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The Official Newsletter of the Superintendent of Schools

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With Aldine Pride!



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GET UP AND VOTE AND GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE AISD GRAD PROFILE SURVEY

Each year, our high schools hold voter registrations, and my office sets out to remind staff members, students, and families that if they are eligible to vote, to go out and vote. When it comes to making a difference in the world, our state, or our communities, there are two ways to do it: through your voice and your vote.

Voting is something important to me. Each election cycle reminds me of the importance of casting our vote. It reminds me of people like my grandmother and those who came before her and fought for the right to vote. It is why I vote every year in every election and am involved in our future as a community, a city, a state, and a nation. And I hope you will vote this election cycle.

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GET UP AND VOTE AND GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE AISD GRAD PROFILE SURVEY

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Your vote is your voice — su voto es su voz. Find the power in your voice. Make a plan to vote.

Early Voting runs through Friday, November 3, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Check out the voting information and active links in this newsletter edition.

Also on my mind is the future. I have mentioned in previous editions that we are in the last year of the five-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward. We have been working on developing a new strategic plan as we continue the work to ensure all students have access to high-quality school and learning experiences and graduate with choices and opportunities. A part of that work involves developing a Portrait of a Graduate. In this work, we would appreciate your feedback.

We need to know what is important to you and what you want for our students. I would like you to take the survey. You can find a link in this edition, too, by looking for the short post about it.

I would love to see every registered voter hitting the polls and sharing their "I Voted" sticker images and to learn what ya'll want for the Portrait of a Graduate. Let's show everyone that the Aldine ISD community votes and is helping shape the future of our students!

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

TAKE THE PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE SURVEY BY MIDNIGHT ON NOV. 5



Please help by responding honestly and thoughtfully to this survey by midnight Sunday, November 5. We need your feedback on our draft document to ensure that it reflects our community's aspirations and values. Your responses are anonymous.

To change the survey language to Spanish, look for the word "English" in the top right corner and change it to "Español."

Click HERE to Go to the Survey

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BOARD CALLS FOR 2023 SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

ALDINE ISD BOND 2023

- AISD Board of Trustees has called for a **$1.8 billion** 2023 School Bond election on November 7, 2023. The bond has three propositions that would fund a variety of projects throughout the district for voters to consider.
- The 2023 School Bond has 3 areas of focus **Safety and Security**, **Facilities Enhancements**, and **Instructional Technology**

PROP A

$1,622,325,676

General Projects

- 6 Campus Rebuilds
- 2 Campus Redesign Projects
- Facility Improvement & Maintenance Projects
- Safety and Security Projects
- Technology infrastructure Projects
- Transportation Projects

PROP B

$67,547,500

Instructional Technology Projects

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

PROP C

$122,282,967

Education and Performance Center

- A multi-purpose facility
- Multiple theaters
- Art gallery space
- Various learning spaces
- Professional performance audio and lighting
- Rehearsal rooms

Did you know?

The State of Texas does not fund school districts to build schools, purchase buses, nor other capital improvements. Instead, school districts borrow money (in the form of bonds) to finance these projects, requiring voter approval, and cannot be used for salaries or daily expenses.





If Voters Approve Bond 2023

In 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.

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BOND 2023: PROP 'A' CALLS FOR 6 CAMPUS REBUILDS AND 2 SCHOOL REDESIGNS

















On **Tuesday, November 7**, Aldine ISD voters will decide whether the district's proposed bond referendum will pass. Bond 2023, totaling $1.8 billion, is broken into three propositions addressing aging buildings, safety and security, technology, buses, student and teacher devices, and a new performing arts center. Voters will need to vote on each proposition.

Campus Rebuilds

After careful consideration and study, Long-Range Planning Committee members recommended that as part of Proposition A, six Aldine ISD schools would be completely rebuilt.

