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Documentary screening hopes to inspire conversation on innovative learning environments

EL PASO, TEXAS — Architects, community members, parents and students helping EPISD carry through the Bond 2016 projects will gather this week to watch a documentary on how innovative approaches to education – including the look and feel of classrooms – can impact teaching and learning.

A special screening of the 2015 documentary “Most Likely to Succeed” will introduce participants to the concept of hands-on, project-based active learning. EPISD has adopted the Active Learning Framework to help prepare students for a 21st century economy.

The screening of the film will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the El Paso High School auditorium, 800 E. Schuster. The media is invited to cover the event.

The documentary by director Greg Whiteley outlines the positive changes in academic attainment students at a New Tech school in California have experienced. New Tech programs allow students to learn using small group, project-based lessons where students create their own learning environments and teachers serve as facilitators to learning.

The District has invited members of the Community Bond Advisory Committee, School Project Committees, project architects, community organizers and student leaders to attend the viewing. The goal is to introduce key stakeholders to the concept of modern learning environments EPISD is striving for under Bond 2016.

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