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With Aldine Pride!



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BOND 2023 PASSES; THANK YOU VOTERS AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED

The Aldine ISD community has spoken, and all three Bond 2023 propositions were approved. Thank you to everyone who has put time, energy, and heart into this effort. Thank you to all who volunteered and shared the message, and a special thank you to those who voted. The passing of all three propositions marks a monumental milestone in the history of our district. We will continue our legacy of positively impacting students who walk through the halls of Aldine ISD buildings now and in the future.

This approval is not just a green light for new projects. It affirms our community's trust and investment in our district's mission of providing a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares students for college, career, and life.

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We will hit the ground running. In the next few weeks, we will convene a Bond Oversight Committee. Their role is simple yet important. They will monitor the progress of the district's bond program, reviewing and ensuring that we follow the voter-approved bond programs and monitor the scope of work to ensure they are completed on time, with quality, and within budget. We have identified our first few projects, including, in no particular order, the rebuild of Carver High School, the rebuild of Aldine Middle School, which includes Lane, and the development of our Education and Performing Arts Center. We'll start by consulting with those closest to the work to outline the programming needs that are required for these new facilities.

Every community member's contribution is vital in bringing these plans to fruition. We invite each of you to be an active part of this exciting chapter. We are Aldine, and this is #MyAldine. Our work has always been, is, and will always be about the people — you are the heart of this district. Our community is why we exist.

Together, *we are unstoppable*. **We are Aldine.**

With Aldine Pride,



Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

ALDINE VOTERS RE-ELECT SCHOOL BOARD INCUMBENTS

Voters returned all four of our incumbent Trustees to their respective seats. The community re-elected Randy Bates Jr., Paul Shanklin, Dr. Kimberley Booker, and Dr. Viola M. García to Positions 1, 6, and 7, respectively.

Click HERE to read the full story.



Randy Bates Jr.



Paul Shanklin



Dr. Kimberley Booker



Dr. Viola M. García

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ALDINE ISD BOND 2023 GENERAL OVERVIEW OF BOND 2023 PACKAGE PROJECTS

- AISD Board of Trustees called for a $1.8 billion 2023 school bond election on November 7, 2023; voters passed all three propositions. Each proposition will fund a variety of projects throughout the district. The bond will impact every single campus.
- The 2023 School Bond has 3 areas of focus: safety and security, facilities and 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.

Key Takeaways

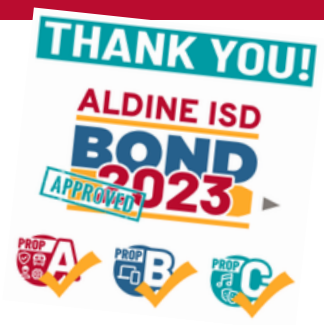
- Every single one of our campuses will be impacted by Bond 2023
- There will be no increase in taxes for the first 3 years
- No tax impact for 65+
- Voters approved the state's Prop 4 to bring property-tax relief to homeowners. The measure will raise Texas' school homestead exemption — the amount that homeowners can trim off the taxable value of their primary residence for school property taxes — from $40,000 to $100,000.



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AREA VOTERS APPROVE ALL 3 PROPOSITIONS IN $1.8 BILLION AISD BOND



Aldine voters overwhelmingly approved all three bond propositions totaling approximately $1.8 billion during the Nov. 7 election. It was the largest bond referendum in the history of Aldine ISD.

Bond 2023 is focused on addressing aging buildings, safety and security, districtwide technology upgrades, new buses, devices for students, teachers, and classrooms, and constructing an education and performing arts center.

Now, the Work Begins

"The Aldine community has spoken, and all three propositions, A, B, and C, were approved. Thank you to everyone who has put time, energy, and heart into this effort. Thank you to all who volunteered and shared the message, and a special thank you to those who voted. The passing of all three of these propositions marks a significant milestone in the history of our district. We will continue our legacy of positively impacting students who walk through the halls of Aldine ISD buildings now and in the future."

— Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney

Aldine ISD will convene a Bond Oversight Committee within the next few weeks. Its role will be to monitor the progress of the district's bond program, review and ensure that the district follows voter-approved bond programs, and monitor the scope of work to ensure projects are completed on time, with quality, and within budget.

