

# AISD Repurposing Conversations

*Pease Update (September 13, 2022)*

## Early Childhood Center / P-Tech

*What do you like best about this option?*

- ECC is critical for workers, real shortage in Austin; great way to utilize resource
- Interesting combination of ECC with P-Tech
- Like the idea of seeing children learning, especially those of our most economically disadvantaged families
- Honor the history of the space
- Idea supported by representatives from United Way given the clear need as 3M women left the workforce during COVID
  - Like building the pipeline of ECC educators
- Hits 4 of 5 of the criteria defined under educational purposes
- Former Pease parent shared they like little kids being at the school
- Considerations would be if move forward with ECC to including students with disabilities (UT could support as needed)
- In addition to child care I love the idea of parents having a space to learn, grow and receive support services as a parent community.
- Potential to prioritize offering ECC to District teachers (and staff)

*What **don't** you like about this option?*

- Concerns about asbestos exposure and lead paint
- Concerns about meeting code requirements for ECC
- Potential to take students away from existing campuses - perhaps a focus on youngest students, and also offer dual language program

## Cultural Arts Campus

*What do you like best about this option?*

- Worry that arts organizations are historically underfunded, how could any of them afford to fund this venture? The City would need a corporate benefactor like dell, etc, plus a partnership with nonprofits to administer. That's a complicated RFP.
- Definite need amongst the arts community; good way for the District to collaborate on the arts; open green space / play space
- Could integrate Pease history and culture in events

What **don't** you like about this option?

- Concern if this overlaps with the PAC

## **Administrative Use**

What do you like best about this option?

What **don't** you like about this option?

- Doesn't honor the history of the Pease campus as the other ideas do
- Doesn't seem to meet "educational use" criteria
  - No students onsite
  - State could take issue
- Many Pease parents who are librarians and archivists have consistently said that there are facilities concerns with relocating the library and media services there.
- Don't want the building used for storage

**What other uses would you like to see?**

- Is there a combination of the uses? Can we explore further what's appropriate for the ground level versus upper levels?
- Truly the best use for this historic building and the legacy of Pease as a public school for all is to return it to an elementary school. It worked for over 150 years.