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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD TO HOLD GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW SCHOOLS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—A brief groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 25, at 8:00 a.m. for the new Dripping Springs ISD middle school and elementary school to be built on Sawyer Ranch Road. The site is just north of the entrance to the Highpointe neighborhood (same side of Sawyer Ranch).

Because there is no parking lot on-site, a shuttle will run from Rooster Springs Elementary (cafeteria entrance), leaving there at 7:45 and 7:55 a.m.

City, county and school district officials will be present to honor the start of construction for the new \$55.7 million campus, which was included in a bond package approved by voters in May of 2014. In addition, representatives from the architect firm Huckabee and from Lee Lewis Construction will participate.

While the schools will operate separately, the district was able to achieve efficiencies by combining building features such as the kitchen, mechanical room, front office workroom, and Center for Learning and Innovation (middle school and elementary school will be on separate levels). Because the schools connect, the design helped limit the building's overall footprint as well. Both the new elementary school and the new middle school will have capacity of 850 students, while the middle school has an additional wing in the master plan that can be added to increase capacity to 1,200. The schools are scheduled to open for the 2017-18 school year.

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