



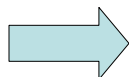
## Realizing Our 2010 Vision

Austin Independent School District  
***Maximizing Austin schools and resources to  
create new educational opportunities for all  
students, from early childhood through  
high school graduation.***

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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision Leadership for Results

- **Board of Trustees directed and approved**  
*“All students will progress academically and intellectually, and will graduate prepared for personal success and inspired to contribute to society.” (R-1) Adopted by the Board of Trustees, June 2003*
  - Results Policies
  - Strategic Plan
  - Budget Priorities
- **Input from Community**
  - Input from thousands of citizens through forums, surveys, interviews, and e-mail



*Superintendent's recommendation for  
consideration by the community and the Board*

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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision Future Possibilities

- Students achieving at higher levels; achievement gaps eliminated.
- District recognized as premier employer; drawing top talent.
- More parents and community engaged in education.
- Decisions reflect and meet the District's and campuses' needs.



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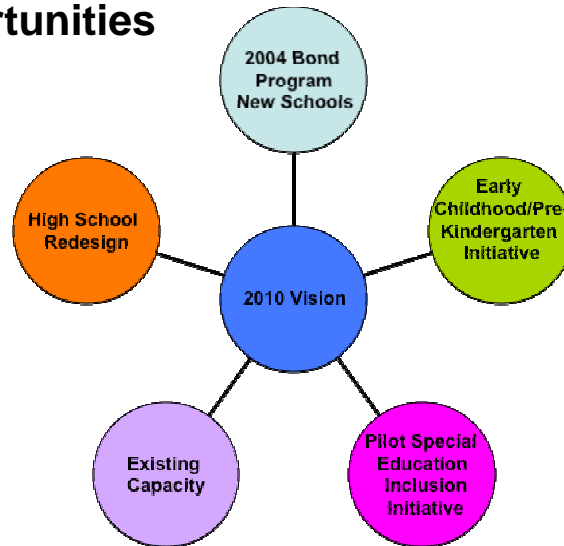
## Realizing Our 2010 Vision Driving Forces

- Increased demands of the 21st century workplace.
- Increased number of students from economically disadvantaged families.
- Higher academic standards.
- Need to fully prepare kindergarten and elementary school students.
- Community mandate to maximize limited school resources.
- More choices and new opportunities for personalized/student-centered learning.



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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision Opportunities



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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision

Need: Relieve Current Overcrowding

- Five New Schools to open in Fall 2006 and Fall 2007
  - Southeast Elementary (2006)
  - Southwest Elementary (2006)
  - Northeast Elementary (2007)
  - South Central Relief Elementary (2007)
  - Northeast Middle School (2007)



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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision

### New Schools Opening in Fall 2006 - 2007

- **Concerns to be addressed:**

- Strong leadership teams and quality staffing for new schools, especially schools east of IH-35.
- Additional operational costs
  - \$500,000 annually for each new elementary school.
  - \$750,000 annually for each new middle school.



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### Early Childhood/Pre-kindergarten Initiative

- **Need**

- Low-income students typically start kindergarten at least one full year behind others in reading and cognitive development
- Greatest growth area of the Austin population in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten
- Enhance focus on pre-kindergarten curriculum and teaching
- Create pilot Special Education Inclusion Initiative for early childhood and pre-kindergarten



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### Early Childhood/Pre-kindergarten Initiative

- Benefits
  - Students better prepared for kindergarten
  - Centers designed specifically for pre-kindergarten children
  - Strategically relieve overcrowding at targeted elementary schools
  - More special education students will be mainstreamed
  - Potential to engage more parents in their children's learning



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### High School Redesign Initiative

- **Every AISD High School Developing Innovative Redesign Plans\***
- **New Concept Schools\***
  - Young Women's Leadership Academy (6-12)
  - High School for Global Studies (9-12)
  - Charter Proposals (TBD)



\* Funding for planning of innovative redesigns and new school concepts through Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other grant sources.

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### High School Redesign Initiative

- Benefits
  - More demanding high school courses of study (**Rigor**)
  - More personalized education (**Relationship**)
  - Better prepared for college and careers (**Relevance**)
  - Higher student achievement and lower dropout rates (**Results**)
  - More choices within the public school system



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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision Challenge

*Making the District's existing resources do more for the benefit of ALL our children, from early childhood through high school graduation.*



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### Better Use of Existing Capacity/Greater Efficiency

- **Repurposing three existing campuses**
  - Two elementary schools (Becker and Oak Springs)
  - One middle school (Porter)
- **Repurposing administrative AISD facilities**
  - Retrofit Lucy Read Elementary as a Pre-K Center (currently used as Professional Development Academy)

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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision

### *What do we achieve*

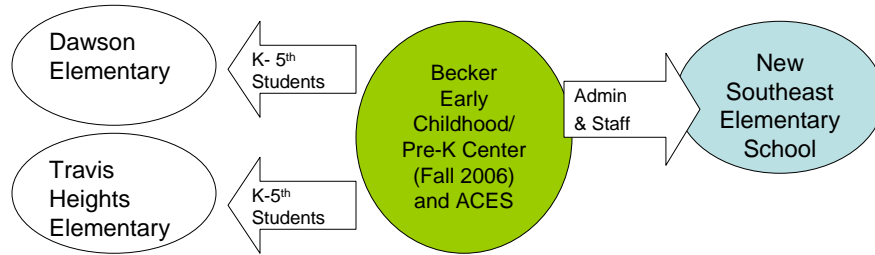
### *through our repurposing efforts?*

- New pre-kindergarten centers at Becker, Oak Springs, and Lucy Read campuses.
- Pilot Special Education Inclusion Initiative to be launched at Becker campus.
- Two new secondary concept schools offering greater choice at Porter campus.
- Three experienced faculties to address staffing needs at new schools east of IH-35 (Southeast Elementary, Northeast Elementary, and Northeast Middle schools).
- Minimize additional operating costs due to repurposing.

