

AISD- PEASE REPURPOSING MEETING 1/26/22

What kind of educational opportunities are not being offered or supported district wide?

- Art programs
- Elementary school downtown for working class
- Early childhood education (Pre-K)
- Elementary School of Early Civic Engagement
- Continuing education facility with presentations and opportunities to practice what is learned with others. Possibly the theme being...building a constituency that supports public education (post high school) - bringing in outside professors/educators
- 5 references to elementary school downtown
- Reference Pease 2.0 plan submitted in 2019 to AISD
- Civic leadership school

What educational opportunities could be enhanced or made more widely accessible if located at Pease?

- The future of education is changing where young adults learn on the job a lot of skills, and teaching civics seems like something you cannot learn in the workplace. Another thing that doesn't get emphasis in public education is entrepreneurship. I think civics & entrepreneurship go hand in hand

What are some examples of programming you've seen in the community, or in other schools, that could address academic needs or offer enrichment opportunities?

- A civic engagement school
- An integrated space - especially racially and economically diverse. There are very few offerings in AISD for parents seeking out schools/programs that expose our children to student diversity, especially at the impressionable elementary level
- Makers spaces - Matthews Elementary, engineers, programmers
- Civic and education schools referenced in the Pease 2.0 plan
- Consider input from refugee communities

How can we put this all together to envision a final solution to address the needs?

- STEM & civics - Capitol nearby & startups like Capitol Factory too
- The district needs ways to attract families back to the district. This is how- a focused civics program where there's active recruiting of downtown families. This serves the whole district as a transfer school of choice at the elementary level— and there is no other choice school for elementary.

- Given the location of the site and the close proximity to ACC, UT, St. Edwards, Huston-Tillotson, could the district partner with these institutions to offer up a school that appeals to students working toward teacher's certification?
- What if AISD had schools bring students from several different schools to Pease for a few days where they work with one another on projects or civic-related activities. That would provide an integrative experience and include the civics opportunities.