



ALEDO GROWTH COMMITTEE

Special Meeting
Aledo ISD Board of Trustees
January 26, 2023

Aledo Growth Committee (AGC)



- Led by 2 community co-chairs: Dan Reilley & Kelli Stumbo
- 49 community members chosen to create diverse group (demographically, geographically, campus, professional expertise, etc.)
- Purpose is to represent the AISD community in the study of data pertaining to:
 - Enrollment
 - Finances
 - Instructional Priorities
 - Facility Needs

AGC Members



Co-Chairs: Dan Reilley and Kelli Stumbo

Nicole Adkins

Chris Briggs

Callie Caldwell

Mike Caldwell

Carol Caron

Carma Chisam

Ashley Davis

Niki Dover

Michael Fernihough

Charles Freeman

Kathy Fry

George Gamez

Lori Harbuck

Khala Hart

Peter Healey

Mike Hobbs

Cody Hughes

Jack Hunt

Asia Jackson

Cheryl Jones

Matt Lantz

Tamara Lawrence

Erin Lewis

Christopher Link

Emily Lyle

Jacob McDonald

Catherine Montenegro

Matt Morris

Heather Moseley

Jason Niemela

Hope Olsen

Shawn Poteet

Jeremy Pruett

Carolyn Rekerdres

Jamie Rinehart

Becky Rockwell

Sonia Rodriguez

Meghan Schroeder

Aarti Sharma

Penny Shelton

Ana Sherman

Eric Silver

Jeff Streetman

Dennis Thompson

Jeremy Thompson

Chad Tregellas

John Turnage

Aaron Valencia

Jennifer Watkins

Purpose of the Aledo Growth Committee



The purpose of the Aledo Growth Committee is to represent the Aledo ISD community in:

- the study of data related to enrollment, finances, instructional priorities and facility needs,
- constructing a long-range facility master plan for the district to address districtwide educational infrastructure needs due to rapidly growing student enrollment and aging facilities, and
- recommending to the Board of Trustees a bond program for a possible upcoming bond election.

Charge of the Aledo Growth Committee



The Aledo 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,
- understand the district's finances to develop a program that is fiscally sound and efficient,
- recommend a long-range facility master plan that meets the district's building capacity needs into the future, and
- recommend to the Board of Trustees a bond program for a possible upcoming bond election.

Our Timeline



Aug 22, 2022- Board of Trustees appointed AGC members

Aug 29, 2022- Jan 10, 2023- AGC held 11 meetings

Dec 6&8, 2022- AGC hosted community meetings

Jan 23, 2023- AGC held 12th meeting to construct bond package to present to the board of trustees and community for feedback

Jan 26-31, 2023- community review & feedback period

Feb 6, 2023- AGC will hold final meeting to construct bond package to recommend to the Board of Trustees

Our Work



- Demographic projections for student growth
- School finance and financial projections (taxable value growth & bonding capacity)
- Review facilities and maintenance needs
- Technology needs
- Transportation (bus) needs
- Land needs
- Campus tours
- Estimated costs & timelines of possible projects, including options for elementary, middle, and high school campuses

Our Work



- All possibilities on the table
- Considered needs and expectations of community
- Significant dialogue
- Made work public and transparent
- Took charge seriously and revisited it throughout the process
- Analyzed both short and long term needs

