



# Press Release

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## Galena Park Elementary Dedicates New Facility

**Houston, TX:** The rich history of Galena Park Elementary began more than 85 years ago in a one room schoolhouse and the legacy still lives on today. The oldest elementary school in Galena Park ISD held their dedication ceremony for its new state-of-the-art facility on Wednesday, October 17. Guests included parents, students, alumni, elected officials, community member and the Bond Steering Committee members.

The festivities began with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony hosted by the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jaime Rocha, Galena Park Elementary principal, was joined by Chamber of Commerce members, Dr. Angi Williams, superintendent of schools, Senator Sylvia Garcia and the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees for the cutting of the ribbon. The Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas held a cornerstone leveling ceremony as the signal of the building's completion. The cornerstone will lie in the Northeast corner of the building with a time capsule placed behind the plaque.

Representative Ana Hernandez' office presented Mr. Rocha with a certificate of recognition from the House of Representatives. A representative from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office presented an American flag that was flown over the United State Capitol and Senator Sylvia Garcia presented a Texas Flag that was flown over the Texas State Capitol.

After the presentation of certificates and flags, Mr. Rocha spoke about the initial planning phase and how they wanted to deliver an eye- catching wow factor when the community saw the new facility for the first time. He also thanked his staff for their countless hours in making the move to the new facility so smooth for everyone involved. Mr. Rocha is looking forward to the future at GPE and building memories that will last a lifetime.

"This magnificent building will continue the rich history of Galena Park Elementary established so long ago while taking learning to new heights for years to come," said Mr. Rocha.

The event concluded with a special performance by the Galena Park Elementary honor choir! We would like to thank Senator Sylvia Garcia, Alma Vasquez from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office, Linda Jamail and Maria Delgado from Representative Ana Hernandez' office for showing their support at the Galena Park Elementary dedication ceremony.



Pictured: Galena Park Elementary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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