



Board of School Trustees

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2017-2018 CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose of the 2017 Citizens' Advisory Committee

The purpose of the 2017 Citizens' Advisory Committee is to provide facility, equipment and infrastructure recommendations to the Denton ISD Board of Trustees after analyzing a district-wide facilities assessment, enrollment projections, financial data, results of a community survey, and other data relevant in creating and maintaining learning environments that align with the district's mission, vision and goals.

Charge of the Committee

To help the district plan for the future, the Citizens' Advisory Committee is charged to:

- Assess and prioritize the district's current and long-term facility needs, including, but not limited to:
 - District growth and capacity
 - Building age, safety and condition
 - Land acquisition
 - Evolving educational delivery and programs
 - Energy efficiency and sustainable features
- Develop and prioritize potential projects, including new construction, renovations/additions, technology, and other areas that may arise from community input
- Consider the educational needs of all students and align recommendations with the district's mission, vision and goals
- Represent the entire school district community, values and perceptions, and seek input from other residents
- Consider the district's current financial position and funding methods to develop a recommendation that is fiscally sound
- Make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that addresses the district's growth and facility needs based on the Committee's identified priorities

Parameters for the Committee

- The Committee will be comprised of parents and other community members who represent the diverse and multifaceted interests of the 180-square mile school district.
- Committee Chairpersons will be selected to lead the committee process, assist with facilitation of meetings and represent the committee in its recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
- The Committee shall engage in productive dialogue, strive to be objective and maintain a district-level perspective at all times.
- The Committee may work in subgroups to allow for more efficient and effective evaluation.
- The Committee will establish its own goal for consensus and agree on recommendations proceeding when such consensus is met.
- The Committee should make recommendations that are based on current, relevant data and best practices, and adhere to law and policy that govern school construction and bond issue requirements.
- District staff members and district consultants will aid the Committee and serve as information providers.
- The Committee will have access to data and resources provided by Denton ISD in order to develop appropriate facility recommendations.
- The Committee recognizes that significant recommendations for renovating existing facilities and/or building new facilities will require a source of funding that is only available with a voter-supported bond issue.
 - If a bond issue is recommended, it should be fiscally conservative, emphasizing cost effective recommended solutions, and to the extent possible, reflect the support of registered voters as measured by a statistically valid community survey.
 - The Committee recognizes that the committee's role is to provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees and that the Board of Trustees has the obligation and responsibility to make decisions regarding tax and bond issues.
- The Committee process will be transparent. All presentations, materials and meeting minutes will be posted online for Committee member use and public consumption.