October 31, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

CHARACTER STRONG - This week in Character Strong, students explored ways to support others who experience disrespect or bullying. They discussed what it means to move from being a bystander to an advocate, learning how to intervene safely, support peers, and report incidents to help create a more caring and respectful school environment.

AISD maintains a strict anti-harassment policy to ensure all students and staff feel safe on campus and at district events. Any student, parent, or staff member can report concerns or incidents of bullying here — reports may also be made anonymously on Austin ISD Safe Space.

UPDATED SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION & BOUNDARY PLAN - Austin ISD has released an updated school consolidation and boundary plan based on community feedback. Families can <u>review the plan</u>, see <u>any changes to their school assignments</u>, and share feedback through the <u>online comment card</u> or upcoming <u>Consolidation Q&A Sessions</u>. For school-specific details, visit the updated <u>school locator tool</u>.

MARTHA VISIT - Everyone's favorite comfort dog, Martha, will be back on campus Friday, November 7, spreading joy, calm, and plenty of tail wags! Students are welcome to stop by to say hello.

AUSTIN ISD POST-SECONDARY GAP FUND - Do you know an Austin ISD graduate enrolled in a college or certification program who's experiencing financial hardship? They may qualify for the new <u>Austin ISD Post-Secondary Gap Fund</u>, created in partnership with Austin Ed Fund to help students stay enrolled and complete their programs. Eligible graduates (Classes of 2022–2025) <u>can request up to \$1,200 in short-term emergency assistance</u> to cover unexpected costs that could interrupt their education.

GRADUATION ORDERS - <u>Online graduation orders</u> open next week! Be ready to order your custom Bowie High cap and gown, class ring, graduation announcements, and more. Items can be purchased individually or as part of a Graduation Package. Stay tuned for more details and online ordering instructions. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

VOTING DAY & STUDENT HOLIDAY - Tuesday, November 4, is Election Day and a student holiday. While students are off, staff will be participating in a district professional development day and have the opportunity to take part in our district's Culture of Voting by exercising their civic duty. Classes will resume on Wednesday, November 5.

Go Dawgs!

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