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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MAYOR TO VISIT OPERATION FRONT DOOR PROJECT Atmos Energy Workers Transform Another Campus**

Mayor Tom Leppert will visit Atmos Energy crews working on an Operation Front Door project at City Park Elementary School in Dallas. The Mayor will tour the site and thank work crews for volunteering their time and energy on the project.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 24  
11:00 AM

**WHERE:** City Park Elementary School  
1738 Gano St.  
Dallas, Texas 75215

Operation Front Door is one of the Mayor's education initiatives. It matches local companies with Dallas ISD schools to give the campus' frontage a more welcoming makeover. The hope is that companies will stay engaged with the school once the work is complete. The North Dallas Chamber of Commerce has also been a key partner on the project since its inception.

City Park is the second Operation Front Door project for Atmos Energy. The Dallas-based firm has had a long relationship with the school, which is where many homeless children attend classes.

40 Atmos Energy employees will do much of the work on the \$20,000 project. It includes an irrigation system, landscaping, concrete work, painting, a planter, refurbishing the marquis, and creating walkways to the playground and the student drop-off area.

At its launch last year, Operation Front Door's first project paired Atmos Energy with James Madison High School in South Dallas. The \$50,000 makeover of that campus was designed with students, and resulted in new walkways, landscaping and a mascot statute designed by a former Dallas ISD arts student.

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**Operation Front Door Projects:**

- **Madison High School – Atmos Energy**
- **South Oak Cliff High School - Valley Crest Landscaping**
- **Thomas Jefferson High School - Deloitte & Touche, LLP**
- **Rusk Middle School - Southwest Airlines**
- **Clara Oliver Elementary School - Service Nation**
- **North Dallas High School - Church of the Incarnation**
- **City Park Elementary School – Atmos Energy**

**There are several other projects pending.**

**The Dallas ISD maintains a web site for Operation Front Door listing school in need of an Operation Front Door makeover.**

**Go to: <http://www.dallasisd.org/frontdoor/>**

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