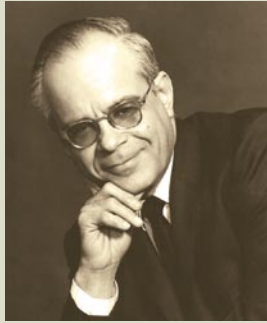


**LEONIDES GONZALEZ CIGARROA, M.D.  
PHYSICIAN AND CIVIC LEADER**

Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa was born in Mexico in 1922. His family moved to San Antonio, Texas, when he was an infant. Cigarroa's father was a physician and his mother a pharmacist, and by the age of 10, Cigarroa knew he also wanted to practice medicine. When he was 15, the family moved to Laredo, where Cigarroa spent his free time observing surgeries at Mercy Hospital.



In 1947, Cigarroa fulfilled his long-held ambition when he graduated from Loyola University School of Medicine in Chicago and began his residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He soon returned to Laredo, where he began a long and distinguished career, including serving as chief of surgery at Mercy Hospital.

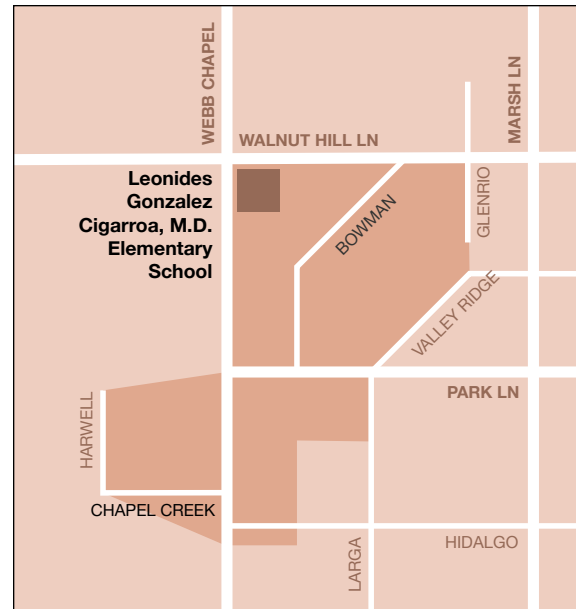
Cigarroa also was devoted to education and child welfare and was surgical advisor for the vocational rehabilitation division of the Texas Education Agency and chairman of the Health Task Force of the Texas Urban Development Commission.

His outstanding abilities were recognized through appointments by two American presidents: President Lyndon B. Johnson, who named him to the National Commission on Health Facilities, and President Richard M. Nixon, who selected him for service on the Health Manpower Development Program Advisory Board. He also was recognized at home in Laredo, where he was named Man of the Year in 1967 and a high school was named after him. Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa died in 1973 at the age of 51.

**FEEDER PATTERN**

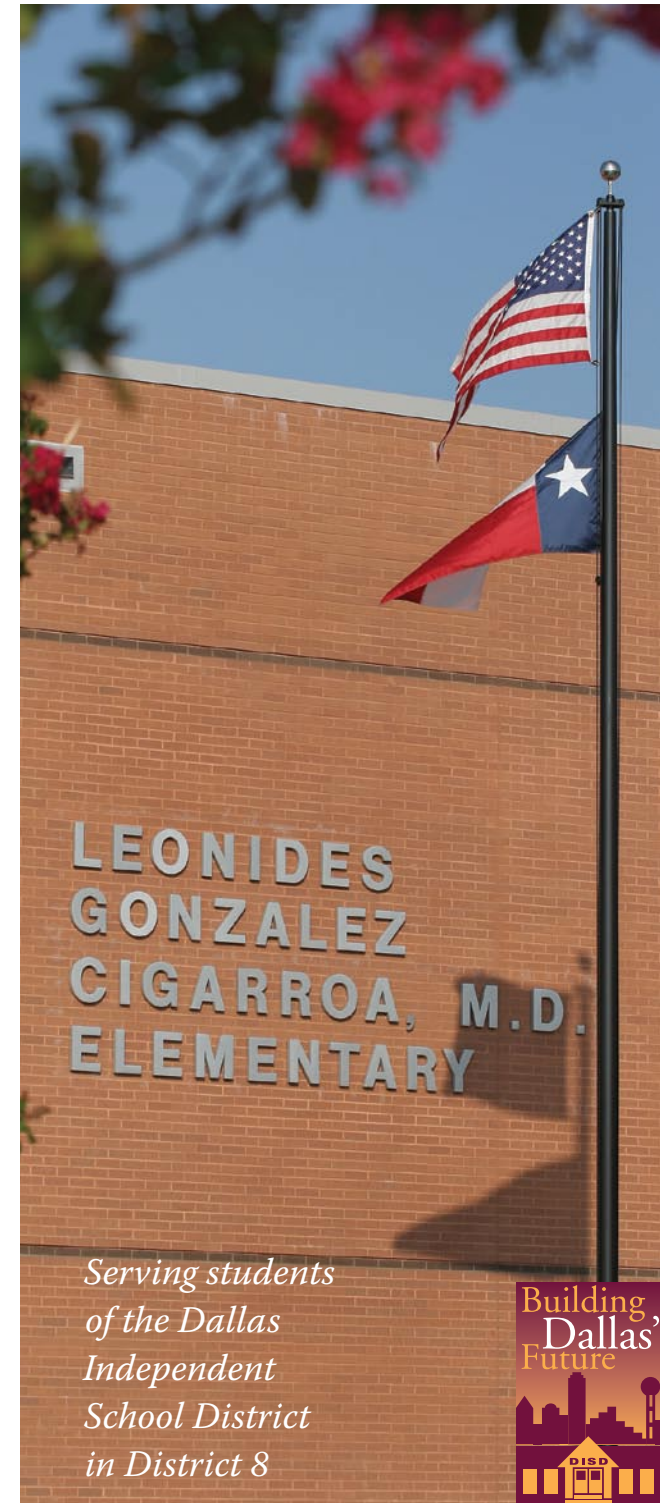
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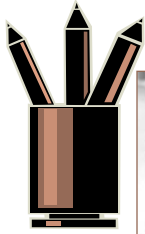
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## LEONIDES