- Aldine High School (1956
- Carver High School (1954)
- Aldine Middle School (1948)
- Hambrick Middle School (1961)
- Orange Grove Elementary (1947)
- Odom Elementary (1967)

25% of AISD schools are over 50 years old.

Campus Redesigns

In some cases, the district only looks to rebuild or renovate part of the building. AISD seeks to make better use of the school space, including older campuses like Eisenhower and MacArthur high schools. Although safe for occupancy, the buildings have major structural issues that need to be fixed for the student population housed and designed for today's modern learning environments. Campus redesign projects include the following:

- MacArthur High School (1966)
- Eisenhower High School (1972)

Click HERE to read the whole story.

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BOND 2023: PROPOSITION 'A' INCLUDES $27,000,000 MILLION FOR NEW SCHOOL BUSES



Replacement of aging school buses is a focus of a proposition in Aldine ISD's $1.8 billion bond package on the November 7 ballot.

According to Germán Enamorado, executive director, over 48% of the AISD bus fleet is approaching or past its useful life.

Enamorado said a standard school bus ranges between $120,000 to $150,000. It's about $12,000 more to add three-point shoulder/lap safety belts. Buses generally last from seven to 10 years. He said half of the current fleet of 490 buses is approaching or has exceeded that range.

The bond proposal would allocate funds to purchase 40 buses annually for five years to get back on a replacement schedule. The replaced vehicles would be a mixture of buses for general and special education uses and adding vehicles to its "white fleet" (i.e., trucks, vans).

Enamorado said the bond would provide over 200 new buses with seat belts, cameras, and smart tags.

Aldine ISD buses transport approximately 32,000 students (56% of the student population) who ride one of 490 buses yearly, traveling 4,916,221 miles on more than 330 routes in the 111-square-mile district. The district has nearly 58,000 students.

The district, in addition to home-to-school transport, transports students for extracurricular activities. With AISD high schools classified as 6A in District 14, the teams travel within and outside Aldine for various competitions, from athletics to other UIL events. District buses are also used for field trips.

Click HERE for more information about Bond 2023.

Click here to read the whole story.

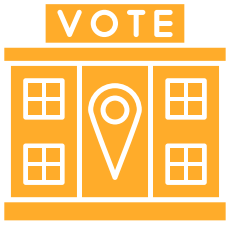
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23 ALDINE ISD SCHOOLS TO SERVE AS POLLING PLACES ON NOV. 7



- Anderson Academy – Hallway
- Aldine Middle – Auditorium
- Jones Elementary – Gym
- Black Elementary – Library
- Blanson CTE High School – Gym
- Calvert Elementary – Library
- Conley Elementary – LMC Room
- Cypresswood Elementary – Music Room
- Eisenhower High School – Library
- Thompson Elementary – Room 143
- Carver High School – Room 109
- García Middle School – Mini Gym
- Sammons Elementary – Hallway Near Common Area
- Hill Elementary – Music Room/A101
- Smith Elementary – Library
- Johnson Elementary – Room 733
- Nimitz High School – Auditorium
- Ogden Elementary – Music Room
- Oleson Elementary – Library
- Plummer Middle – Mini Gym/Practice Gym
- Shotwell Middle – Mini Gym
- Stovall EC/PreK/K School – Library
- Worsham Elementary – Library

VOTINGS DATES



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.

BOND 2023 WEBPAGE

- Bond 2023 Webpage: Visit the 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.

ALDINE ISD TRUSTEE ROSE AVALOS ELECTED TO STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD



Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos has been elected to a one-year term on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors, representing TASB Region 4, Position A. The election was held during the Association's 2023 Delegate Assembly.

Avalos is the assistant secretary of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees, where she has served since 2006. She grew up in the Aldine area and attended AISD schools. Avalos went on to work in AISD, serving the district for 33 years before retiring in 2005. Avalos is an active member of several organizations, including the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials and the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Click HERE to read the whole story.

