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## Southwest Schools now enrolling at Mangum Elementary campus

Southwest Schools, a Texas State open enrollment charter school, will open a second elementary campus at 4515 Mangum Road for the 2010-2011 school year offering free K – 5 elementary education.

Parents can call 713-688-0505 to enroll children for the upcoming school year, which begins Aug. 23.

“We are so excited to offer an educational choice to parents seeking enrollment for their elementary school children,” said Founder and CEO, Spyros Catechis, Ed.D.

“This campus is an extension of Southwest Schools’ commitment to provide an innovative high-quality learning experience in a nurturing and supportive environment resulting from a low-student teacher ratio. Our teachers, administrators, and staff connect with and know each student and parent,” said Catechis.

The 26,000 square-foot Southwest Schools Mangum Elementary campus was once the site of the original Randall’s Food Market. The empty building was purchased in spring 2010, and then gutted and transformed by Cheshire Developments, LLC and Longevity Development to house the new Southwest School campus.

The brand-new facility will enroll approximately 400 students and offer free public education in a small and safe environment with highly-qualified teachers and a dedicated staff. The campus will also offer bilingual programs. The repurposed building, a recurring trend in the design field, is a welcome asset to the community as it will be a hub of activity.

Coinciding with Southwest Schools’ plans for the elementary campus, AVANCE-Houston will offer Head Start programs for three-year-olds and four-year olds and adult education classes in a building within the

remodeled space. The unique partnership between Southwest Schools and AVANCE is a first in Houston and allows a greater number of families to receive a quality educational experience.

After increased interest from parents of Southwest Schools’ students to expand the school footprint and after learning of the need in the northwest Houston area, Southwest Schools identified the Mangum campus as an ideal location for expansion.

To enroll at the Southwest Schools Mangum Elementary campus, parents should call the school’s secretary at 713-688-0505, and set up an interview for the parents and child. Campus tours are available 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. through July 30.

Applications, as well as information on the school’s educational programs, are available online at [www.swschools.org](http://www.swschools.org).