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

1. Equity & Community Engagement
2. Feasibility Study
3. Review Findings
4. Define Site Criteria
5. Implementation
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
- Support early college high school programs and STEM
- Need daycare and early childhood education programs
- Honor the school's history and legacy
- Leverage the site to expand programs at nearby schools
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

- **2** Community Meetings
- **129** Survey Participants
- **57** Meeting Attendees
- **58** Comments
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?