



2022 Bond Community Conversations

Feedback Summary Report

Current as of Monday, July 18 at 2pm



Community Conversations



Meeting and Survey Participation

Tuesday, July 12 |

Virtual

Total Participants:

267

Thursday, July 14 |

Virtual

Total Participants:

192

Saturday, July 16 |
Dobie Middle School

Total Participants:

37

Saturday, July 16 |
Travis ECHS

Total Participants:

29

Survey Views

598

Survey Participants

129

Survey Responses

1,081

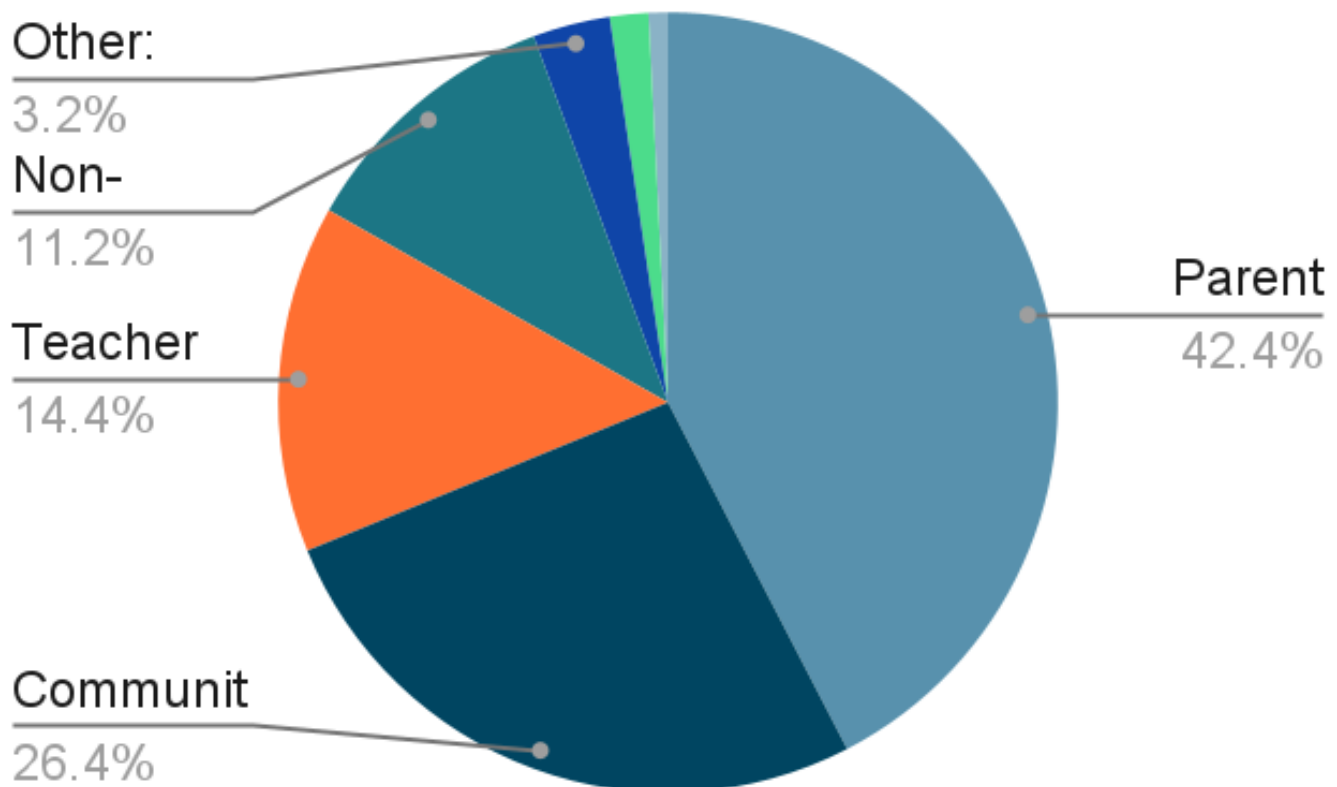
Survey Comments

232

AISD Connection

What is your connection to AISD schools?