DISTRICT NAMES NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dr. Lindsey Wise, an Aldine ISD alum, to join Aldine ISD's Executive Leadership Team. Wise was named the new Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

She previously served as director of learning recovery tutoring and student initiatives, a role she began in 2022 in the Schools Office. In her new capacity, she will be responsible for providing guidance, supporting staff, and implementing initiatives that will align with meeting Aldine ISD's overall strategic vision, mission, goals, and objectives.



Click HERE to read the whole story.

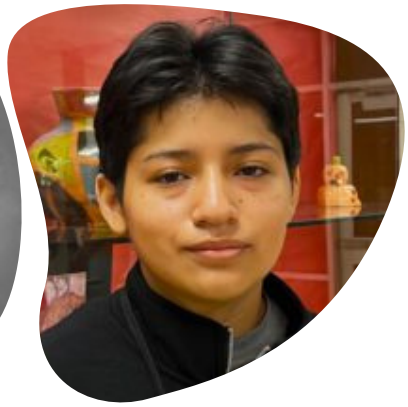
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2 DISTRICT STUDENTS NAMED FINALISTS IN MAYOR'S 2023 ART SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Ivan Davidson from Carver High School and Andrea Díaz from MacArthur High School are among the 18 students across the Houston area selected as finalists in this year's competition. Students had to create artwork in response to the contest theme: Neighborhood and Identity.





Click HERE to read the whole story.

CARAWAY ACADEMY WRAPS UP 'SPARK ACADEMY'



Aldine ISD's Family and Community Engagement Department completed the SPARK Academy, a four-week program in partnership with HOPE Worldwide, at Caraway Elementary.

SPARK Academy is a Saturday morning drop-off program designed to nurture and fortify the resilience of children between the ages of 5 and 12. It uses research-based art and play therapy to teach students character traits and stress management strategies through enjoyable, small-scale activities.

The initiative is volunteer-led and volunteer-driven. Volunteer mentors play an integral role in building meaningful connections with students by actively engaging them in these activities.

Click HERE to read the whole story.



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AISD CHOICE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL SET FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10 a.m.-1 p.m.
M.O. Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender Rd.
Houston, TX 77032

Options for Students in Grades PreK-12

- Magnet Schools
- International Baccalaureate (IB®) World Schools
- Middle and High School College Prep Programs
- Early College High Schools
- CTE & P-TECH Programs
- Newcomer and Dual Language Programs
- Non-Traditional High School
- Single-Gender Schools

COLLEGE COLORS MONDAYS



College Colors Day will become a permanent part of #MyAldine! For the rest of the '23-'24 school year, every Monday will be College Colors Day! All staff and students can wear jeans, tennis shoes, and a branded college, trade school, career, or military shirt!

Remember, it has to be a branded shirt. That means it must have the logo — it can't just be school colors.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IN THE NOVEMBER 2023 ELECTION

Early voting runs from October 23 through November 3; Election Day is November 7.



While there will be many items area voters will vote on this election season, one important one for Aldine ISD residents will be the Bond 2023.

A 58-member Long-Range Planning Committee met multiple times to study and prioritize potential bond projects. The Committee consisted of parents, community members, district staff, senior citizens, and business/community leaders. This group presented a recommendation to the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees. After careful review and deliberation, the Trustees voted to approve a bond proposal for $1.8 billion. Bond 2023 is divided into three separate propositions, with voters having to consider each one at the polls. Click here to learn more about Bond 2023.

Early voting will start next week and run through November 3, with Election Day on November 7.

The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is October 27.

Click here for all your voting information, including sample ballots and a voting site finder.



EQUALITY HEALTH FOUNDATION TO HOST HEALTHY FALL FESTIVAL AND TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Equality Health Foundation, in partnership with Aldine Independent School District, with support from Health Innovator sponsor Community Health Choice, is pleased to present its 3rd Healthy Fall Festival and 1,000 Turkey Giveaway.

