



# 2016 BOND

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## EPISD 2016 BOND NEWSLETTER

We are building the future **We are EPISD**



Dear Community Members,

As the Executive Director of Facilities and Innovative School Construction, I have the privilege of working with talented and skilled professionals, working on not only the 2016 Bond projects but also the day-to-day facilities items for the district. One of my most important tasks is to work with Jacobs Engineering to oversee the roughly \$600 million designated for renovations and new construction as part of EPISD's 2016 Bond.

Over the past year and a half, I have met with many EPISD employees and community members to ensure that their voices are heard and our students' needs are reflected in the school's final designs. As we approach final construction drawings and move into the bidding phase, I want to take the time to thank these dedicated groups—from the Citizen Bond Advisory Committee members to each of the project's School Project Committees—for advocating on behalf of their community and helping to ensure that the 2016 Bond starts off on the right path.

The 2016 Bond has several components; technology, security, transportation, athletics and modernizing our facilities through major construction projects. Now that football season has officially begun and our student athletes are back on the field, I felt this edition should focus on the \$32 Million worth of projects set aside for Athletics. This edition focuses on the improvements we are making to our outdoor athletic facilities and includes pictures of projects completed. We have some information regarding new state-of-the-art, age-appropriate playgrounds that have been installed at many elementary campuses throughout the district. We also highlight our first major construction project to break ground, Crockett Elementary School.

Again, thank you for your commitment to EPISD and I hope you find the newsletters useful in keeping informed on the EPISD 2016 Bond.

Carlos Gallinar  
Executive Director of Facilities and Innovative School Construction

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please visit our website at [WWW.EPISD.ORG/EPISDBOND2016](http://WWW.EPISD.ORG/EPISDBOND2016)



# BOND UPDATES



Just over a year and a half ago, EPISD voters passed a \$668.8 million bond to elevate our district's facilities and our student's education through district-wide improvement projects. These projects include improving our athletic facilities, modernizing our many campuses, upgrading our modes of transportation and updating our technology systems, to provide a 21st Century Education experience for our students. This 2016 Bond Newsletter Edition will focus on the athletic projects that have been completed at campuses across the district.

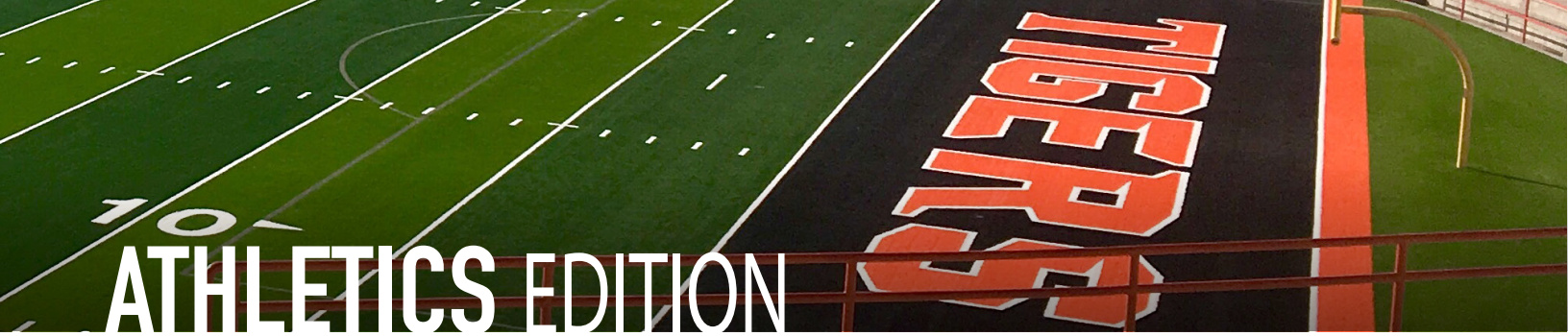
## Athletics

EPISD wants to provide our student athletes with the facilities they deserve. Roughly \$32M was set aside to improve our outdoor athletic facilities; including turf, track, tennis and lighting for baseball and softball fields, and tennis courts. By the end of 2020, all of EPISD's high school's will have new football field turf for their competition fields. The newly installed turf is made with a special material that increases player safety by creating less of an impact on athlete's bodies. Another important aspect of our 2016 Bond athletic improvements is new lighting for all high school tennis, baseball and softball fields. At EPISD we understand that matches can last into the night, and we want to ensure our student athletes can complete their matches in a safe, well-lit environment. A majority of high schools in EPISD will also be receiving brand new tennis courts and track surfaces with 2016 Bond funds.

