

Repurposing Conversations Community Update

Austin ISD UpClose

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Repurposing is...

- Finding new uses for sites that are underutilized
- Responding to affected communities' needs
- Maintaining district sites as community assets

Repurposing is NOT...

- Selling to the highest bidder
- Giving up control of the site
- Taking a one-time financial benefit





Repurposing Process





Brooke Elementary

Current Status

On Hold

Special Education Department

 Ensures children who receive special education services are provided with access to a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment

Ombuds Office

- Helps families and staff navigate the Austin ISD system by hearing concerns that have not been resolved by a campus or Central Office.
- Neutral, confidential, and informal department mean to provide information, reduce grievances, and promote a culture of respect within the district.



Metz Elementary



Current Status

On Hold

- Library Media Services
- STEM Department
- Health Services & Nursing
- 2022 Bond Program
- Staff Training

Sims Elementary

What we heard...

- Repurpose existing building to support local businesses, service providers and community
- Provide affordable homeownership opportunities
- Honor history of the school and neighborhood
- Incorporate green space and public amenities

Next Steps:

Community meeting on February 20th

Current Status





Sims - Swing Space Update

- Sims will be used as swing space for Harris Elementary students and a second elementary school
- Prioritizes keeping students in school facility versus portables
- Students will be housed at Sims from Fall 2024 to Spring 2028





Former Rosedale School

What we heard...

- Supportive of building housing on site but not density
- Prefer to see single family homes or townhomes
- Concerns about traffic and impact on neighborhood
- Want to preserve park and green space

Next Steps:

Board approval to issue request for proposal to identity development partner

Current Status









Something's Happening

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Rosedale - Preliminary Conceptual Design



Pease Elementary

- Goal for the site is to open an early childhood education center that provides high quality affordable care to district staff and families
- Board named United Way for Greater Austin as the district's exclusive partner

Next Steps:

Secure federal funding and other grants

Current Status



Pease Elementary

- United Way proposes to reinvigorate Pease as a state-licensed learning center in partnership with Goodwill:
 - o For children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years
 - Modeled after Goodwill Exploration Center
 - Texas School Ready and Texas Rising Star through Workforce Solutions Capital Area
 - National accreditation through the NAEYC
- It will operate Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 6:30PM.
- Targeting 2025 opening.



Anita Ferrales Coy Site

- Goal for the site is to build a new facility for the Alternative Learning Center and high quality attainable rental housing for teachers, staff and families
- Board named The NRP Group as the district's exclusive development partner

Next Steps:

- Site due diligence and floodplain analysis
- Hiring architect for Alternative Learning Center

Current Status







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Coy - Current Site





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Coy - Conceptual Site Plan



Learn More

Check out the District website:

https://www.austinisd.org/repurposing

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