Initial bond projects include the rebuilding of Carver High School, the rebuilding of Aldine Middle School (including Lane School), and the construction of the Education and Performing Arts Center. Other bond projects include purchasing over 200 new buses and a dedicated district police department.

Keeping the Community Informed

Aldine ISD will inform the community as the work unfolds on the three propositions. Additional updates and information can be found by visiting the Aldine ISD Bond webpage.

Click HERE to read the whole story.

Major Construction Projects

- Campus Rebuilds: Carver High School, Aldine HS, Aldine Middle School (including Lane School), Hambrick MS, Orange Grove Elementary School, and Odom ES
- 2 High School Campus Redesigns: Eisenhower and MacArthur
- Construction of the Education and Performing Arts Center
- Rebuild of the East Transportation Facility

NIMITZ TO FACE WILLIS IN BI-DISTRICT CLASS 6A FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



The Nimitz HS Cougars, under the direction of Head Coach Cornelius Harmon, will face Willis High School in the bi-district round of the Class 6A State Football Playoffs.

Nimitz and Willis will play in the Division 2 bracket.

The game will be played on Friday, Nov. 10, at Berton A. Yates Stadium (1304 N. Campbell St, Willis, Texas 77378) in Willis. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Cougars will enter the game with an 8-2 season record (the Cougars went 5-2 in District 14-6A play). Willis will enter with a 10-0 season mark.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $8 for students. Playoff shirts are also available for purchase at

Click HERE to read the whole story and to purchase tickets online.

GRADUATION DATES FOR CLASS OF 2024

Ceremonies for the district's 10 high schools will occur at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032.

Click HERE to read the whole story.

Class of 2024 Graduation Schedule

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
May 29	5 p.m.	Avalos High School
May 29	7:30 p.m.	Nimitz HS
May 30	5 p.m.	Blanson HS
May 30	7:30 p.m.	Aldine HS
May 31	9 a.m.	MacArthur HS
May 31	11:30 a.m.	Hall Success Academy
May 31	2 p.m.	Eisenhower HS
May 31	5 p.m.	Carver HS
June 1	9 a.m.	Davis HS
June 1	11:30 a.m.	Victory HS

All graduations to take place at: M.O. Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender Rd, 77032

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THANK YOUR FOR JOINING US AT THE AISD CHOICE SCHOOL FESTIVAL



AISD has award-winning Choice School Programs

Hundreds of families dropped by the Choice School Festival on November 4, to learn about the district's Choice School options.

It's Not Too Late to Learn More & Apply

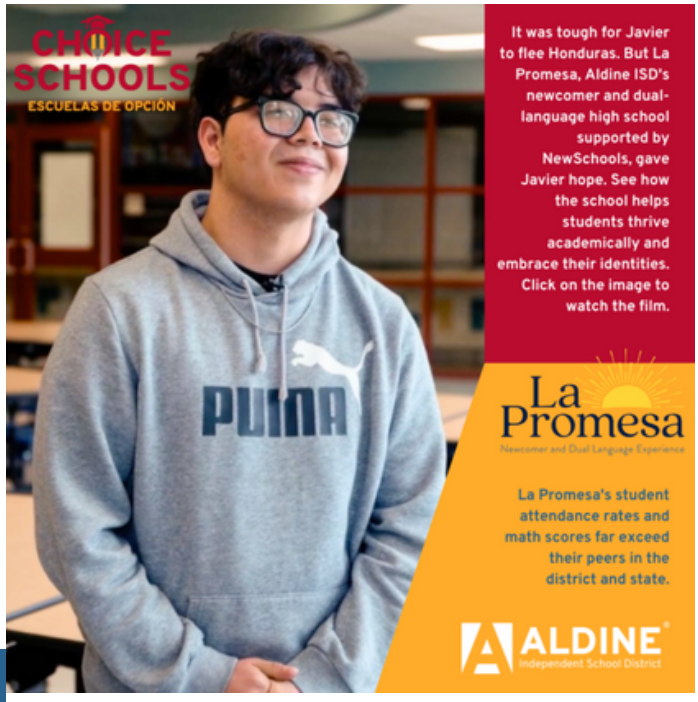
The district offers a wide variety of school choice options — ranging from early childhood to the 12th grade. Apply by Dec. 6 to guarantee entry into the First Lottery for the 2023-2024 school year, which is set for Dec. 13.

Click HERE to read the whole story, to learn more about our Choice School options, and to apply.

