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Superintendent of Schools

With Aldine Pride!



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Planning Our Future

We have had a great start to the '23-'24 school year! I am filled with joy visiting campuses and talking with students and staff. Again, to all our families, thank you for entrusting us and letting us serve you and your students. It is truly an honor to work for you.

August symbolizes a fresh start, like the new school year, going through new experiences, building new relationships, and setting new goals. Since serving as Superintendent, we have been striving to meet our goals, creating new choices and options, and building student opportunities. As we begin our last year of the 5-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward, we embark on a journey to develop a new plan, and we look forward to your involvement to build upon our continuous improvements.

As we think about the future, we have an opportunity for large-scale improvements at our schools. Board Trustees passed a proposed $1.8 billion school bond. The projects would ensure that every AISD student has the opportunity to learn and grow in world-class facilities.

Read the issue to learn more about Aldine's proposals for the future.

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BOARD CALLS FOR $1.8 BILLION 2023 SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

I am thrilled to announce that the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees passed the proposal and has called for a $1.8 billion school bond election. The 2023 School Bond would focus on safety and security, facility enhancements, and instructional technology, with three propositions divided into them. Click here to read more.

The projects are based on the recommendations of the Long-range Planning Committee.

Proposition A $1,622,325,676

Proposition A will cover campus rebuilds, campus redesigns and renovations, safety and security, facility improvements and high-priority maintenance, technology infrastructure, and transportation.

Campus Rebuilds Include

- Carver HS
- Aldine HS
- Hambrick MS
- Orange Grove ES
- Odom ES

Campus Redesign Projects

- Eisenhower HS
- MacArthur HS

Safety and Security Projects Include

- A dedicated district police department
- Updated security technology systems, safety film, site fencing, and lighting and emergency generators

Technology infrastructure Projects Include

- Wireless network system updates (enhanced WiFi)

Transportation Projects Include

- Rebuild of East Transportation Facility
- Purchase of state-of-the-art school buses; buses dedicated to special education services
- Add vehicles to its "white fleet" (i.e., trucks, vans)

Campus Facility Improvements & High-priority Maintenance Projects Across the District Include

- Installing digital marquees
- Life-cycle replacements (e.g., roofs, plumbing, and HVAC)
- Science lab improvements
- Athletic facility improvements

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PROPOSED 2023 SCHOOL BOND (Continued)

Proposition B

$65,547,500

Proposition B will cover instructional technology projects.

Instructional Technology Projects

- Focused student and staff device refreshes (e.g., iPads, laptops, and Chromebooks)
- Classroom technology (e.g., interactive display panels)





Proposition C

$122,282,967

Construction of an Education and Performance Center to serve as the main student-centered performing and visual arts venue, accommodating groups of varying sizes.



School Bond 2023 Community Meetings

Community meetings will be held in September and October, where district leaders will share information and receive feedback directly from the community. Dates and times will be announced soon.

Transparency

- Bond 2023 Webpage: AISD launched a Bond 2023 webpage showing the most current information and updates, including individual projects, renderings, a calendar of community meetings, a tax calculator, FAQs with information about voting, and a way to ask questions and receive answers.
- Individual Campus Websites: Campus websites will be updated to include how each school will benefit from the bond proposals.
- If Voters Approve Bond 2023: Aldine ISD will keep the community informed as the work unfolds.

If Voters Approve the School Bond

Aldine ISD taxpayers would not see a tax rate increase for the next three years.

It would be 2 cents per $100 value, meaning a homeowner with a house appraised at $100,000 would see a $20 increase in their taxes beginning in 2026.

Voting

Registered voters can vote at any polling place in Harris County.

Elections Day, Nov. 7
7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Early Voting

- **Oct. 23-Oct. 28**
  7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 29**
  Noon to 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 30-Nov. 3**
  7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

VOTERS

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BUILDING ON A PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



Aldine ISD needs your input in developing its next strategic plan this fall.

The hashtag #MyAldine was created to express the sentiments and experiences of individuals in our district, encouraging them to share their experiences and thoughts.

AISD's new strategic plan aims to align the entire community with a shared vision for student success through the Portrait of a Graduate work.

We are moving forward by seeking ways to ensure the best outcomes for every student. This requires a shared vision and a multi-year plan to achieve that vision.

The strategic plan will be developed with community input, involving multiple opportunities for students, parents, alums, and staff to participate.

Your invaluable contributions start here – today! Please take 10 minutes to complete this anonymous survey by Friday, September 15. Your input drives this process, and we appreciate your honesty and valuable insights.

YOUR VOICE

Thank you

for investing your time in the future of Aldine.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!: Fall Open House Dates

ADSY Schools
Aug. 15 and/or Aug. 16, 2023

Middle Schools
Sept. 21 and/or Sept. 26, 2023

Primary Schools
Sept. 12 and/or Sept. 13, 2023

Ninth Grade and High Schools
Sept. 20 and/or Sept. 27, 2023

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REMINDER TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL UPDATE

For Aldine to qualify for certain federal funding opportunities, families need to complete the required Annual Update online.

Families with returning students to the 2023-2024 school year can log in to the Home Access Center (HAC) system by visiting AldineISD.org/HAC.

Click the Home Access Center Login button. They need their HAC account username and password to access the Annual Update.

Click here to learn more about the Annual Update and to download resources to help you complete the form online.



WHY COMPLETING THE ANNUAL UPDATE MATTERS



- Update Address ✓
- Update Contact Information ✓
- Update Medical Conditions ✓
- Ensure School to Family Communication ✓
- Provide Emergency Contacts ✓
- Notification of Updated Bus Route Information ✓
- Impacts School Funding ✓
- Impacts Free Meals for All Students ✓
- And More! ✓



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REGISTER FOR OUR FAMILY AND PARENT UNIVERSITY



The University provides strategies to increase family and community members' knowledge about resources and build participants' self-confidence to better support their children.