- Parent: 53%
- Community Member: 33%
- Teacher: 18%
- Non-teaching staff: 14%
- Other: 4%
- Campus Partner: 2%
- Student: 1%

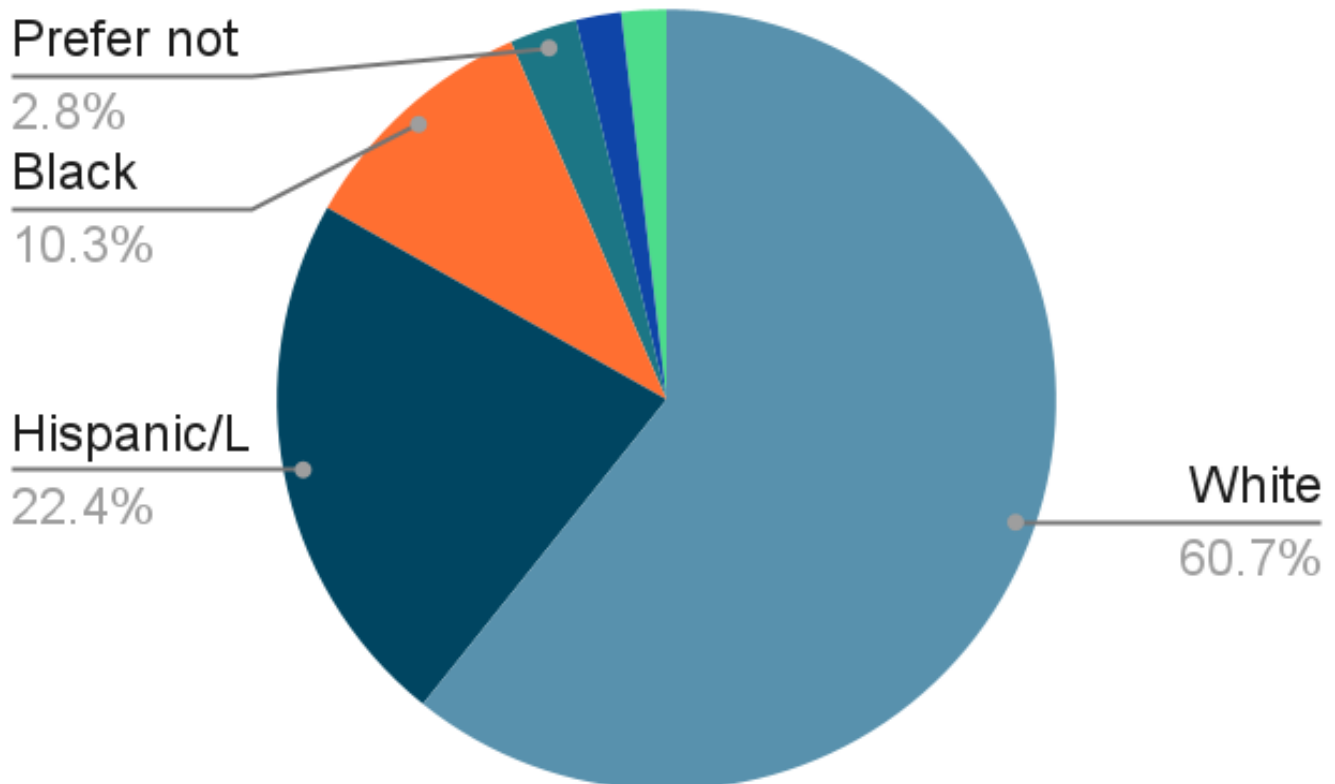


Participant Demographics

Race and Ethnicity

Which best describes your race or ethnicity?

- White: 65%
- Hispanic/Latino: 24%
- Black: 11%
- Prefer not to answer: 3%
- Asian: 2%
- Indigenous/Native American: 2%



