

# 1882 REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIPS

Austin ISD is seeking innovative partners for the 2020–21 or 2021–22 school year

## Austin ISD is reinventing the urban school experience.

We believe that each student deserves a high-quality education, 21st-century learning spaces, and dedicated and amazing teachers and staff. We are Austin's school district, and one of our goals is to ensure that every student in Austin is prepared for life after leaving our schools.

AISD has a history of providing new options for students while also strengthening and building community schools. A student's educational needs are very individualized, and they should have options for finding the best fit to match their strengths and interests.

From the Liberal Arts and Science Academy magnet, to ensuring robust fine arts at every campus, to incorporating Social and Emotional Learning into each school, AISD has demonstrated a commitment to providing multiple options for students.

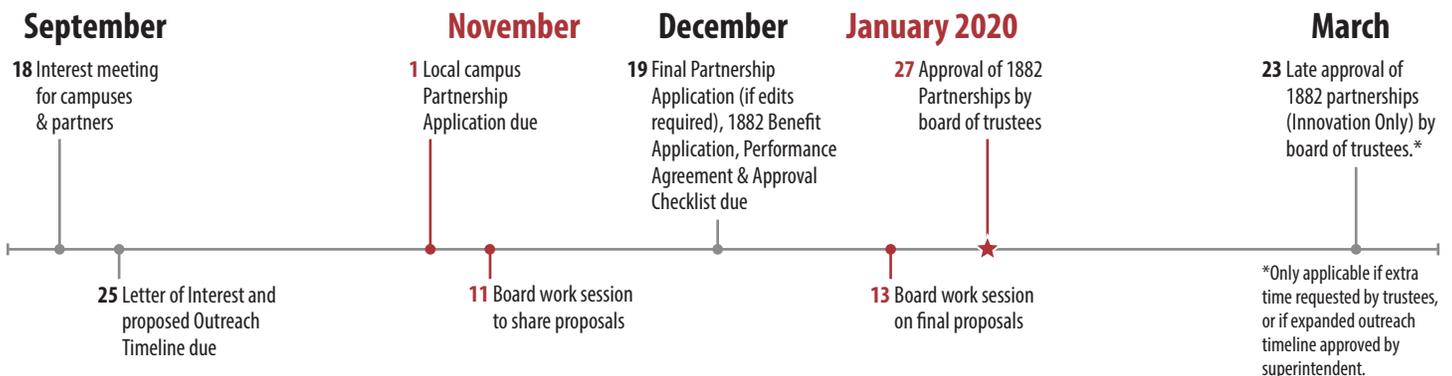
The district's robust offerings include Montessori, dual language, STEM, Career Launch programs, Early College High Schools, magnet programs

and fine arts academies. We also ensure quality teachers and high-quality content in each classroom.

Our call for 1882 proposals hopes to add or build on our already amazing choices for students. There is no set design for an 1882 school. Interested schools could be an existing school looking to do things differently, a school that has experienced struggles in the past and wants to try a new approach, or even an entirely new model.

For existing schools, the choice to become an 1882 school should include the community—teachers, staff, students and their families—to determine that the campus is ready to try things differently. We want schools to think about how an 1882 model would allow them to explore new ways to accomplish more than they ever have before.

For a new model, the proposal should clearly demonstrate how the 1882 school would fill an existing need for Austin students. We are excited that you are interested in 1882, and look forward to working with you throughout this process.



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### **Interest Meeting—Wednesday, Sept. 18**

An open house information session will be held for interested principals or partners on the 1882 application process and requirements. The session will be 4:15 –5:30 p.m. in Room 219 at the new AISD Headquarters, 4000 S. IH-35. Learn about 1882 benefits, AISD's vision for 1882, what we are and are not looking for. Staff from TEA will also join to share the state's vision for 1882. Questions-and-answer time will be provided. While this meeting is not required, it is the only time before the submission of the Letter of Interest to address questions or concerns to AISD staff.

At this meeting, the Outreach Timeline document and Partnership Application will also be released. Following this meeting, those documents will also be added to the district's website.

### **Letter of Interest:**

You must submit a non-binding letter of interest by email by Sept. 25 to Austin ISD Chief of Staff Jacob Reach. A copy of the form is attached. The purpose of the form is to provide AISD with an idea of the number of interested parties, and plan accordingly for next steps and needed meeting.

### **Checklist:**

- Submit Letter of Interest (Due Sept. 25)
- Complete and submit Outreach Timeline (Due Nov. 1), that includes at a minimum:
  - A community meeting to discuss the partnership plan and process
  - A staff meeting to discuss and approve the partnership plan and process (if existing school)
  - A staff meeting to review the final agreement (required by law) (if existing school)
  - A Campus Advisory Council (CAC) meeting to discuss and approve the partnership plan and process (if existing school)
  - An open house meeting to allow anyone to come and hear the 1882 plan, including the proposed performance agreement and local campus partnership application.
- Local Campus Partnership Application (Due Nov. 1)
- 1882 Benefit Application (Due Dec. 1, pending approval of Partnership Application)
- Performance Agreement (Due Dec. 1, pending approval of Partnership Application)

To submit a Letter of Interest or for any questions, email [jacob.reach@austinisd.org](mailto:jacob.reach@austinisd.org) or call 512-414-9646.