Sessions are provided in English and Spanish.

For convenience, parents, legal guardians, and community members have three ways to participate in sessions — in-person, virtual, and pre-recorded.

Tour for Education: Real Stories of Transformation

Family and Community University families will share with others their learning experiences at the University with the "Tour for Education: Real Stories of Transformation." All sessions start at 9 a.m.

Monday, August 21
Cypresswood Elementary School
6901 Cypresswood Point Ave.
Humble, TX 77338

Tuesday, August 22
Johnson Elementary
13901 Homestead Rd.
Humble, TX 77396

Wednesday, August 23
Houston Academy
8103 Carver Road
Houston, TX 77088

Thursday, August 24
Spence Elementary
1300 Gears Rd.
Houston, TX 77067

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 5:** The third Family and Community University cohort launches; Click here to register.
- **October 21:** Fall Family Conference Date



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- Aug. 22: Teacher Virtual Job Fair from 4-5 p.m. RSVP to MPPerez@AldineISD.org.
- Aug. 23: Paraprofessional Virtual Job Fair from 4-5 p.m. RSVP to MPPerez@AldineISD.org.
- Aug. 26: Paint the Convert event will be held at Blanson CTE High School from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Sept. 18: Board of Trustees Study Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Sept. 19: Board Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Sept. 20: Virtual Job Fair. Click here
- for details.

ATHLETICS KICKS OFF IN AUGUST!



With the return of school marks the return of fall sports. For a complete list of dates, times, and locations, visit the Athletics webpage by clicking here.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us by visiting AldineISD.org. Check out our District News and Aldine ISD pages to stay updated on all the great things happening in our district.

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GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

Do you have a story idea? Reach out to the Office of Communications: comms@aldineisd.org



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RECENT NEWS

- Aldine ISD to Host Power of Education Sessions in Preparation for the Family and Community University's Start
- Aldine ISD Trustees Election Slated for Nov. 7
- A Message From Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, Superintendent (Aug. 10)
- District Develops Professional Development to Support Culturally Responsive Practices
- AISD Convenes Long-Range Planning Committee, Makes Recommendations
- Child Nutrition Services Department to Operate CEP Program During '23-2'24 School Year
- Impact Leadership Academy Unveils Mascot
- Aldine ISD Trustees Approve 2023-24 Budget, Tax Rate
- AISD Trustees Approve Pay Raises for All Employees, Retention Stipend For Full-Time Employees

CLASS OF 2023 SUMMER GRADUATION



Aldine ISD looks forward to celebrating the Class of 2023 summer graduation ceremony on August 24. Share your senior celebrations with us by tagging @AldineISD in your photos on Instagram and Twitter and using the hashtags #AISDClassof2023 and #MyAldine.

Aldine ISD prioritizes the safety of its students and community members and will be working with law enforcement and event security to ensure a memorable and safe event.

Families can direct any questions or concerns to the graduates' campus leadership.

Class of 2023 Summer Graduation

Thursday, August 24, 6 p.m.
M.O. Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender Rd, 77032



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MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

2023-2024

School Year Calendars

(Traditional & ADSY)



August

- Aug. 23: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY Schools)
- Aug. 30: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY Schools)

September

Natl. School Attendance Month

- Sept. 1: Natl. College Colors Day

September

- **Sept. 4: Labor Day**; Student Holiday (All Schools)
- Sept. 6: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Sept. 13: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Sept. 22: #WhyApply Day (to College)
- Sept. 15: Student Holiday/Staff Dev. (All Schools)
- **Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month**
- **Sept. 19: Natl. IT Professional Day**
- Sept. 20: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Sept. 27: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)

October

- Oct. 6: End of Nine Wks. (Traditional calendar)
- Oct. 9: Student Holiday/Staff Dev. Day (All schools)
- Oct. 10-13: Student vacation (Traditional calendar)
- Oct. 10-14: ENVI2ION School Days (ADSY calendar)
- **Oct. 15: Last Day of Hispanic Heritage Month**
- Oct. 16: Student Holiday
- Oct. 16: Beginning of Nine Wks. (Traditional calendar)
- Oct 20: Report Card Available Online

REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

- Outside food and beverages are prohibited on all secondary school campuses (middle, ninth-grade, and high school campuses) premises. Click here for details.
- The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. — FAFSA Application link or TASFA Application links
- The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. (details).

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First Day of School

Click here to view and download the First Day of School photos! If prompted, enter this password: media

















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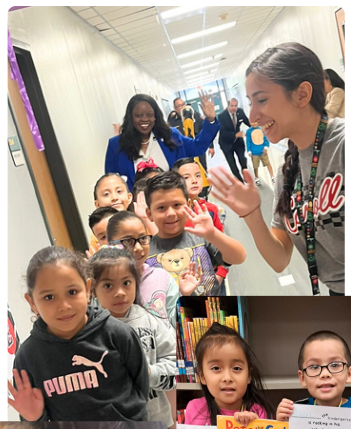
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Twitter Images



Above, two AISD graduates return to pick up their IB® Diplmas before returning to Yale University and Tufts University. Aldine ISD offers the entire International Baccalaureate continuum – Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma.





























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JAMBOREE IS BACK!

After a hiatus since COVID-19, the AISD Jamboree returned! It was another great way to get back into school and back into the sportsmanship spirit! Let's support our athletes, band members, cheerleaders, and drill teams at each game home and away!