EPISD wants to ensure our younger generations are able to play in a safe, state-of-the-art environment. For that reason, \$6M from the Bond's Athletics funds was set aside for new, age-appropriate playgrounds to be distributed at elementary schools throughout the district. EPISD has installed 21 new playgrounds, and plans to do another eight schools in 2019. Continue reading for a full list of Completed and Upcoming Athletic projects.



Photos: Top Left- Moreno Elementary, Top Right- Cooley Elementary, Bottom Left- Western Hills Elementary, Bottom Right: Hillside Elementary



Andress High School



Bowie High School



Burges High School



Austin High School



# ATHLETIC PROJECTS



Since the bond passed in November of 2016, the EPISD bond team has been working year-round to ensure we deliver on our promise to the voters and our students. We are excited to display those projects that are 100% complete and projects coming out soon.

## COMPLETED

### Field Turf Replacements

- Andress High School
- Austin High School
- Bowie High School
- Burges High School
- Franklin High School
- El Paso High School

### Track Replacements

- Austin High School
- Andress High School
- Bowie High School

### Track Resurfacing

- Burges High School

### Tennis Replacements

- Chapin High School
- Franklin High School

### Tennis Resurfacing

- Bowie High School

### New Lighting

- Chapin Tennis Courts
- Bowie Baseball/Softball Fields
- Franklin Tennis Courts

## UPCOMING (2018-2019)

### Field Turf Replacements

- Chapin High School
- Coronado High School
- Irvin High School
- Jefferson/Silva High School

### Track Replacements

- Chapin High School
- Coronado High School
- Irvin High School
- Jefferson/Silva High School

### Tennis Replacements

- Austin High School
- Bowie High School
- Coronado High School
- Jefferson/Silva High School

### New Lighting

- Chapin Baseball/Softball Fields
- Coronado Baseball/Softball Fields
- Franklin Baseball/Softball Fields
- Irvin Baseball/Softball Fields
- Andress Baseball/Softball Fields
- El Paso High Baseball/Softball Fields



# PROJECTS FOR BID

EPISD has gone through the process of procuring general contractors for five 2016 Bond major construction projects; those projects are Austin High School, Burges High School, Crockett Elementary, Irvin High School and Coach Wally Hartley PK-8 (Ross/Hughey Consolidation). Crockett Elementary was awarded to Dantex Construction as a Competitive Sealed Proposal, Irvin High School and Coach Wally Hartley PK-8 were awarded to HB Construction as CMAR projects, Austin was awarded to Arrow Construction as a CMAR project, and Burges High School is currently in contract negotiations.

The 2016 Bond construction team has another four major construction projects out for bid, which include Andress High School, Dr. Joseph Torres Elementary (Bradley/Fannin consolidation), El Paso High School and Don Haskins PK-8 (Lincoln/Bond/Roberts consolidation). Below are important procurement dates regarding the four projects:

## **Andress High School**

- Bids received September 18, 2018
- Selected contractor will go to the Board of Trustees in October 2018

## **Dr. Joseph Torres Elementary (Bradley/Fannin Consolidation)**

- Bids are due September 27, 2018
- Selected contractor will go to the Board of Trustees in November 2018

## **El Paso High School**

- Bids received September 6, 2018
- Selected contractor will go to the Board of Trustees in October 2018

## **Don Haskins PK-8 (Lincoln/Bond/Roberts Consolidation)**

- Bids are due September 21, 2018
- Selected Contractor will go to the Board of Trustees in October 2018



Photos: Header- El Paso High Fine Arts Center rendering  
Bottom- Andress High Performing Arts Center rendering

To view what stage of design/construction a 2016 Bond project is in, visit the Bond Website-Construction Projects page. [Click Here.](#)

If you are interested in learning more about how to bid on an EPISD 2016 Bond project visit our Procurement Website. [Click here.](#)



# CROCKETT ELEMENTARY

In June of 2018, EPISD broke ground at Crockett Elementary, the first of the seventeen 2016 Bond major construction projects. The 2016 Bond project at Crockett Elementary includes roughly \$11 million in extensive renovations. The exterior improvements include two new parent drop-offs, landscaping, fencing, resurfacing of the black top and a new playground. The interior improvements include upgrading the HVAC system to refrigerated air, new ceilings, renovations to create two new tech classrooms and updating technology for the historical structure, as well as various improvements to the other campus buildings.



