

Two elementary schools will be sold

Dawson, Sunset Valley among 10 campuses Austin ISD shut this summer to fight deficit

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Austin Independent School District officials will sell Dawson and Sunset Valley elementary schools, two of the 10 campuses that closed this summer.

The proposed sales are the district's latest bid to infuse new cash into its depleted savings after painful budget cuts that required Austin ISD to slash a \$181 million deficit.

The district is already counting on the sale of the old Rose-dale School to inject new revenue

into next school year's budget — although that sale hasn't closed yet. Austin ISD expects to collect \$60 million by selling off multiple properties, a necessary move to avoid a ballooning budget deficit. The successful sale of the closed schools would represent a one-time infusion of cash.

Since the district decided in November to close the 10 schools, Austin ISD leaders have assessed potential uses for the now-shuttered campuses. District officials have said closing the schools will save about \$21 million, although much of that funding will go back

into improving student learning at other campuses.

The Austin ISD school board approved the plan to sell Dawson and Sunset Valley elementaries during a meeting last month. The district plans to begin searching for a buyer within the next three months, spokeswoman Dacia Garcia said.

The district also plans to lease a 14-acre portion of land on the Bedichek Middle School property and will put out a call for proposals in two to three months. The school board must vote on final sales, Garcia said.

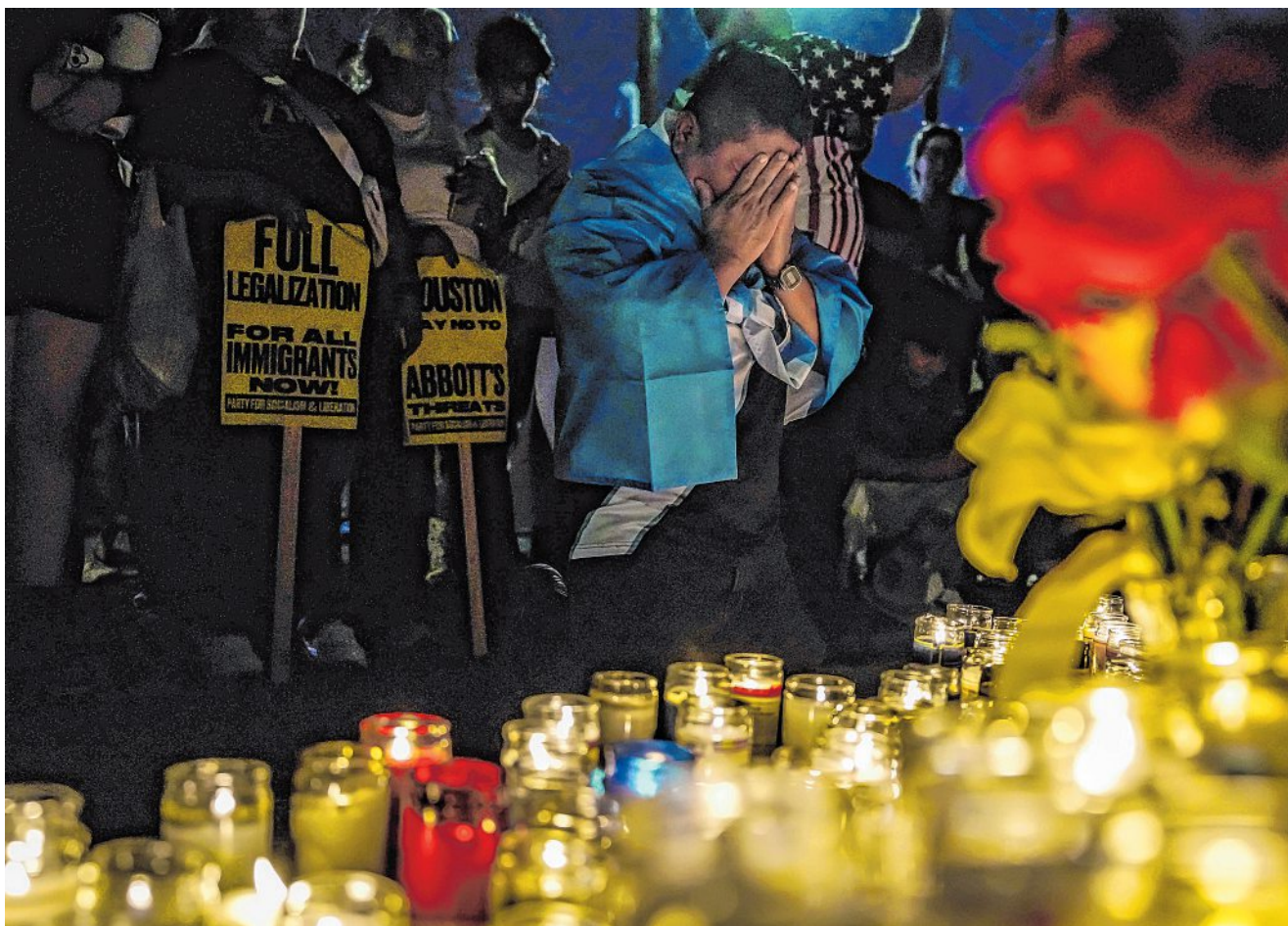
Officials are also trying to find a nonprofit or community partner to develop a new use for **Austin ISD continues on A4**



