



Aledo ISD Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2019

BGC Members

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The Bearcat Growth Committee (BGC)

- 38 community members representing a diversity of demographics and geography, teacher from each campus
- Members chosen through combination of application process, nomination by campus representatives, and School Board Trustee appointment
- Chaired by community members Christi James and Jim Scott
- Process revamped in response to feedback from community
- Met 10 times between January and August of 2019

Our Purpose

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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.

Our Charge

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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.

Our Work

- Demographics, including historical accuracy of projections
- Finance, debt
- AISD teaching and learning model & instructional focus
- District facilities overview
- Campus tours
- Architectural concepts for possible projects
- Estimated costs of possible projects
- Programming details of possible projects
- All possibilities on table

How the program addresses need

BGC priority: *Address the learning needs of the student population first, with a focus on the most critical needs.*

- Projected overcrowding at middle & elementary school levels
- Significant concern for learning environments at Vandagriff ES & AMS
- Equitable learning experiences where possible
- Reutilize/repurpose facilities that still have useful life
- Land for future school sites
- Buses for increased number of routes due to student enrollment growth
- Support the Aledo ISD Instructional Focus through collaborative learning environments

Meeting Needs in a Fiscally Responsible Way

- No tax rate increase
- Does not use all of the available bond capacity (\$149,950,00 vs. \$157,500,000)
- Reutilizes facilities that still have useful life
- Costs of projects have been refined and verified, and contingency amounts have been reduced through programming of projects

The Recommended Bond Package

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| • Middle School #2 | \$62,501,000 |
| • Aledo Middle School Renovation/Expansion | \$33,446,000 |
| • Elementary School #6 | \$35,858,000 |
| • McAnally Renovation to Elementary School | \$9,611,000 |
| • Vandagriff Renovation to Early Childhood Campus | \$1,709,000 |
| • Coder, Stuard, McCall Elem. furniture replacement | \$1,800,000 |
| • Land for future school sites | \$4,525,000 |
| • School buses | \$500,000 |

Total

\$149,950,000

Addressing Needs & Community Expectations

BGC recommended bond package:

- Requires no tax rate increase
- Does not use all of the bond capacity available
- Increases district MS level (6-8) max capacity by 44% (886 students)
- Increases district ES level (K-5) max capacity by 35% (1,213 students)
- Modernizes, repairs, and expands older campuses to provide students with collaborative learning environments
- Reutilizes facilities with remaining useful life
- Permits AISD to plan for growth by purchasing land for future campuses

Need more information?



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