The Healthy Fall Festival offers free immunizations, flu shots, health education, mammograms, breast health screenings, diabetes testing, resources, a Healthy Bag Giveaway, raffles, fresh produce, and more!

Event Details

- Saturday, November 18
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- M.O. Campbell Educational Center

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS, OH MY!



Aldine ISD Police Department's Trunk or Treat a Spooktacular Success

The rain couldn't stop the ghoulish fun had by all. The Aldine ISD Police Department drew more than 600 children and their families to its first trunk or treat. The inaugural event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 26 was initially intended to be an outdoor event. However, with rain in the forecast, the fun was quickly moved indoors at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

The district's Police Department, in collaboration with the East Aldine Management District, hosted the event. Ariel Holliday, the department's outreach officer, coordinated the event. Holiday said they had as many pounds of candy to give out as they did children show up.

Police Chief Paul Córdova said he and Holliday are already talking about hosting another event in 2024, as well as planning more holiday events coming up this year.

Click HERE to read the whole story.





District Administrative Staff Hold 'Día de los Muertos' Celebration

On November 2, the district's Donaldson Administrative Building staff celebrated Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). This festive, social occasion developed from ancient traditions of the Aztecs and welcomes the return of those who have died and recognizes the cycles of life and death. The holiday was developed mainly in Mexico. However, it is observed in other places. Día de los Muertos focuses on remembering deceased family members and friends. Click HERE to read the whole story.

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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.

Click HERE to contact FACE for information.



FACE HOSTED ITS ANNUAL FALL FAMILY CONFERENCE

Families from across the district attended the event held at Davis High School to enjoy some family fun and to learn more about what FACE and 28 district partners have to offer. It was a fun morning with families taking part in breakout sessions, balloon making, a 360° photo booth, and a performance by Ballet Folklorico Citlalli.
Click HERE to read the whole story.





LEARN MORE ABOUT ALDINE ISD'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY

Click here to view a video. Hear directly from parents who are Family and Community University graduates.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- **Nov. 13:** The Board of Trustees Study Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- **Nov. 14:** The Board Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.

STUDENT ATHLETICS GAMES ARE ON!



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.

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RECENT NEWS

- MacArthur, Nimitz, and Davis Volleyball Teams Earn Playoff Spots
- Middle School Volleyball Title Games Set

GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

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



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MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

2023-2024

Click Here to View School Year Calendars (Traditional & ADSY)



November

- National Native American Heritage Month
- Generation Texas Month
- National Scholarship Month Month

- Nov. 1: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)
- Nov. 2: Día de los muertos (Day of the Dead)

- Nov. 6 & 7: Student Holidays/Staff Development (Traditional)
- Nov. 6-10: National School Psychology Week
- Nov. 7: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)
- Nov. 7: Election Day
- Nov. 8: National STEM/STEAM Day

- Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 13-17: Generation Texas Week*
- Nov. 15: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)
- Nov. 15: Education Support Professionals Day
- Nov. 17: Substitute Professional Day
- Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break (All Schools)

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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#MyAldine



Superintendent Goffney with former Sup. Sonny Donaldson at AEF Golf Tournament. We raised over $100,000 for student scholarships!



@drgoffney: I love my Superintendent Student Ambassadors! Great meeting with a great group of #myAldine kids!



Inside Texas talks Nimitz football and junior LB Javar Thomas. Click HERE!



The Law Office of Richard Presutti took the time to mentor our Avalos P-TECH School paralegal studies students. Attorney Presutti shared his vision and commitment. His personal story inspired everyone!



Our scholars from Young Women's Leadership Academy take the opportunity to meet our Mayor Sylvester Turner at Energy Day on Sam Houston Park.



Regional Advocacy Director - Central Houston: Thank you to Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney for sharing ALL the great things happening in #TxEd all over #MyAldine.





Goodman Elementary scholars leading the Drug Ordinance at the Red Ribbon Rally.