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## **BOND UPDATE: ADULT TRANSITION SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT DELAYED**

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Construction of the new Eanes ISD Adult Transition Services (ATS) building has been delayed, due to structural deficits discovered in both the slab and retaining walls. After the original building was removed, it was determined that the design of the new facility would be improved by lowering the elevation of the building. To ensure that the foundation was structurally sound, engineers recommended replacing the old slab with a new one at a lower level and anchoring it to the foundation walls.

District officials are working with the project's engineers to determine what additional costs will be incurred. The estimated move-in date for the ATS building has been moved from January 1 to March 19.

"While this is disappointing to our current students and their families, the ATS staff, and every one of us involved in this project, safety and quality are non-negotiables," said Molly May, Assistant Special Education Director. "We look forward to the completion of the project and a safe, beautiful new facility for our students and staff."

The facility will serve the District's young adults with special needs during their transition from post-high school to the adult world. The program focuses on assisting these young adults in developing vocational and independent living skills. Accessible kitchen and laundry facilities, a computer lab, classrooms and group work areas will enhance instruction in vocational, independent living and recreational skills.

The \$2.2 million project is being financed through funds from the May 2011 bond program. It also includes funding to replace life skills equipment used in the ATS program.

*The Eanes Independent School District spans 31.2 square miles of scenic Texas Hill Country in Travis County and serves approximately 7,700 students. Schools in Eanes ISD are Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School, West Ridge Middle School, Barton Creek Elementary, Bridge Point Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Eanes Elementary, Forest Trail Elementary and Valley View Elementary. In 2011, the District and eight campuses were named Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency.*

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