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Austin ISD expects to collect \$60 million by selling off multiple properties such as Dawson Elementary School.

Hundreds protest Houston ICE killing



Raquel Natalicchio/Houston Chronicle

Hector Cholom of Iglesia Bautista Kekchi prays Wednesday during a vigil for Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston.

Agency rebuked for releasing name before telling family

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Around 1,500 protesters packed the streets in Houston's East End on Wednesday night, standing yards away from where a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent fatally shot a Mexican citizen on his way to work the day before.

Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, 52, was shot and killed Tuesday in the Magnolia Park neighborhood while he was being pursued by ICE. The federal agency alleged that the officer fired in self-defense after Salgado allegedly refused commands and tried to run over an officer and rammed an ICE vehicle with his van.

Flowers and candles were placed near a street pole as a memorial for Salgado while the crowd chanted in Spanish, demanding justice for Salgado and his family. Traffic **Protest continues on A2**



Jacob Lujan/Houston Chronicle

Protesters march on Canal Street in Houston the day after the fatal shooting by ICE officers, who alleged Salgado tried to run over an officer and rammed an ICE vehicle Tuesday.

U.S., Iran continue to trade attacks in Mideast

Allied nations are targeted as shaky ceasefire threatened

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United States launched new airstrikes against Iran early Thursday, and Tehran responded by targeting U.S.-allied Mideast countries in an exchange of fire that threatened an interim deal intended to help end the war in the Middle East.

Back-and-forth attacks, including a day earlier, have repeatedly threatened the ceasefire. But Thursday's appeared bigger all around, with sirens sounding at least three times in Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters, and missiles targeting Kuwait and Qatar.

Sirens sounded Thursday afternoon in Jordan as well, where the U.S. has stationed troops and aircraft.

An Iranian official accused the U.S. of launching an airstrike later Thursday targeting the area around Iran's sole nuclear power plant, and other explosions were reported elsewhere in the country during the afternoon.

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Talarico's \$30M haul is triple that of Paxton

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Democratic U.S. Senate nominee James Talarico has raised \$30 million since April, more than tripling the amount collected by Republican rival Ken Paxton, and enough to spread the wealth among his party's candidates in down-ballot races.

Both Senate candidates announced their fundraising totals Wednesday for the second quarter of 2026. Talarico's haul builds on the \$27 million he collected during the first three months of the year, much of it while he was in the midst of a pitched battle for the Democratic nomination against U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett of Dallas.

Talarico's money came from about 780,000 individual contributors, and 97% of contributions to the campaign were \$100 or less, according to the campaign's announcement.

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