Participant Demographics



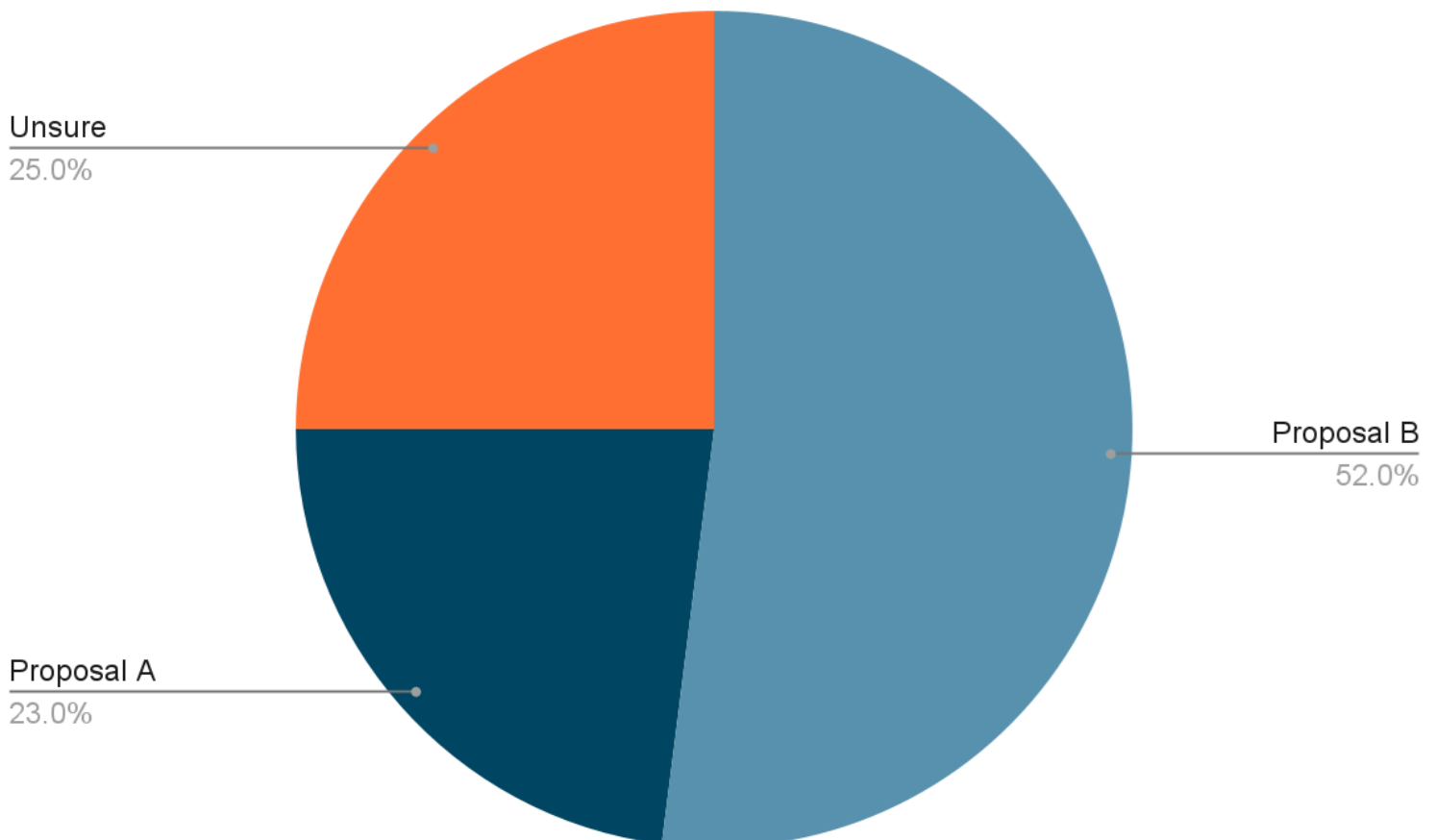
Schools Represented: 107 Total

Akins	Eastside ECHS	Odom
Allison	Galindo	O. Henry
Anderson	Garza	Ortega
Andrews	Gorzycki	Overton
Ann Richards	Guerrero Thompson	Padron
Austin	Gullet	Palm
Bailey	Gus Garcia YMLA	Paredes
Baranoff	Govalle	Patton
Barrington	Harris	Pecan Springs
Barton Hills	Hart	Perez
Baldwin	Hill	Pickle
Bear Creek	Highland Park	Pillow
Becker	Houston	Pleasant Hill
Bedichek	International	Ridgetop
Blackshear	Jordan	Reilly
Blanton	Kiker	Rodriguez
Bowie	Kocurek	Rosedale
Burnet	Kealing	Sadler Means YMLA
Boone	Lamar	Sanchez
Brentwood	LASA	Small
Brown	LBJ	St. Elmo
Campbell	Linder	Summitt
Casey	Lively	Sunset Valley
Casis	Maplewood	Travis ECHS
Clayton	Mathews	Travis GPA
Clifton	McBee	Travis Heights
Cook	McCallum	Uphaus
Covington	Mendez	Walnut Creek
Cowan	Menchaca	Webb
Crockett	Mills	Widen
Cunningham	Murchison	Williams
Dawson	Navarro GPA	Winn
Davis	Norman-Sims	Wooldridge
Dobie	Northeast	Wooten
Doss	Oak Hill	Zavala
	Oak Springs	Zilker

Proposal A vs. Proposal B

Based on your current understanding, which bond proposal do you prefer?

