goes into opening a new school."

The 2014 bond package also includes funding for classroom additions to support increasing student enrollment, major maintenance and renovation items identified through a comprehensive facilities assessment, safety and security improvements, new school buses and the installment of cameras and global positioning systems (GPS) on all buses, technology infrastructure, as well as land purchases and other needs.

**New School Dedications**



Leonetti Elementary  
October 22, 2017, 2 p.m.



Neill Elementary  
October 15, 2017, 2 p.m.



Patterson Elementary  
October 15, 2017, 4 p.m.

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**Leonetti Elementary**

Sienna Plantation Community – 1757  
 Waters Lake Blvd., Missouri City 77459  
 123,079 square-foot facility  
 Projected enrollment – 316 students  
 Enrollment Capacity – 850 students



**Neill Elementary**

Harvest Green Community – 3830  
 Harvest Corner Dr., Richmond 77406  
 123,440-square-foot facility  
 Projected enrollment – 585 students  
 Enrollment Capacity – 850 students



**Patterson Elementary**

Grand Vista Community – 18702  
 Beechnut St., Richmond 77407  
 119,876-square-foot facility  
 Projected enrollment – 573 students  
 Enrollment Capacity – 850 students

## Classroom Additions

Classroom additions are being built at six existing campuses located in high growth areas on the District's west and southeast areas. Students attending Cornerstone, Holley, Oyster Creek, Scanlan Oaks, Schiff and Sienna Crossing elementaries will benefit from classroom additions that will be completed by the end of 2017.

## Renovation Projects

You may have noticed Bond Project signs across the District this summer, marking the progress that FBISD is making on maintenance and renovation projects funded by the 2014 Bond Program. Whether receiving electrical service upgrades, foundation repairs, structural wall repairs, new playgrounds or athletic scoreboards, every school in FBISD benefits from the 2014 Bond Program.



Architects and construction crews visited with Scanlan Oaks Elementary to discuss plans for the school's classroom additions.

## Safety and Security

The 2014 Bond also provides \$26.9 million to fund safety and security improvements, including access control with video intercoms, security cameras (which are currently being installed at 44 campuses), emergency generators and security vestibules at 77 campuses.



### Total number of campuses/sites with assigned vestibule work

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Elementary School                               | 44        |
| Middle School                                   | 14        |
| High School (including Progressive High School) | 12        |
| Other   | 7         |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>77</b> |

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## Transportation — Bus Replacements

The 2014 Bond Program also called for the purchase of new school buses. The District is pleased to announce that we have purchased 150 new buses — including 75 diesel buses used for regular routes, 45 special needs buses and 30 compressed natural gas buses purchased with a \$1.4 million grant. All 150 buses are equipped with air conditioning, video cameras and Global Positioning System (GPS) units.

“With the purchase of the new buses, the percentage of our routed fleet with A/C has increased from 12 to 87 percent, the percentage of buses with video cameras went from 44 to 100 percent, and 100 percent of our buses, as well as 33 white fleet vehicles, are now equipped with GPS units,” said Oscar Perez, Chief Operations Officer. “The average age of our fleet has been reduced from 11 years to six years, which puts us in a better position as we move forward with future replacements.”

## Technology Upgrades

The Bond Program allocated \$39.4 million for technology infrastructure to upgrade data connectivity between campuses and to improve and expand the wireless network throughout the District. The improved wireless infrastructure allows the District the flexibility to choose the right instructional technology toolsets for the classroom. Another \$3 million is being used to install cabling required for the security camera upgrade.

“The District is currently ahead of schedule with wireless upgrades and we expect to have everything in place by the summer of 2018,” said Long Pham, Chief Information Officer.

To date, the District has installed fiber cable at all 11 high schools and 14 middle schools, and has begun installation of Wi-Fi and security camera cabling at the District’s elementary schools. Work at the elementary level is 60 percent complete. Additionally, the District has completed extensive renovations to the Data Center to provide system reliability and capacity for additional servers and storage for both immediate and long-term growth.

## 2014 BOND PROGRAM

### Phase ONE

- 74 percent complete
- All campuses have been bid, negotiated and are under construction
- 30 campuses are in the construction phase
- Three bid packages are in closeout and warranty phase
- Sullivan, Leonetti, Neill and Patterson elementary schools complete

### Phase TWO

- 19 percent complete
- All professional services contracts executed
- All design activities completed
- 28 campuses are in construction phase
- All but two campuses in procurement phase

### Phase THREE

- Three percent complete
- All professional services contracts executed
- All professional services contracts are in process