



# AISD Repurposing Conversations

## *Pease Elementary Site Update*

March 2, 2023

# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Repurposing Process
- About the Site
- Project Goals
- Q&A



# Why Repurposing?

- Attract and retain teachers and staff
- Increase District enrollment
- Combat rising costs in City of Austin
- Overcome education funding challenges
- Invest in the community



# Repurposing Process





## About the Site

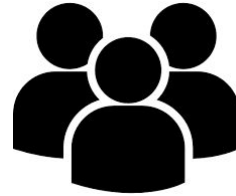
- **Address:** 1106 Rio Grande St.
- **Council District:** 9
- **Trustee District:** 5
- **Lot Size:** 2.17 acres
- **Building Size:** 35,704 SF
- **Year Built:** 1953
- **Parking:** 58 stalls
- **Restrictions:** Campus must serve an educational purpose



# What We Heard... Phase 1



**3**  
Community  
Meetings



**54**  
Meeting  
Attendees



**127**  
Survey  
Participants



**72**  
Comments



# What We Heard... Phase 1

Reopen the site as  
an all-transfer  
elementary school

Leverage the site to  
expand programs at  
nearby schools

Need daycare and  
early childhood  
education programs

Support early college  
high school programs  
and STEM

Honor the school's  
history and legacy





# Considerations

- Need to address current deficiencies
- District enrollment does not support opening another school
- Site does not meet current educational specifications
  - Security
  - Site circulation for bus and parent drop-off
  - Classroom size and configuration
- Modernization would require significant renovation and would reduce capacity

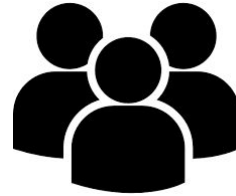




# What We Heard... Phase 2



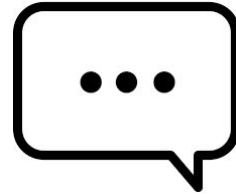
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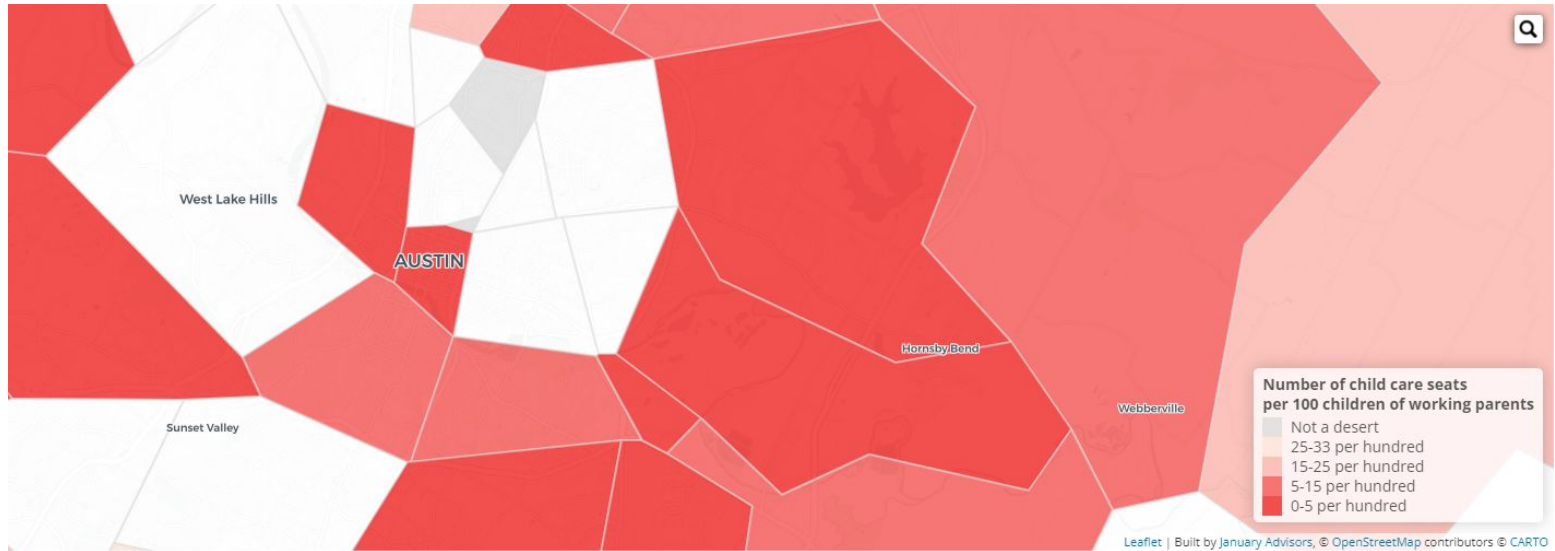
# What We Heard... Phase 2

- Overwhelming support for early childhood education
  - Honors the legacy of the school
  - Prepares students for Kindergarten
  - Helps women to return to work / maintain steady employment
  - Critical amenity for workers due to real shortage in Austin
- Want to see gymnasium, outdoor space and playground more accessible to the public
- Interest to incorporate the arts if building can be multi-use



# What We Learned...

- Access to high-quality, affordable child care is becoming scarcer
- 4 in 10 low-income children in Texas live in a child care desert



# Project Goals

- Maintain long-term ownership of the site
- Provide access to high quality, affordable early child care & education (ECCE) to district staff and families
- Support enrollment growth
- Honor the history and legacy of Pease Elementary
- Identify experienced ECCE partner to operate facility
- Explore opportunity for AISD Pathway in Technology (P-Tech) students to train and work alongside ECCE staff



# Procurement Process

- Request for proposals to identify ECCE partner will be advertised and open to the public
- Proposals will be evaluated by a diverse team of district staff representing academics, finance, innovation & development, and operations
- Top candidates will be interviewed and scored
- Selected ECCE partner will be approved by Board of Trustees



# Next Steps

Board of Trustees review and approve:

- March 9th - Board information session
- March 23rd - Regular voting meeting

Request for Proposal (RFP) process:

- April - District issues RFP
- May - Proposals due
- June / July - evaluation & recommendation
- August - Board approval



# Questions?