- Proposal A: 23%
- Proposal B: 52%
- Unsure: 25%



Feedback Themes

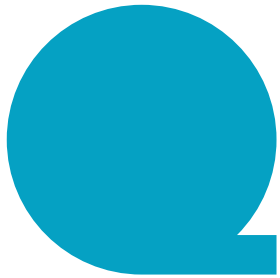


What parts of the draft bond proposals are most exciting to you?

Key Themes of Feedback:

- HVAC improvements
- Safety and security upgrades
- Modernization projects
 - Sadler Means, Burnet, Travis, Wooldridge
- Competition fields at high schools
- Mental health centers and middle and high schools
- Technology upgrades
- Teacher housing

Highlighted Comments



What parts of the draft bond proposals are most exciting to you?

Package B is promising! Love to see the modernization of several campuses to address critical deficiencies.

Mental health centers for middle and high schools. Modernizations for schools that really need it.

The safety improvement for all schools, the outdoor learning spaces, modernization of more schools HVAC and plumbing.

Proposal B is the most compelling with the increased improvements, modernizations, and technology investments. The most exciting feature in Proposal B is the possibility of teacher housing. Considering the affordability and housing crisis, I worry about not being able to staff our schools; this would really benefit our teachers, our students, and our entire district in a meaningful way.

Feedback Themes



What concerns do you have about the draft bond proposals?

Key Themes of Feedback:

- Lack of continuity between Facility Master Plan (FMP) and the 2022 bond proposals
- Lack of clarity around teacher housing (who would be eligible, location, number of units, etc.)
- Concern that the bond does not include plans to reduce portables districtwide —only focuses on modernizations
- Effectiveness of secure vestibules at open-concept campuses or campuses with multiple points of entry
- Lack of investment in Southeast Austin amid population growth, leaving Blazier Intermediate unfinished with no 7th and 8th grade
- Prioritizing Bear Creek addition over other projects that were slated for future modernization but not considered in this bond
- Concern that AISD will ultimately close down schools that may receive funding for improvements

Conversation Summary

Highlighted Comments



What concerns do you have about the draft bond proposals? | ¿Qué preocupaciones tiene sobre las propuestas preliminares de bonos?

In the 2017 bond, Blazier Intermediate was supposed to house through 8th grade but was reduced to 4-6th grade to reduce the bond amount, but we were told it would be completed either with residual funds or in the next bond. We are almost at full capacity for both campuses and there are at least 4 new neighborhoods, 3 new phases for existing neighborhoods, and 3 apartment complexes being built right now. With these new developments, we will definitely exceed capacity in the next year.

Teacher housing - doesn't seem like something a school district should be investing in and overseeing housing. It seems like AISD and the community should be advocating for the City of Austin to provide more affordable housing.

Why is Bear Creek getting an additional 14 million? That money could go to so many other schools. There are many other schools that need it more. This does not seem like a fair addition to the bond.

Security of campuses is a high priority, but I am not sure that more Vestibules will be as effective as one would like. We would need more backup information on this part of the proposal to better understand efficacy.

The proposal **IGNORED ALL** of the previous work and planning on the 25 year master plan and the "promises" that were made regarding the future phases. This builds continued distrust of how AISD handles planning and spending. Be consistent in the process.

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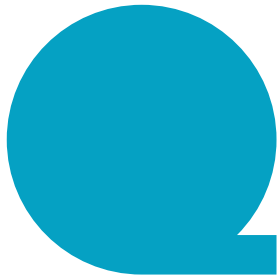


What ideas do you have for how we can strengthen the draft bond proposals?

Key Themes of Feedback:

- Include schools that were planned to receive Phase 2 projects from previous bond packages
- Ensure AISD looks at demographic and enrollment data for modernizations to ensure they are built to the appropriate capacity
- Include additional investments in Southeast Austin
- Reallocate funds for the proposed Bear Creek addition
- Address schools that have open-concept layout to improve safety
- Make attracting and retaining quality teachers a key focus
- Educate voters about what a potential tax rate increase means
- Increased community engagement for underserved communities
- Take a closer look at safety and security investments

Highlighted Comments



What ideas do you have for how we can strengthen the draft bond proposals?

Being a teacher in an open campus, any and all of those schools should be on the list for fixing/modernizations. Lock down drills (for intruder) are a joke at open campus schools, and extremely unsafe.

