



Dr. John Folks, NISD superintendent



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NISD Superintendent tells bus group Aue Elementary to be completed ahead of schedule

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Northside ISD Superintendent Dr. John Folks was the guest speaker at the monthly Leon Springs Business Association mixer held on Sept. 14 at the Leon Springs Dance Hall, and sponsored by Black Tie Affairs Catering, Inc.

Folks told an audience more than 50 businessmen and women that strong growth in the Leon Springs area prompted district officials to accelerate the completion of Aue Elementary School

"We put that elementary school on a fast track," Folks said. "We're already under construction"

Planned to be up and running for the 2008-09 school year, Folks says the district now plans to open the school in 2007-08.

In addition, Folks gave a broad hint about who will attend the newest Northside high school – Brandeis High School - sched-

uled to open in 2008-09 and that will relieve Clark and O'Connor.

"It will affect Leon Springs but I can't tell you where kids are going to go because that hasn't been decided," Folks said about establishing boundary lines for the new high school which will be located behind Stinson Middle School. "I can assure everybody you will be happy with the decision that's made about where these kids are going to go. You know, there's nothing more fun than going to a new high school."

Folks said the one thing he was asked to address at the mixer was the tremendous growth NISD was experiencing.

"We will approach close to 82,000 students this year," he said. "Last year, we grew over 4,000 students. This year, we will also hit that figure."

Folks said NISD officials have predicted in the past that the district would reach 100,000 students by 2012 or 2013.

"Right now, we believe we will hit that

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