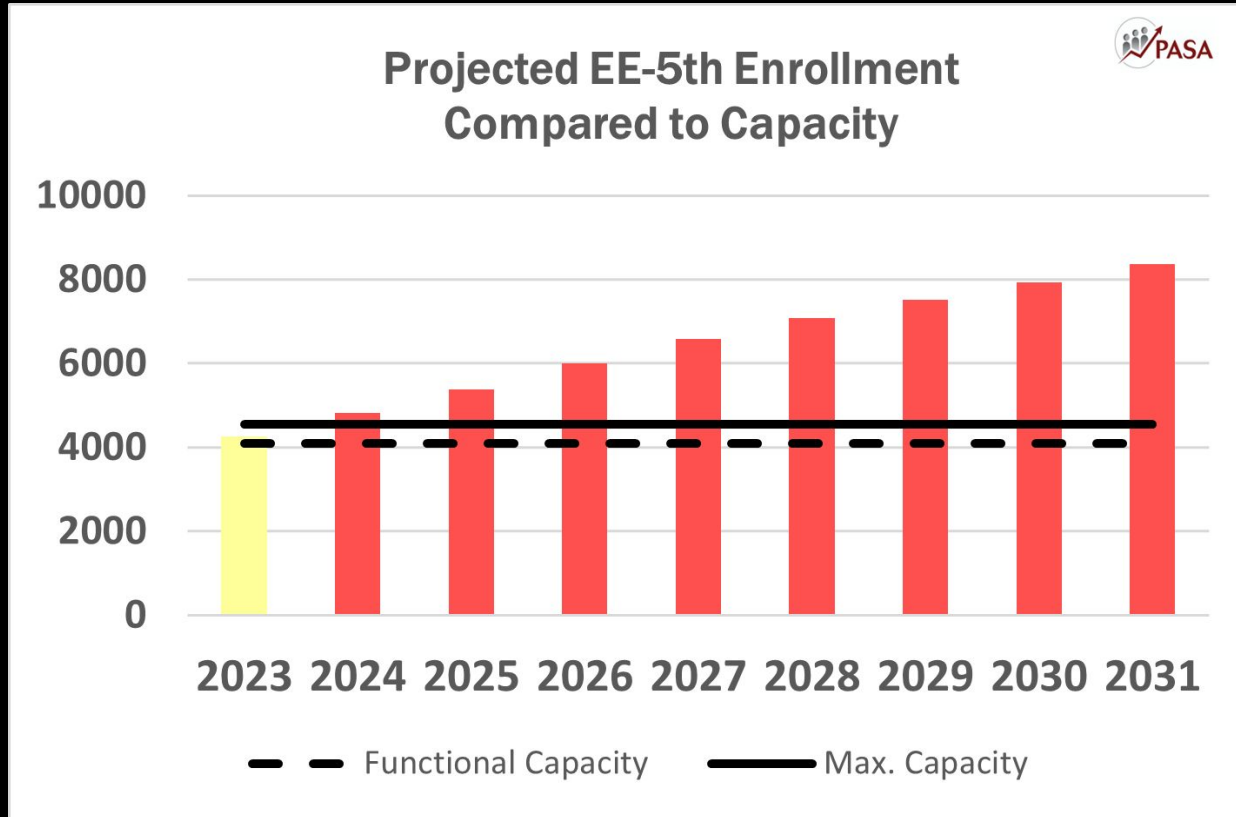
Examining Need for New Learning Space



AGC priority: Address the need for learning space for students, identifying and meeting the most critical needs.

- Address projected overcrowding at the elementary school level
 - By the 2024-2025 school year projected enrollment at 5 of 6 elementary schools will exceed max capacity
- Updated demographic report continues to show this critical need

Elementary School Enrollment/Capacity



Examining Need for New Learning Space



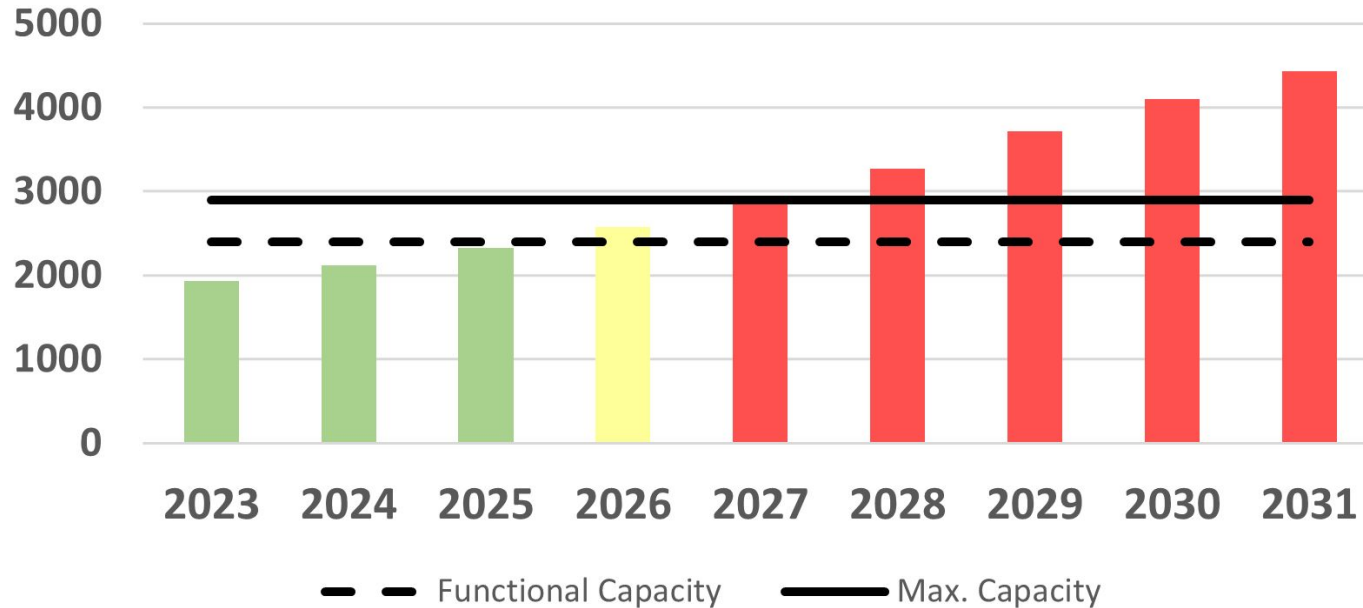
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- Projected student growth at the secondary level:
 - In 5 school years (2027-2028) projected district middle school enrollment will exceed max capacity
 - In 6 school years (2028-2029) projected high school enrollment will exceed max capacity
- Updated demographic report pushed projected need for more secondary space slightly further out

