



From the desk of...

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Journey to the New Austin Elementary!



Enjoy the Journey...We made it!

At the close of the school day today, we say farewell to the old Austin Elementary. There are many special memories we will all carry with us and cherish! On January 6, 2020, you will be "welcomed home" to our new building at [5321 Roberts Drive](#).

I want to welcome everyone to our new Austin Elementary! Although we have waited a long time, the fruits of our labor have finally paid off! Our new facility is AMAZING! I would like to personally thank the Austin Eagle Foundation and PTO for everything they did to make our transition seamless. Our "Momma Movers", Room Parents and classroom volunteers worked tirelessly and we could not have accomplished our move without them! In addition, due to the generosity of our families and community, the Austin

Eagle Foundation has been able to provide lots of additional items to make our new learning environments truly that!

I want to assure you that we will take excellent care of your children as always! All staff will go through training on our safety procedures and drills on January 3, 2020. We will ask that you be patient with our new carpool and bus procedures and if for some reason they need tweaking or you have suggestions to make our new processes better, please do not hesitate to let me know. Our carpool line will come through the shared drive with the Dunwoody Nature Center at the traffic light. Our bus lane will enter the other drive and is only for DCSD and DNC buses. Here is an entry [map](#) for your reference. DCSD has also developed a strategy to address the relocation of the Austin ES in January 2020, and its impact on Transportation. Here are the [bus routes for the new Austin](#). All parents are encouraged to review your route number, pickup time and location. Afternoon times for previous routes could potentially vary based on new lengths. Please monitor during the week of January 6. If your student is now provided a bus route, you may simply take them to the stop in the mornings for pickup. Send in a note to the homeroom teacher if your student's afternoon dismissal will now be changing to "bus rider".

We look forward to our students returning on January 6th. On this first day of the second semester, you are welcome to walk your student to their classroom. We will have lots of support personnel, PTO, Foundation, and PAC members who will be assisting us as well! Arrival and dismissal will occur as usual. You may take a peek at the maps of each floor, [here](#) on the PTO homepage.

I want our students, parents, and wider community to enjoy the journey of our new school! We look forward to the journey starting for you and your children on Jan. 6th!

I wish each of you a joyous and relaxing Winter Break and holiday season!

Take care,

Dr. Culbreath