



# AUSTIN

Independent School District

## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2022

To: Texas 1882 Partners

From: Austin ISD

### **Subject: Seeking an 1882 Partnership for Mendez Middle School**

The Austin Independent School District (AISD) is seeking proposals from qualified sources to serve as the Lead Partnering Entity to manage a campus and create a successful and sustainable academic program and high performance environment at Consuelo Mendez Middle School (Mendez), thus helping to improve campus performance. This Lead Partnering Entity will enter into a relationship with AISD and will work with the central office of AISD and with Mendez staff to meet state accountability standards and management of the campus. Any selected proposal will be subject to a performance contract with the district holding the partnering entity accountable for increasing and sustaining student performance as well as engaging the parents, community and staff of Mendez. The performance contract will reflect the partnering entity's commitment to perform on a level better than "Similar Students" at the same grade level configuration on the applicable Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accountability system measures as part of the state accountability system and as outlined in a performance contract to be developed following selection. "Similar Students" shall mean students across the district in the following accountability subgroups: All, African-American, White, Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficiency, Special Education, or other as may be established by TEA in the future at a campus with similar demographics and grade level as students.

Proposers may make written inquiries concerning this solicitation to obtain clarification of the requirements to [schoolleadership@austinisd.org](mailto:schoolleadership@austinisd.org). Inquiries shall be submitted no later than the close of business on the date specified on the timeline. Questions received by this deadline and corresponding answers will be shared with all 1882 applicants.

Please submit questions and inquiries via email to the contact persons listed on the web page by February 4, 2022 by 2:00 p.m. In the subject line of the email, type "1882 Questions."

### **Background**

Mendez is currently in the 4th year of Improvement Required Status under State Accountability through TEA. If at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year, Mendez receives a fifth consecutive unacceptable performance rating, pursuant to TEC §39.107(e) and 39.1071(b), the



Commissioner of Education may be required to order either the appointment of a board of managers to govern the district as provided by TEC §39.112(b) or closure of the campus.

Senate Bill 1882 was passed during the 85th legislature as a way to address struggling schools and provide a different option for multiple year unacceptable performance campuses. The new law allows for a school district to partner with an eligible organization to operate a campus as an alternative to intervention under the accountability system.

This call for proposals is seeking a lead partner entity who will, in partnership with the District, manage and operate Mendez and oversee an independent governance board for the campus. If required, the partner will also work with the district to complete an application to TEA as part of the process for TEA to determine eligibility of the partnering entity.

**Resources:** [Mendez Federal Report Card](#); [TEA Report Card](#); [TAPR Report](#); [Closing Gaps Report](#); [PEIMS Data](#); [Target Improvement Plan](#), [TX Partnerships Guide](#)

### Timeline

**Note: Current timeline is tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the Austin ISD Superintendent or Board of Trustees.**

Date	Event
February 8, 2022	1882 Call for Proposals/Application Opens
February 14, 2022	Questions due by 2:00 p.m.
February 18, 2022	Questions and Answers posted to the AISD website
February 21, 2022	Proposals/Applications due by 11:59 p.m.
February 22-24, 2022	Screening of Proposals/Applications
February 25, 2022	Finalists will be notified and posted on the AISD website.
February 28-March 1, 2022	Oral presentation to Transition Oversight Committee
March 4, 2022	Transition Oversight Committee makes a recommendation to the Administration
March 10, 2022	Board Information Session: Presentation of Potential Partner



<b>March 11, 2022</b>	Counsel for Administration to negotiate contract with partner and include in application to TEA for SB 1882.
<b>March 24, 2022</b>	Board Approves Partner Contract and Performance Agreement (contingent on successful contract negotiations and approval of partner by TEA)
<b>March 31, 2022</b>	Deadline for application due to TEA

**Application and Resources**

- [Executive Summary \[PDF\]](#)
- [Application \[PDF\]](#)

