



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM:** Bearcat Growth Committee Bond Planning Update

**PRESENTER:** Susan K. Bohn, Superintendent

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Due to the rapid student growth in Aledo ISD, the Administration and Board of Trustees have been discussing planning for facilities to meet the learning needs of our students. At Board meetings on October 15 and 17, and November 12, 2018, the Administration and Board discussed the bond planning process that would take place prior to a potential November 2019 bond election. In addition, the Administration and Board discussed, studied, and shared with the community, demographic and financial data that is informing our planning for growth.

The Bearcat Growth Committee (BGC) was appointed by the Board of Trustees at its December 17, 2018 regular Board meeting. Each month while the BGC is meeting, the BGC Co-Chairs and members update the Board of Trustees on their work. The purpose and charge of the committee are as follows:

#### BGC Purpose:

The purpose of the Bearcat Growth Committee is to represent the Aledo ISD community in the study of data related to enrollment, finances, instructional priorities, and facility needs, and in recommending to the Board of Trustees a bond program to address district-wide facility needs due to growing student enrollment and aging facilities.

#### BGC Charge:

The Bearcat Growth Committee is charged by the Board of Trustees to:

- represent the priorities, expectations, and values of the entire community,
- consider the needs of all of the district's students,
- use facts and data to make informed decisions,
- recommend a program that meets the district's building capacity needs for as long as possible and extends the life of facilities where possible,
- understand the district's finances to develop a program that is fiscally sound, and
- recommend to the Board of trustees a bond program and the associated request of voters for a possible November 2019 bond election.

The Bearcat Growth Committee has met on the following dates:

January 24, 2019

February 7, 2019

February 21, 2019  
March 7, 2019  
March 28, 2019  
April 11, 2019  
April 17, 2019  
April 25, 2019  
May 9, 2019

The next planned meeting of the Bearcat Growth Committee is August 1, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Aledo ISD Administration Building. It is anticipated that the BGC will present its proposed bond package for Board review at the Board's special meeting on August 8, 2019, and then present a final bond package recommendation to the Board for approval on August 19, 2019. The Board will have the opportunity to call a bond election during the Regular Board meeting of August 19, 2019. If the Board calls a bond election the election would be held on November 5, 2019.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion item only