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# Realizing Our 2010 Vision

**Proposal:** Create a Pre-K Center and Pilot Special Education Inclusion Initiative at Becker campus (Fall 2006)

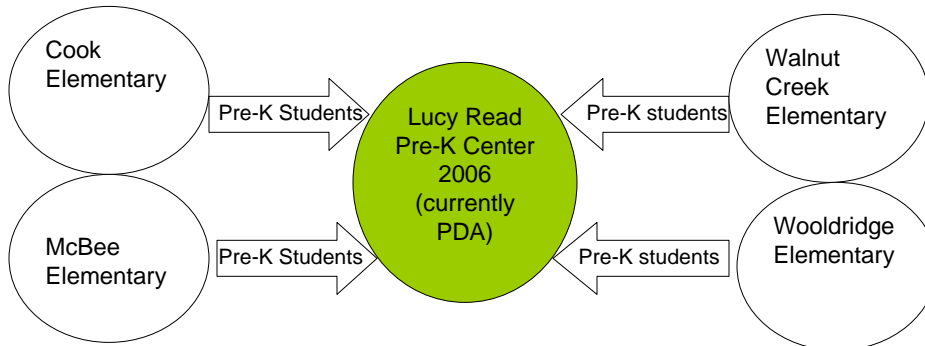


- Creates a Pre-K center at Becker for Becker, Dawson & Travis Heights Pre-K students
- Creates a Pilot Special Education Inclusion Initiative at Becker
- Maintains ACES program at Becker
- Provides experienced faculty for new Southeast Elementary
- Better use of existing facilities at Becker, Dawson and Travis Heights

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# Realizing Our 2010 Vision

**Proposal:** Open Pre-K Center at the Lucy Read campus (Fall 2006)

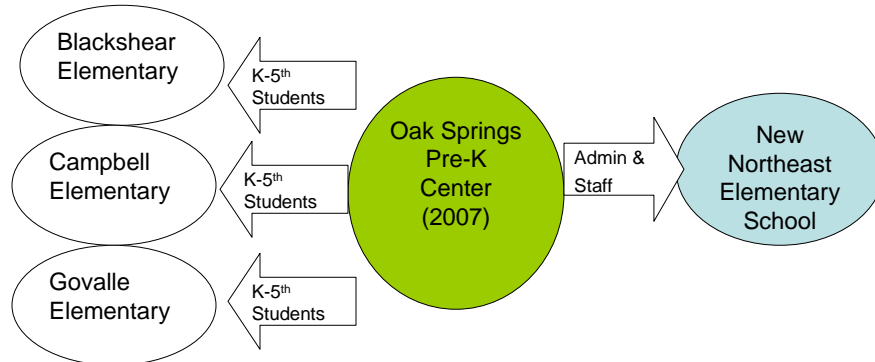


- Creates a Pre-K Center at a former elementary school (Lucy Read)
- Relieves overcrowding at four targeted elementary schools
- More efficient use of space at Lucy Read campus

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# Realizing Our 2010 Vision

## Proposal: Open Pre-K Center at Oak Springs campus (Fall 2007)

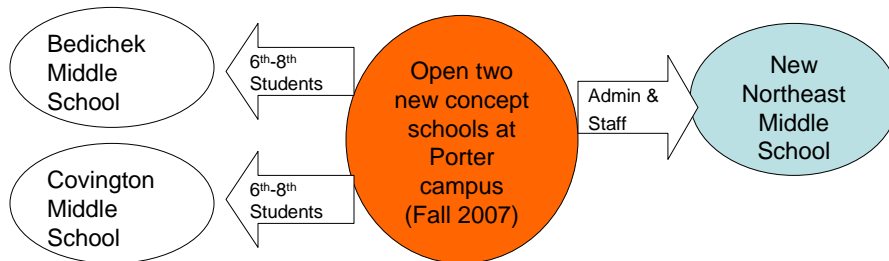


- Creates Pre-K Center at Oak Spring campus
- Provides experienced faculty for new Northeast Elementary
- Better use of existing facilities at Blackshear, Campbell, Govalle and Oak Springs

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## Proposal: Open Young Women's Leadership Academy and High School for Global Studies at Porter campus (Fall 2007)



- Provides available capacity to offer greater choice
- Provides experienced staff for the new Northeast Middle School
- More efficient use of Bedichek, Covington and Porter

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## **Realizing Our 2010 Vision**

### ***Young Women's Leadership Academy***

#### **School Design**

- **Grades 6-12 — 75 students per grade.**
- **Priority given to girls from low-income zip codes.**
- **Interest and commitment are main admission criteria.**



#### **College Prep Curriculum**

- **Focus on Math, Science, and Technology skills.**
- **Focus on developing leadership skills.**
- **Connections to local women leaders.**

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## **Realizing Our 2010 Vision**

### ***High School for Global Studies***

- **Grades 9-12 — 500 student max for school.**
- **Interest and commitment are main admission criteria.**
- **College prep curriculum. Four years of a foreign language required.**
- **Focus on research, presentation and communication skills.**
- **Global context for subject areas, emphasizing Asia, Latin America, and Africa.**
- **Internships and community service required.**
- **University, international business, and NGO partnerships.**
- **Travel and field research component.**



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## Realizing Our 2010 Vision Summary

### *What will we achieve?*

- Enhanced Educational Opportunities.
- Experienced faculties at new schools east of IH-35.
- Potential Cost Savings.
- Better Use of Existing Facilities.



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