The 2016 Bond project at Crockett was awarded to Dantex Construction in May of 2018 and began construction on June 11th. Currently, Dantex is working on renovations to the 2nd floor of the historic building, ADA accessibility into the building (seen below) and the main parent drop-off. Jennifer Mata, assistant principal at Crockett, stated that the campus is “most excited about getting a new and improved building” and went on to add, “To have a beautiful building with updated technology will have a major impact on student learning!”

Once the first phase of construction is complete, Dantex will begin construction on the 1st floor and basement floor of the historic structure, along with the second parent drop-off facing Luna St. The last phase will include the improvements to the other campus buildings, which will take place in the Summer of 2019. This project is well underway and expected to be completed by Fall of 2019, when students return for the 2019-2020 year.

## Crockett Elementary Full Project Scope

- New Bus & Parent Drop-Off's
- New Landscaping
- New Playgrounds w/ Shelter
- New Wrought Iron Fence around school perimeter
- Improvements to Historic Structure:
  - Accessibility Improvements
  - Upgrade HVAC to refrigerated air
  - New restroom on 2nd floor
  - New ceilings
  - New flooring in hallways
- Repairs to existing basketball court
- Kitchen Repairs: new windows & lighting
- Renovations to other buildings
  - Renovations to Girls Restrooms in 400 Wing
  - Additional Electrical Outlets in 500 Wing
  - Window Repairs in 600 Wing



Photos: Header- Crockett Elementary under construction  
Center- Crockett Students celebrating at the project groundbreaking  
Bottom- Drone photo of Crockett under construction

# MEET THE BOND ARCHITECTS



**Genaro R. Mier** AIA

ASA Architects, P.C.

Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico

Bond Projects: Morehead/Johnson Consolidation & Crockett Elementary

What qualities do you think are important for anyone wanting to pursue this career?

Have a creative mind and be able to visualize what other people tell you. You have to be able to fall and pick yourself up after you put hard work into a design and in the end the client changes their mind or does not like it. You've got to remember that you can't please everybody.

What are you most excited about with the Bond projects you are doing?

That we are part of the future of El Paso and part of the new education system in EPISD.

How has technology changed what you do? How do you update your knowledge and skills?

Technology has really changed the way architects work. I used to draw everything manually and making changes was a real chore. Now with the computer, you can do just about anything you can think of in less time. Drawing in 3D...it's incredible how far we have come with technology. We update our knowledge by attending seminars and going to state or National AIA conferences to get our yearly continued education hours required.

What other kinds of professionals do you typically work with?

Mechanical/Plumbing engineers, Electrical, Structural, Civil and Landscaping Architects or Designers. We also engage other types of consultants depending on the nature of the project like acoustical, Theatre, Medical, etc.

What was your first job?

I was a draftsman for a registered Architect in Mexico... [you've] got to start from the bottom and work your way up!

What is your favorite style of architecture?

Spanish Architecture, Mediterranean style

If you weren't an architect, what do you think you'd be doing instead?

I would have been a Doctor. I love medicine.

What is your favorite thing about El Paso?

I love the mixed culture, the climate and the fact that we don't have major catastrophes like in other parts of the country... except for the dust storms!

# MEET THE PROJECT MANAGERS

The EPISD 2016 Bond Team would like to take the time to highlight a different team member in each of our newsletters. The EPISD 2016 Bond Team consists of both EPISD staff and Jacobs/Huitt-Zollars staff, who are working hard to ensure projects are completed in a fiscally responsible and timely manner.



**IRENE RAMIREZ**  
P.E., EPISD Facilities & Construction Director

Irene Ramirez, Professional Engineer and Facilities and Construction Director for EPISD, is responsible for overseeing the planning, implementation and close out of all capital project elements. Ramirez holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso and has the distinction of being the first woman engineer hired by the city of El Paso back in 1982. Prior to her current position she worked as a project manager and served as the Assistant City Engineer for El Paso. Some of her notable past projects include the renovation and expansion of the Plaza Theater and the expansion of the El Paso International Airport. In her spare time Irene likes to crochet, embroider, read, and watch movies, her favorite being Gigi. The people of El Paso are Irene's most loved aspect of her hometown.