LA PROMESA: NEWSCHOOLS' VIDEO FEATURES HOW THE SCHOOL BUILDS A CULTURE OF SUCCESS

NewSchools, a nonprofit venture philanthropy working to reimagine public education so that all children have the opportunity to succeed, supported Aldine ISD in developing and creating La Promesa, which means "The Promise" in English. The newcomer and dual language (English and Spanish) experience Choice School opened in August 2021.

According to NewSchools, "La Promesa" is a short film that challenges us to think deeply about how we can build schools that truly cater to the needs of every student.



Learn more about La Promesa by visiting the campus website LaPromesa.AldineISD.org. You can also follow the school on X, formerly known as Twitter, at @LaPromesa_AISD.

Click HERE to read the whole story about the top-rated school and to hear Javier's story.

DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER SELECTED FOR ELITE WORLD FOOD PRIZE PROGRAM

Andra Collins Johnson, FFA agriscience educator at Davis High School, was selected to join the elite program that included 40 hours of professional development during the immersion experience as part of the World Food Prize and the Borlaug Dialogues.

The World Food Prize Global Guides program is comprised of outstanding educators from 18 states and four countries. Participants engaged digitally for two months of preparation before attending the Borlaug Dialogue. They will continue applying concepts in their communities over the next five months through designing and implementing interdisciplinary global learning projects as an individual or team with other Global Guides.



Outstanding Educators convened in Iowa last month to participate in a unique professional development experience called the Global Guides program. Hosted by the World Food Prize Foundation and the Global Teach Ag Network, the Global Guides brought educators together for conversations and innovative learning opportunities with scientists, policymakers, and hunger fighters worldwide.

Click here to read the full story.



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

THEATER STUDENTS SHINE ON STAGE

Students Step Into the Spotlight at the 8th Annual AISD Theatre Festival





More than 400 theater students from elementary to high school participated in theater workshops as well as performance and technical competitions. The 8th Annual Aldine ISD Theatre Festival was held at Carver High School, the district's Choice School for the visual and performing arts, in late October.

Students competed in musical performance, monologue, group acting, technical theater, and lip sync/pantomime.

Schools with students that earned Superior ratings hailed from Aldine High School, Carter Academy, Carver High School, Davis High School, Davis Ninth Grade, Drew Academy, Eisenhower Ninth, Hambrick Middle, Houston Academy, Jones, Middle, Lewis Middle, Nimitz High School, and Plummer Middle.

Click HERE to read the whole story.



Davis High School Presents Theater Production to Elementary Students

Earlier this month, the Davis High School Theatre Department presented the children's play "Wiley and the Hairy Man" by Suzan Zeder. Theater students in Levels 2-4 performed and executed the production for just over 300 Aldine ISD elementary students.

The family-friendly story was perfect for teaching about facing fears and conquering a lack of self-confidence.

Thanks and appreciation to Conley Elementary School's step and cheer teams for providing pre-show performances for students to learn and enjoy. 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.

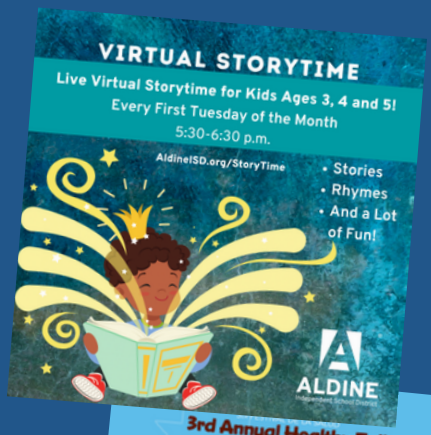
For convenience, parents, legal guardians, and community members have three ways to participate in sessions – in-person, virtual, and pre-recorded.

Click HERE to contact FACE for information.



Upcoming FACE Events

- **First** Tuesday of Every Month: Join us for Virtual Story Time! Virtual Story Time is for primary students (Grades EC/PreK/K), from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn more at AldineISD.org/StoryTime.
- **November 18:** Healthy Fall Festival at the M. O. Campbell Educational Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 1,000 free turkeys to giveaway while supplies last!