Middle School Enrollment/Capacity



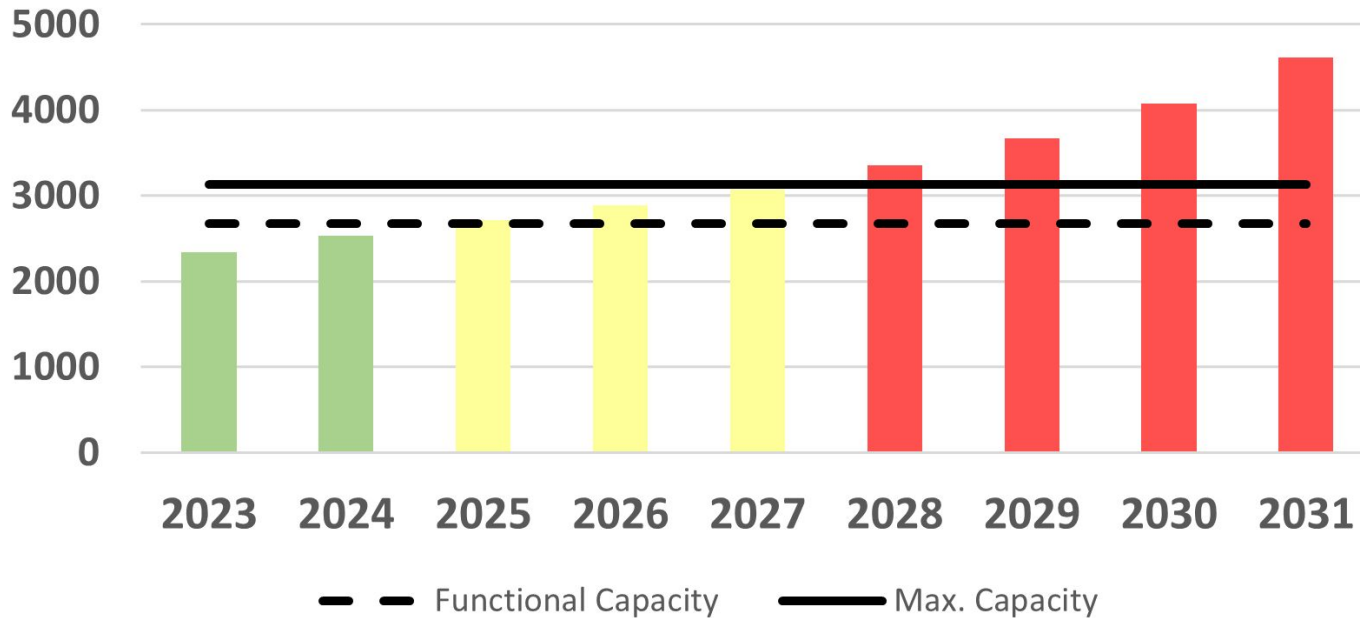
Projected 6th-8th Enrollment Compared to Capacity



High School Enrollment/Capacity



Projected 9th-12th Enrollment Compared to Capacity



Other Needs



AGC priority: Address the need for AISD to purchase buses, technology, and land to meet needs due to growth.

- Provide funding for buses for growth & replacement
- Provide funding for technology infrastructure for growth & replacement/upgrades
 - Bus and technology additions will be utilized across all campuses
- Provide funding so that AISD is able to secure land for future school sites, including:
 - High School #2, College & Career Academy
 - Middle School #3
 - 3 elementary school sites (likely donations)
 - Additional school tracts (as funding allows)

Other Needs



AGC priority: Address the need for AISD to repair, maintain and improve facilities and repair, maintain and upgrade facility safety & security equipment as technology improves and needs change.

