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Groundbreaking Ceremony Planned for New W.C. Andrews Elementary School

Before this school year ends, Gregory-Portland ISD will be celebrating a new beginning for students and staff at W.C. Andrews Elementary School. A Groundbreaking Ceremony will mark plans to begin construction for a replacement campus later this summer, and the public is invited to attend that celebration at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. The event will take place at the future site of the new campus: 4015 Moore Avenue in Portland, Texas.

“We wanted to be sure that our students, staff, and parents had a chance to attend this ceremony before the summer break,” said David Batot, G-PISD’s Construction Manager. “We’ve been working with architects James Davis and Jose Videla with Garza, Bomberger & Associates in San Antonio, and they have come up with a beautiful design.”

The new school will replace the current, 37-year-old campus located at 1100 Lang Road in Portland. Peak enrollment at Andrews Elementary reached 428 students during the 2016-17 school year in a building designed to hold between 403 and 428 at optimum capacity.

“Breaking ground for a new school could not have come at a better time,” said Dr. Paul Clore, G-PISD Superintendent. “Thankfully, we have a board and community who supported recent school bonds that are providing the funding necessary to address our immediate needs within the school district. This campus will be built thanks to their support of a \$117 Million bond package that passed in May of 2015 with no increase to taxes. The total budget to construct this school is a \$20 Million slice of that pie.”

The current Andrews Elementary is 50,452 square feet including detached buildings, and the new campus is designed at 81,997 square feet. “It will be about the same size as the East Cliff Elementary School that was completed in 2016,” said Batot.

Trustees, administrators, and students will take part in breaking ground on May 16th, and the district will finalize plans for construction following that ceremony.

For more information, please contact Crystal Matern at (361) 777-1091 ext. 1031.

At a Glance:

- WHAT:** Groundbreaking Ceremony for W.C. Andrews Elementary School
WHEN: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 @ 10 a.m.
WHERE: Site of Future Campus
4015 Moore Avenue, Portland, TX 78374
INVITATION: [CLICK HERE to view/download.](#)

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