

## Option (D\*)

Option D\* for a potential bond proposal and future facility projects looks at two considerations for Aledo ISD; growth and revitalization. This option proposes a change from the current grade configuration to K-5, 6-8, 9, and 10-12 configurations.

### GROWTH

The focus of growth in this option immediately falls to the Elementary School level to provide capacity for inclusion of the fifth grade. Design and construction of the new Elementary No 5 will need to start immediately once the bond passes to target a 2017 opening. Temporary classrooms would be needed at McAnally for the 2015 and 2016 school years to house the growing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade populations until the new elementary school opens and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade can be returned to the 5 elementary schools. The boundaries for all elementary schools would be equalized at that time with each having improved capacity for growth.

McAnally will then return to a 6<sup>th</sup> grade campus and Aledo Middle School will continue operating as a 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade campus. Growth projections dictate that Aledo Middle School will reach capacity in the Fall of 2020. The design for the new Middle School No 2 will need to start in February of 2018 so that it can open in Fall 2020. From this point forward, growth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be accommodated in the new middle school configuration. Although, McAnally and Aledo Middle School are independent buildings housed across the street from one another, they will be considered a single Middle School in the new realignment.

### REVITALIZATION

Renovation at McAnally and Aledo Middle School could be limited in this option to the provision of new controlled entries. The replacement of the oldest sections of Aledo Middle School, or core and field house, was considered by the facilities committee during last year's 2025 study, because these portions of the facility have exceeded their useful life. It was also determined that there needs to be modernization or improvements in the learning environment and doing so in an outdated facility did not make long-term fiscal sense. The project fell beyond the immediate needs, because the replacement did not generate any additional capacity for student growth.

Option D\* would defer all investments in the improvements to Aledo Middle School until the ultimate long-term replacement can take place. This option would permit reconstruction to occur when funding was available and when the campus student capacity was lower so that it would have the least impact to the learning environment. Upon completion of the upgraded and expanded facility, Aledo Middle School would be converted to a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade 900 student campus consistent with the new district-wide Middle School configuration.

The relocation of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade from McAnally to the newly renovated and expanded Aledo Middle School would then free up McAnally to be repurposed to an elementary school. The 2025 facilities committee saw the need to replace the outdated and aging

Vandagriff Elementary School and they studied a phased construction/demolition replacement on the existing site while students remained on campus. The concept of replacing Vandagriff on site was concerning to the committee, because it resulted in a compromised solution that was more expensive due to the phasing and extended construction time, and contained site constraints, safety concerns, continued traffic congestion and did not improve the immediate adjacency of the building to the road. The committee decided to table the decision of replacement, because the project fell beyond the immediate needs and did not generate significant capacity for growth.

The relocation of Vandagriff to McAnally would result in improved facility conditions, increased capacity, less traffic congestion and consistent feeder patterns. Although designed as a Middle School and utilized as an Intermediate School, the scale of McAnally is not too large for elementary school use and would require relatively few modifications to serve the younger populations.

Both Vandagriff and portions of Aledo Middle have reached their useful life spans with the buildings being over 50 years old and do not meet the current standards for curriculum delivery and classroom size. During the recent facility assessment, the buildings were both discussed as potential replacement projects. This move would eliminate the need for a brand new elementary facility and its cost to replace Vandagriff and save the District and ultimately taxpayers those dollars.