- Provide funding for the repair and/or replacement of facility equipment and building systems as required, and as laid out according to condition assessments.
- Provide funding for the replacement and upgrade of building safety and security measures, as related to facilities.
- Facility and maintenance additions will be utilized across all campuses

The 2 Bond Election Approach



- All scenarios were on the table:
 1. 1 near-term bond election for both short and long range needs
 2. More than 1 bond election to meet needs
- After analyzing all of the data & understanding the different possible scenarios for funding bond projects, addressing longer term needs showed to not be financially feasible at this time
- Updated demographic projections (slight slow down of student growth) pushed out projected need for MS & HS space
- Another bond election will be necessary in the very near future to address ES, MS & HS growth

Addressing High School Needs



- Made significant progress in understanding
 - high school needs
 - high school space options
 - high school pricing
- Reviewed and discussed 5 initial options that grew to 10 options and narrowed down the most likely feasible options for high school space
- With current projections, high school space will need to be addressed in 2025 Bond, and funding will be a significant factor in determining the best next step for high school space

Reaching Committee Consensus



- Early in the process, the AGC collectively determined that the goal was to reach consensus among 95% of AGC members
- Process to consensus included small group work and discussion in small and large groups over a number of meetings

May 2023 Draft Bond Package



Elementary School #7	\$59,800,000
Aledo HS & Daniel 9th Grade	
• Additional Space/Repurpose	\$20,200,000
• Furniture	\$5,000,000
Land (<i>to include tracts for additional high school facilities</i>)	\$17,800,000
Safety & Security	\$5,000,000
Transportation	\$4,500,000
Technology	\$6,500,000
Maintenance	\$5,000,000
Total	\$123,800,000

Elementary School #7



\$59,800,000

- **Student Capacity:** 889
- **Grades:** K-5th
- **Size:** 107,500 sq ft
- **Opens:** Fall 2024
- To be located northwest of McAnally Middle School, adjacent to the Morningstar subdivision
- Includes required access road and bridge from McAnally Middle School

AHS & DNG



\$25,200,000

New classroom furniture for both campuses	\$5,000,000
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Addition of flexible program space & repurposing space for program needs	\$20,200,000
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Land for Future Campuses



\$17,800,000

Planned to include land for:

- High School #2
- College & Career Academy
- Future middle school
- Other future needs, as funding permits

District is working to finalize the donation of 3 elementary school sites

Safety & Security



\$5,000,000

Items in need of maintenance or replacement:

- Security cameras
- Building access control
- Public address system

*These items require the network infrastructure included in “Technology.”

Technology



\$6,500,000

Network Infrastructure Upgrades

- All hardware needed to connect devices to the network including:
 - routers
 - switches
 - wireless access points
 - battery backups to keep these items online in the event of a brief power outage

Transportation (Buses)



\$4,500,000

- Buses for fleet replacement needs & growth (30-35 buses)

Facility Maintenance



\$5,000,000

Items in need of maintenance /replacement include:

- mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
- roofs
- restrooms
- site work

The funding allocated is much less than the identified need; items would be prioritized by highest, most immediate need.

Meeting Needs in a Fiscally Responsible Way



2023 Bond

- would address immediate needs
- 2.5 cent tax rate increase
- Uses 2 years of projected taxable value growth
- Does not use all of the available bonding capacity
- Cost of school project has been refined

School Finance- Tax Rate Implications



- In August 2022, the average market value of a residence in Aledo ISD is \$407,049, while the average taxable value of a residence is \$359,033
- Based on an average taxable value of \$359,033, following are the annual tax increases for different tax rate increases:
 - \$0.025 tax rate increase - \$89.76 annual tax increase

*This is an amount for a particular home value. Home values in AISD are expected to increase in value each year, so these amounts will also increase.

May 2023 Bond

ES #7: \$59.8M

AHS & DNG: \$25.2M

- Furniture: **\$5M**
- Additional flexible program space & space repurpose: **\$20.2M**

Land: \$17.8M

Safety & Security: \$5M

Buses: \$4.5M

Technology: \$6.5M

Maintenance: \$5M

Total: \$123.8M

Tax Rate Increase: 2.5cents
I&S Tax Rate: 45.0 cents

AGC Reconvenes

- Actual student growth & updated projections
- Actual tax value & updated growth & bonding capacity projections
- Actual construction costs & updated inflation projections
- Impact of the work of the Texas Legislature
- Community and Board feedback

May 2025 Bond

Projects & Needs (AGC to complete February 6)

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Future Citizens Bond Committee

- Actual student growth & updated projections
- Actual tax value & updated growth & bonding capacity projections
- Actual construction costs & updated inflation projections
- Impact of the work of the Texas Legislature
- Community and Board feedback

Future Bond Election

Likely Priorities (AGC to complete February 6)

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Addressing Needs & Community Expectations



Recommended 2023 Bond & Outline of Long Range Plan:

- Fiscally conservative approach
- Addresses critical needs immediately
- Relies on actual data and updated projections related to student growth, finances, and construction costs
- Will use updated data prior to determining how longer-term needs will be addressed

Community



Draft Bond Package Community
Feedback Form

AGC Website

www.aledoisd.org/AGC

Questions/Comments for AGC?

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