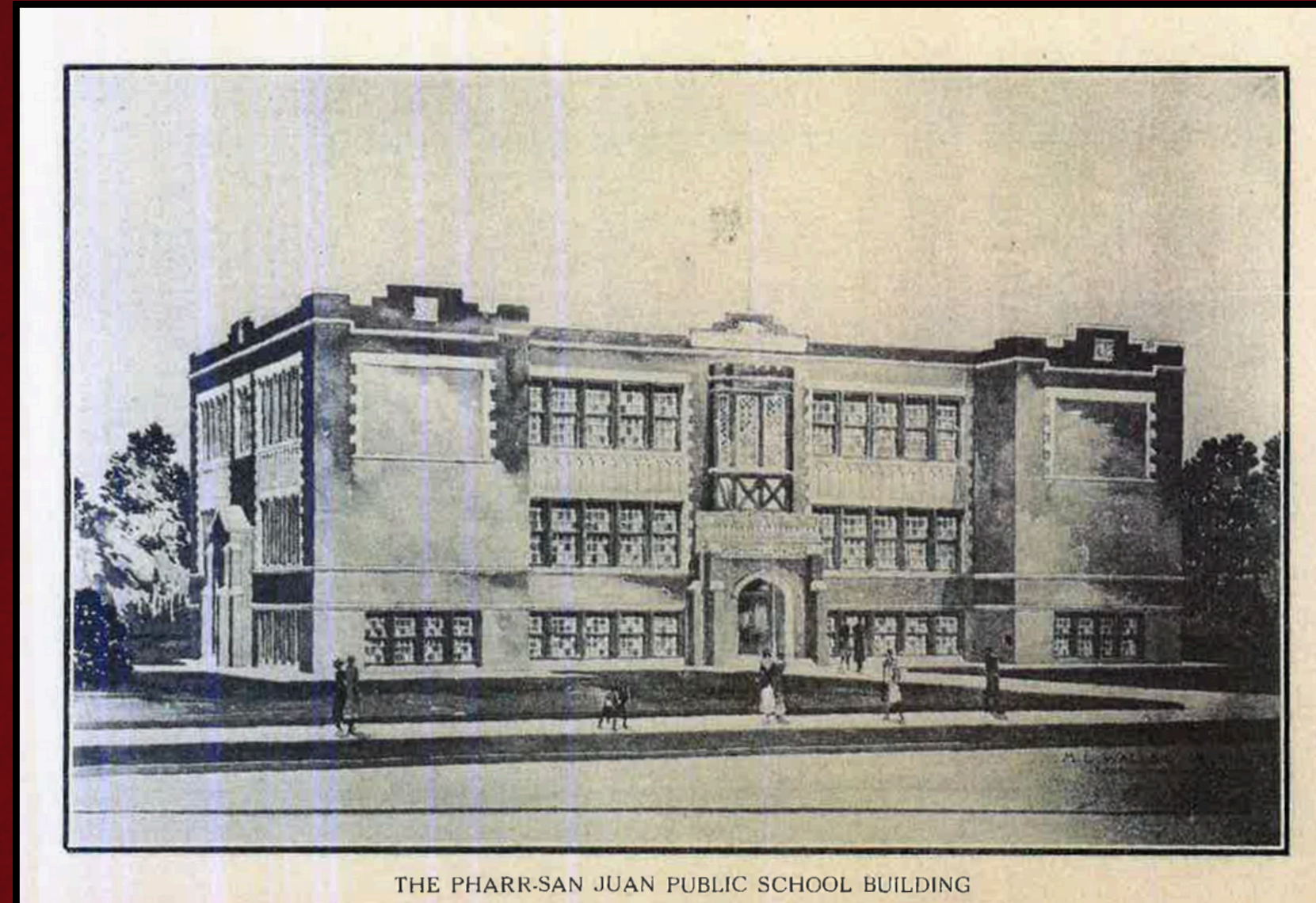


# Our Story

## *The beginning*



THE PHARR-SAN JUAN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

**1915**

In the year 1915 the people of Pharr and San Juan voted to consolidate into Common School District No. 4 and erect a Central High School building for the two towns. Six acres of land were purchased between the two towns and a beautiful modern building was built in one year for approximately \$50,000.

Maroon and white were chosen as the school colors, and the Bear was chosen as the emblem.



**1921**

**1919**

On March 15, 1919 by a special act of the 36th Texas Legislature, Common School District No. 4 became *Pharr-San Juan Independent School District*.

The town of Alamo was founded that year and had students enrolled.

Construction of elementary schools in the three towns started.



**1950**

Even though Alamo was not officially incorporated into the school district name until 1959, diplomas and yearbooks show the school name changed to Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School around the late 20s.

**1948**

In 1948, when Thomas Edison School in South Pharr was built and became a junior high, the building reverted to *Pharr-San Juan High School*.

**1914**

Pharr Public School



**1916-1917**

Common School District No. 4 opened during the 1916-1917 school year with an enrollment of 143 students. Staff included a superintendent, a principal, and 12 teachers.

In 1917, the first graduating class had nine students.

**1924-1925**

On March 15, 1924 a bond was issued for \$80,000 to construct three American grammar schools, one in each town. The district had a total of six buildings and 1475 students ages seven to 17.

In 1925, five elementary schools were built; Carnahan in Pharr; Sorensen in San Juan; and Bowie in Alamo for the American children. Clover Elementary in San Juan and Buell in Pharr for the Mexican children.

Pharr-San Juan Public School building became *Pharr-San Juan High School and Junior High* for grades 6-11.

**1959-1961**

In 1959, Alamo was officially included in the School District by the Texas Legislature establishing what is now known as the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD®).

Pharr-San Juan High School and Junior High officially changed to *PSJA High School*.

The class of 1961-1962 was the last to attend and graduate from PSJA High School in Pharr.

PSJA ISD built the new high school in San Juan. Trustees renamed the original school in Pharr Thomas Jefferson Junior High School.

***Over 100 Years of History, Legacy & Traditions!***

Today, PSJA ISD has over 40 schools and serves more than 30,000 students!  
The district takes pride in providing opportunities for **ALL** students.