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SpawGlass Helping to Make Harlandale ISD Campus A Little Greener This Earth Day ***Contractor, dignitaries broke ground on educational greenhouse renovation and new construction to support horticulture program and improve greenhouse accessibility at special education center***

(San Antonio, TX) – Commercial contractor SpawGlass, Harlandale Independent School District (HISD) representatives and students, and local dignitaries broke ground today on renovation work and new construction for educational greenhouses at the Jewel C. Weitzel special education center located at 9131 Yett Dr.

SpawGlass is currently working on multiple construction projects for HISD, including classroom additions/improvements, athletic facilities, kitchen/dining facilities, administrative space and ADA/life safety upgrades at a number of elementary, middle and high school campuses. In recognition of Earth Day, SpawGlass selected HISD to provide a community service project to in an effort to encourage sustainability and an eco-friendly lifestyle among local young people.

“SpawGlass is dedicated to minimizing the environmental impact on every project we build, and we’re honored to recognize and promote the principles of Earth Day through the greenhouse renovation and construction at the Wietzel Center,” says SpawGlass President, San Antonio Chuck Calvin. “As a way to give back to the community, it’s our honor to assist Harlandale ISD with these projects to encourage sustainability through horticulture and share the importance of this way of life to future generations, while also enhancing the educational experience for special needs and other nearby students.”

HISD’s Jewel C. Weitzel Center is a special education center that serves the districts visual, auditory and multi-handicapped population grades pre-K through 12, and the school was named in honor of the longtime special education teacher. SpawGlass will provide exterior renovation work on an existing greenhouse that’s in need of some repair. Additionally, SpawGlass will construct a new, adjacent greenhouse with updated accessibility features.

“Harlandale ISD is appreciative of SpawGlass’s assistance in providing the updated greenhouses for the students of this district,” says Wietzel Center Principal Doris Figueroa. “I can’t think of a better way to celebrate Earth Day than to support the horticulture program and thereby promote environmentally-friendly growing methods, while improving the overall learning environment for these very special students.”

Special guests in attendance included: Chuck Calvin, HISD Superintendent Robert Jaklich, School Board President Jesse (Jay) Alaniz, Special Education Teacher Gerald Gawlick and District 3 City Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos. Remarks will be provided at approximately 10:15 a.m., and immediately following, dignitaries will conduct the ground breaking to mark the start of the greenhouse projects, which are scheduled for completion in about three weeks.

SpawGlass is a Texas-based general contractor, construction manager, design/builder and civil contractor - with expertise in green building and Building Information Modeling (BIM), serving clients in corporate, higher education, healthcare, government/public, senior/campus living and more. Founded in 1953 by Louis Spaw and Frank Glass, the company has a lasting commitment to provide: the highest standards of quality and service to clients; a safe and enriching work environment to employees; and support and involvement in the community. With more than 550 employees statewide, SpawGlass is 100 percent employee owned and has regional offices in Austin, Houston, San Antonio and South Texas. www.spawglass.com

The Harlandale Independent School District serves 14,510 students with 21 schools and four facilities for special needs. The district’s mission is to be a family working together to provide a high quality education where all students graduate to become productive and successful citizens for the 21st Century. www.harlandale.net

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