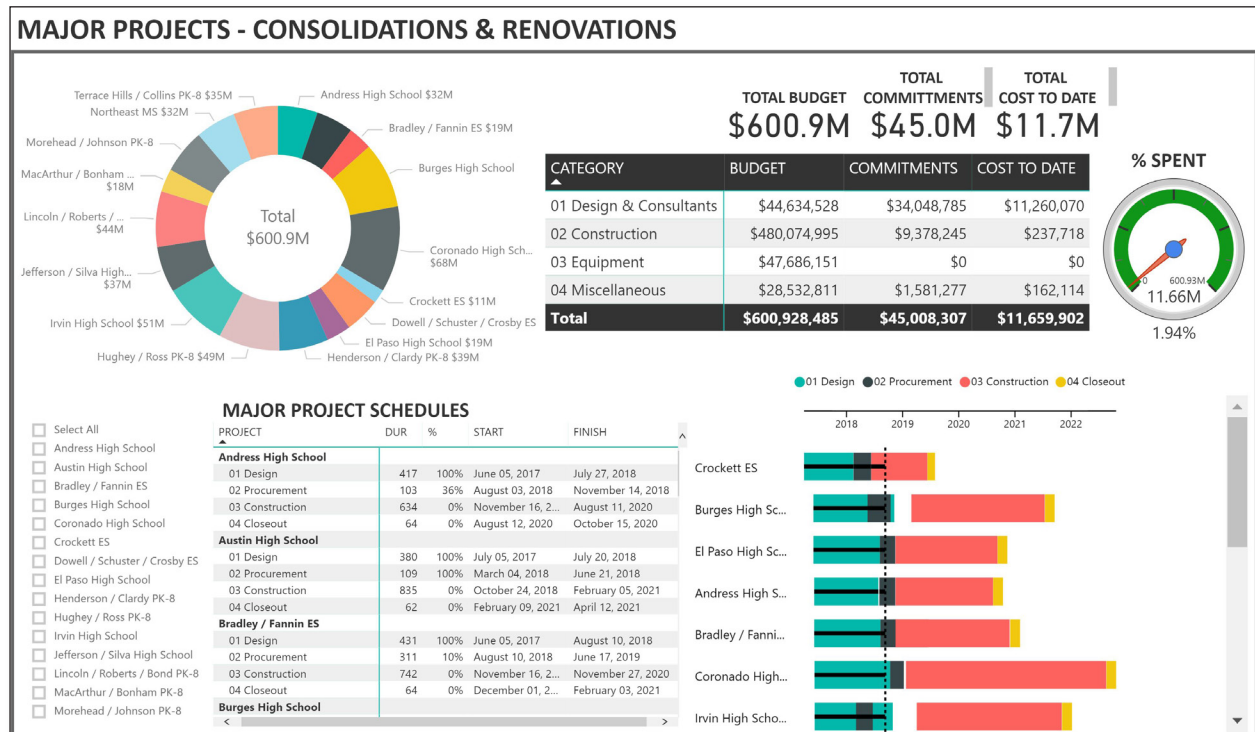
**Madeleine Sara**  
Jacobs Program Manager

Madeleine Sara, originally from Damascus, Syria, joined the Jacobs team with over 17 years of experience as a project manager. Her job in her own words is to, "direct and oversee each player's plan, ensuring all parties are functioning effectively, staying on task, and then combining all aspects to complete a project on time and within budget." Sara, who earned a Masters in Architecture from The Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris, France, says her favorite part of the job is that she is always learning. Her very first job was as an architectural intern and she's since become an accredited architect in Texas. Although she enjoys the design aspect of construction, Sara is helping bring the New Northeast Middle, Coronado and Jefferson High Schools to successful completion as their lead project manager. Some of her past projects for which she served as project manager include work on the University of ALBaath College of Medicine at Homs and new construction of 6000 public housing units. If she wasn't managing projects Madeleine would still want to stay in the same vein of work as an architect or designer. In fact, if given the opportunity to dine with any person from the past or present, she would choose female architect Zaha Hadid in order to learn firsthand from her experience and success. While Madeleine has enjoyed the sights of many countries around the world, her favorite being those near the Mediterranean Sea, the El Paso weather and Kern Place are local favorites.



# BOND DASHBOARD

If you are interested in the financial aspect of the 2016 Bond, EPISD has created a multifaceted dashboard that allows users to navigate through our spending. The 2016 Bond Dashboard provides you with dollars spent and committed, approved change orders and project timelines. To check out this feature click on the dashboard link: [www.episd.org/dashboard](http://www.episd.org/dashboard)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bowie High School Baseball Field Ribbon Cutting - October 14, 2018



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For more information on our 2016 Bond major construction projects, please visit our website. For questions or any other information, email our Bond Outreach Coordinator at [mndalbin@episd.org](mailto:mndalbin@episd.org).