

**New High School for Law & Justice to host grand**

**opening celebration on Aug. 23**

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| **What:** | High School for Law & Justice will host a grand opening to celebrate the completion of construction on their new facility, which was built as part of the Houston Independent School District’s 2012 Bond Program.  The 115,000-square-foot building is centrally located just outside of downtown Houston on Scott Street, between Pease and Coyle streets. The building’s close proximity to the Houston Police Department South Central Station will serve as a resource to students in the magnet school’s criminal justice program.  The $40 million facility features a realistic courtroom, crime-scene investigations lab, emergency communications center, and law library. The building also includes areas for JROTC, athletics, fine arts, and other traditional high school spaces.  Following the ceremony, attendees can take self-guided tours of the new campus.  HSLJ is among 40 schools across the district being renovated or rebuilt as part of the voter-approved 2012 Bond Program and also one of 13 schools slated to open for the first time this fall. More than 70 percent of all 2012 Bond projects will be complete by the start of the school year, and that number is expected to reach over 80 percent by the end of 2018. Once all work is done, HISD will boast of one of the most modern portfolios of urban high schools in the country. |
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| **Who:** | HSLJ Principal **Carol Mosteit,** HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD Board of Education District VIII Trustee **Diana Dávila,** HISD Chief of Police **Paul Cordova,** Harris County Sheriff **Ed Gonzalez,** Harris County District Attorney **Kim Ogg,** JROTC Major **Allison Velasquez**, JROTC First Lt. **Cecilia Marenco,** and the Kinder HSVPA Jazz Band, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, and community members. |
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| **When:** | **Thursday, Aug. 23, at 3 p.m.** |
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| **Where:** | High School for Law & Justice, 3505 Coyle Street, 77003 |