LEARN MORE ABOUT ALDINE ISD'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY

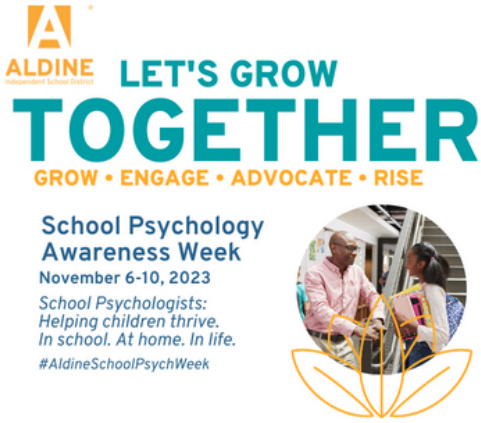
Click here to view a video. Hear directly from parents who are Family and Community University graduates.

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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.





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GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

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



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.



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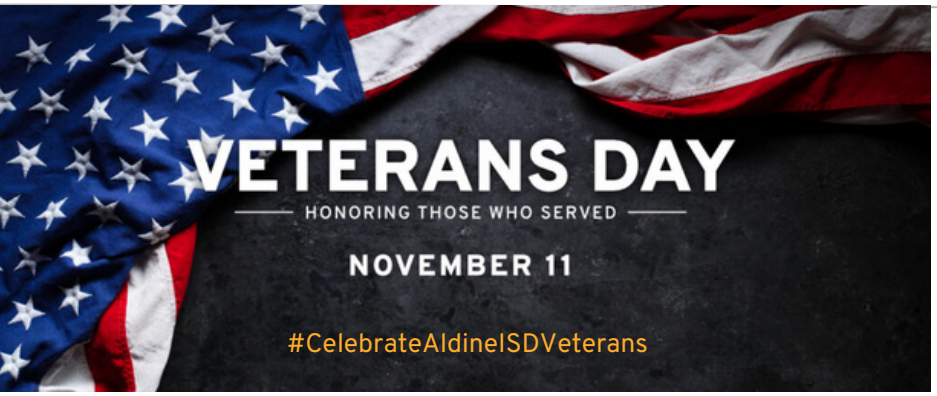
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MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

2023-2024

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





November

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

On Veterans Day, let's honor the sacrifices of the men and women who served in the US armed forces for their courage, pride, integrity, determination, selflessness, and dedication to duty. Thank you to our staff, educators, leaders, parents, community members, volunteers, and supporters who have served for their service and sacrifice. We have many veterans working in AISD who help students grow and guide them to succeed in school, college, career, and life. Thank you for making a difference!

- Nov. 13-17: Generation TX 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).

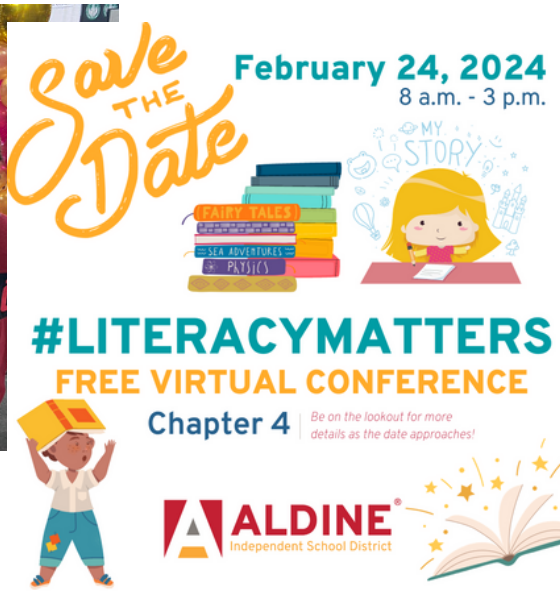
#MyAldine



Family and Community University celebrates reaching an enrollment of 730 parents. FACE expects to continue to grow as it empowers families!



Families and students at the Annual Choice Schools Festival. The event took place on Nov. 4 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.





The Eisenhower HS Golden Eaglettes made history. They received a Division 1 Superior Rating at the Inaugural Katy ISD Invitational in Class 6A!



The AISD Transportation Department held its Rodeo. This training evaluation is packaged as a competitive activity between our three transportation terminals: Westside, Eastside, and Northside!



AISD was thrilled to host Baldwin Schools from Alabama for a first-hand look at our state-of-the-art Blanson CTE High School labs.



Aldine ISD's operations team held a "topping party" to celebrate reaching its highest point from the ground at the W.W. Thorne Stadium!