



DISD Breaks Ground for New Addison Elementary School

More than 50 educators, elected officials, Addison city council members, parents and area residents turned out on Friday, Feb. 19 for the groundbreaking ceremony for the George Herbert Walker Bush Elementary School, to be built at 3939 Spring Valley Road in Addison.

DISD's Northwest Elementary Learning Community Executive Director Ivonne Durant presided over the event. After remarks from DISD Board of Trustees Edwin Flores, Superintendent of Schools Michael Hinojosa and Addison Mayor Joe Chow, DISD Deputy Chief of Operations Phil Jimmerson told the crowd about construction plans and the timetable for the school. The first students are scheduled to enter the school in August 2011.

State Senator Florence Shapiro introduced George P. Bush, grandson of President George Herbert Walker Bush, to express the family's thanks for naming the new school after his grandfather (41st U.S. President George HW Bush). Then, students and VIPs donned hard hats and wielded ceremonial shovels for the formal groundbreaking.

Students from the Anne Frank Elementary School Choir provided music for the event and the Thomas C. Marsh Middle School Leadership Cadet Corps presented the colors for the pledge of allegiance. Greeters were students from Jerry Junkins Elementary School.