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Lamar CISD Celebrates Groundbreaking of New Career and Technical Education Center

October 28, 2024 – Rosenberg, Texas – Lamar CISD celebrated the groundbreaking on Oct. 23 of its new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center, currently expected to open for students by the Fall of 2026.

District staff, community partners and guests from across the area attended to mark the official launch of the project, which will ultimately bring the district its first dedicated CTE facility, purpose-built to serve the educational and career preparation needs of Lamar CISD students.

"It's about choices and opportunities," Lamar CISD Superintendent Dr. Roosevelt Nivens told attendees during the groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday morning. "This means an awful lot to us, but just imagine the generations that this is going to impact; imagine the community this is going to impact; imagine the lives this is going to impact."

Those comments were echoed by Dr. Kayse Lazar, the district's Executive Director of [Career and Technical Education](#), who has been involved with the project's development and planning since being named to her current role in 2020.

"Today's ceremony is more than just the turning of soil," Dr. Lazar said. "It represents something truly transformative for our district, for the futures of countless young people, and local industries."

Stantec, a global leader in sustainable design and engineering, collaborated with Lamar CISD to design and develop the 236,211-square-foot campus that will serve all of the district's high schools and help prepare students for success in high-demand technical careers. The Stantec team [works with educators across North America](#) to create learning environments that simulate the real world and offer authentic, engaging teaching and learning experiences. Related projects such as: [Frisco CTE Center Addition](#) and [James Reese Career & Technical Center](#) in Texas, [Olathe West High School](#) in Kansas, [Arlington Career Center](#) in Virginia, [Hobbs Career and Technical Education Center](#) in New Mexico, and [Genesee Career Institute](#) in Michigan.

"Education, like the workforce, is dynamic. Our CTE work is informed by detailed market analysis that considers workforce needs, educators' experience, and insights from industry leaders," Meredith Watassek, education planner at Stantec, said. "Understanding projected job growth and internal district needs allowed us to design a center that will help students find fulfilling careers for decades to come."

ABOUT LAMAR CISD

As one of the fastest growing districts in Texas, Lamar CISD encompasses 385 miles in Fort Bend County. The District serves more than 44,500 students at 48 campuses throughout 15 municipalities which include Beasley, Fairchilds ETJ, Fulshear, Houston ETJ, Katy, Kendleton, Missouri City ETJ, Orchard ETJ, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Sugar Land, Thompsons, and Weston Lakes.

The Lamar CISD CTE Center will offer a range of programs across several career clusters. These include a Health Science Career Cluster, incorporating Dental, Pharmacy and Patient Care pathways; a Hospitality & Tourism Career Cluster focused on Culinary Arts; a Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Career Cluster, covering Automotive Technology, Paint & Body, and Distribution & Logistics; an Engineering Career Cluster featuring Drone and Robotics programs; an Arts, Audio Visual Technology & Communications Career Cluster, which will include pathways for Digital Communications and Graphic Design; a Human Services Career Cluster focused on Cosmetology; and an Architecture & Construction Career Cluster that will include specialized programming and training in Plumbing & Pipefitting, HVAC & Sheet Metal, Electrical and Carpentry.

Additionally, career programs in areas including automotive, cosmetology, and culinary will give students the opportunity to work directly with customers as part of the curriculum, offering real-world experience as students provide valuable services to area residents.

In collaboration with business and community partners, the district's CTE programs connect students with enriching learning opportunities, industry-based certifications, post-secondary credit, and technical skills to allow them to thrive in a competitive global economy.

"We're living in a time of tremendous growth and opportunity, especially here in Fort Bend County," Dr. Lazar said. "By offering state-of-the-art programs that align with these high-demand fields, we are ensuring our students can step into the workforce or pursue higher education with the skills and confidence they need to succeed."

Elaine Bui, a future pharmacy pathway student and current eighth grader at Reading Junior High School, attended the ceremony together with classmates, and said she was excited about how the new center will connect students with experienced CTE instructors who bring specialized industry knowledge and expertise to the classroom.

"I think it will have a major impact and be useful for us as students," Bui said. "It will teach us more and more about our endorsements and the careers that we want to do."

Bui's classmate Scarlett Dickerson, a future digital communications pathway student, agreed.

"We'll be able to learn more about the jobs we want to do and what we'll be able to do when we're older," Dickerson said, "and we'll have more opportunities to learn."

Lamar CISD Board of Trustees President Zach Lambert also addressed attendees during the ceremony. He spoke briefly about the history and development of the project, and thanked area residents for their support of the new CTE Center, which was approved by voters as part of [the district's 2022 Bond](#).

"I want to say thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting this," Lambert said, "and as trustees, we want to say thank you to the community for supporting these efforts."

The CTE Center is expected to open for students by the Fall of 2026.

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