

# Austin Independent School District

District Advisory Council



DATE: December 10, 2018

TO: Nicole Conley Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Andy Anderson, DAC Co-Chair  
Dr. Jane Ross, DAC Co-Chair  
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RE: Revised DAC Strategic Budget Priorities for 2019-2020

Thank you for presenting very valuable information at the annual DAC retreat on October 9, 2018 related to the coming year budget. Based on discussion and input from DAC members, and further consideration by the DAC Executive Committee, following are the DAC's top strategic budget priorities for 2019-2020:

- Culturally responsive education
- Equity in access to resources and programs
- Addressing gaps in student achievement
- Teacher recruitment and retention
- Lower class sizes
- Attracting and retaining students, and marketing
- Early Childhood-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade literacy, with innovative programming

In addition, following are very strong secondary priorities:

- Campus consolidations
- Campus support staff
- 504 program evaluations, that are age and language appropriate

Please consider these recommendations in preparation of the Preliminary Budget, and please convey them to the administration and Board as appropriate. As always, the DAC appreciates the opportunity to provide its perspective in this important district process.