# GONZALEZ CIGARROA, M.D. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### INTRODUCTION

The new Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa, M.D. Elementary School will serve about 375 students in the Webb Chapel, Chapel Downs, and Walnut Hill communities. The school is located at the corner of Webb Chapel Road and Walnut Hill Lane. The school is receiving students from David G. Burnet, Everette L. DeGoloyer, and Harry C. Withers elementary schools.

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### SPECIAL FEATURES

The new Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa, M.D. Elementary School is located adjacent to the City of Dallas' Brownwood Park. The school and city park share an **improved parking lot, playground, and athletic fields**. More than **40 trees** were planted on the school's site to smooth the transition between the school and the park. **Two existing oak trees** on the north side of the building were protected by the design to **soften the visual impact** of the three-story building as well as to **provide shade** for the children. The entrance area of the building contains a **glass-enclosed mural** dedicated to Cigarroa's life and work.

The building has about 95,000 square feet that includes **37 core classrooms, an art room, a science lab, a performing hall** with practice rooms and instrument storage, **an instructional technology classroom, and a media center**.

Because the amount of land available for the school was limited, the **gymnasium is located on the second floor**, above the cafeteria so the sound of bouncing balls cannot be heard in the classrooms. This arrangement also allowed the lower grade classrooms to be on the first floor, making it easier to evacuate the smaller children in case of an emergency.

Outside, there is a **playground and paved area for activities** plus a **soccer field and softball field**. Other outdoor recreation facilities will be shared with Brownwood Park.

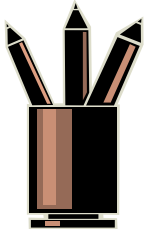
### ACADEMIC FEATURES

Fourth-grade language arts and fifth-grade science students can expand their learning beyond the classroom through **video teleconferencing**. These students can learn and discuss lessons with their peers from other schools in and outside of Texas, as well as receive instruction from a variety of experts.

Prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first-grade English-language learners are instructed using the **one-way dual-language model**. The program builds on the student's skills in Spanish to increase their knowledge of English. One grade will be added each year until all students whose native language is Spanish will be participating in the new model.

**Functional Living Skills** focuses on developing social and functional academic skills of students who require adult assistance to move through a structured daily routine. **Total Communications** helps autistic children who cannot communicate verbally develop non-verbal ways of expressing themselves and their needs.

Students are given many opportunities to use their talents through an **art program; a music program**, featuring keyboards; **a theater club**, which focuses on writing plays and scripts; **a soccer club**; and **playing board games competitively**; and in the **state-of-the-art technology lab**.



**Grade levels**  
Prekindergarten  
through fifth grade

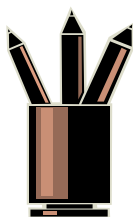
**Enrollment**  
650 students

**Size**  
95,000 square feet

**Number of classrooms**  
46

**Construction cost**  
\$13 million

**Opened**  
August 2006



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