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## **Sustainable materials part of EPISD athletic upgrades**

### **Franklin High groundbreaking will feature Bond 2017 projects**

EL PASO, TEXAS — Coconuts are not just for piña coladas anymore. The tropical fruit is now being used to help the El Paso Independent School District create a safe modern environment for student athletes.

Rather than using recycled plastic pellets, new field turf being placed throughout the district as part of the 2016 bond issue, will use a unique coconut-based material to stabilize the artificial turf and create a safer playing surface.

One of the football fields that will receive newly upgraded turf is at Franklin High School where the district will kick off upgrades to the football field and other athletics facilities with a groundbreaking ceremony at Cougar Stadium.

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking Ceremony

**WHERE:** Franklin High School  
Cougar Stadium  
900 N. Resler Dr.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
8:30am

**WHY:** Photo/B-roll opportunities  
Interviews with EPISD leadership and staff

Student athletes at Franklin High School will also soon have new tennis courts, and upgraded lighting as part of the El Paso Independent School District's unprecedented program of investment approved by voters in 2016.

EPISD's commitment to 21st Century Learning is driven by a vision to provide students with modern, future-ready facilities — including those used by student athletes.

For more information on the EPISD 2016 Bond program, please visit [EPISD.org](http://EPISD.org) and click on "Bond" at the bottom of the page.

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