Include schools that had phase 2 projects in the previous bond and continue at least some of the work from the 25 year master plan. Follow through with "promises" made for future phases.

Include the east and southeast neighborhoods more, they are underrepresented and are the fastest crowding.

Quit changing focuses during each new bond. Stay the course and follow through with plans made.

If Proposal B is selected, make sure people know exactly how the tax rate will be affected. I heard in the community conversation meeting that the rate increase for the bond will be offset by the rate decrease for the "general rate" - make that very clear to voters if it's true!

High priority facility deficiencies is not enough! Our school is an open concept campus-every classroom needs to have a door. There are not enough bathrooms for students or adults on campus. Wifi is not consistent or strong throughout the building. I hope there will be some reevaluating of this bond.

Feedback Themes



Is there anything that is still unclear to you?

Key Themes of Feedback:

- Will all campuses have their basic needs met through this bond?
- Is there a potential list of school closures?
- What is the plan for Blazier?
- Who will benefit from teacher housing? Will the district be the landlord?
- What will the partial modernizations look like?
- How will the district continue educating voters about the bond and engaging the community throughout this process?

Conversation Summary

Highlighted Comments



Is there anything that is still unclear to you?

What is the plan for Blazier? When will the building be finished? When will the original bond promises of 7th and 8th grades be met? When will Southeast Austin get another high school?

With the amount of teachers that have been lost, and continuing to lose. What is the plan to help keep more teachers around for long term?

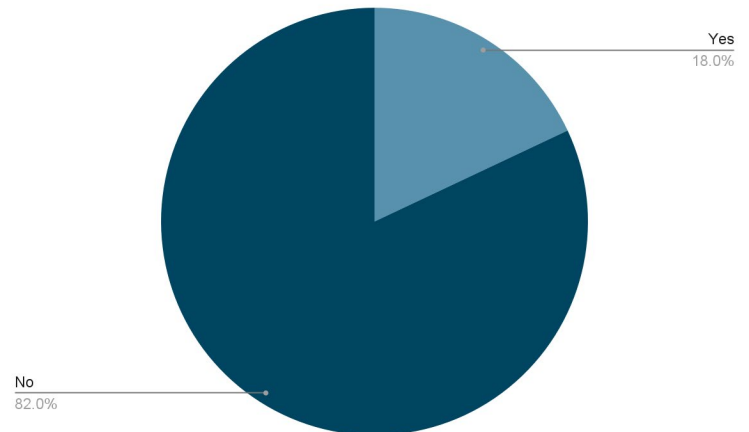
Plans need more detail on where money is going. See same explanation for multiple campus makes it feel copy and pasted and not very transparent

If a school is not listed on the modernization list, do they get their basic needs met? Many schools are lacking proper utilities. I don't know I would vote for this bond as we leave buildings behind and focus on sports. I agree with working toward being a competitive district for these extra curriculums, but not while student safety is in jeopardy with health and gun safety concerns. I LOVE the idea of teacher housing. Seeing them included here is very forward thinking and there are so many options to make this a reality!

Meeting and Engagement Satisfaction

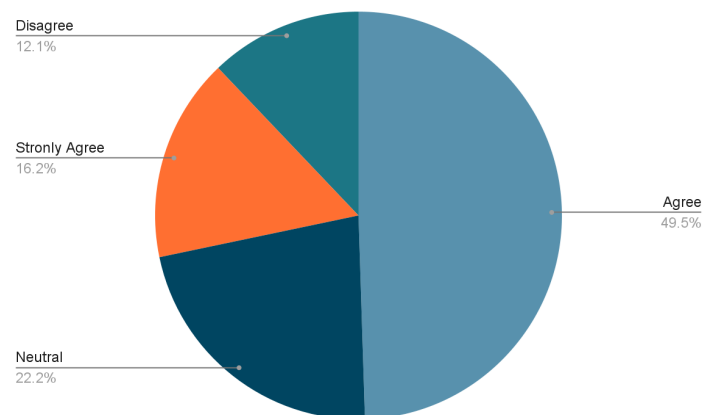
Is this your first time participating in an AISD event?

Yes: 21%
No: 82%



I feel the information presented was clearly communicated and my questions were answered.

Agree: 49%
Neutral: 22%
Strongly Agree: 16%
Disagree: 12%



I feel district staff were actively engaged in discussion with participants.

Agree: 54%
Strongly Agree: 24%
Neutral: 18%
Disagree: 4%

