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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Superintendent
Subject: Authorization to explore a plan to transition Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School into the San Elizario High School Building
Date: May 13, 2026

HISTORY: On November 8, 2022, a Bond election was held, but it was not approved by voters in the community. At that time, the campus needed several repairs, and to this day, the district continues to work through many facility challenges.

For the 2025-2026 School Year, there have been continuous work orders to address repairs at Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School. During the current school year, the campus has continued deteriorating, which has required a substantial amount of work orders to be addressed, 334 work orders (from 7/1/2025 – 5/6/2026).

The following repairs rank among the most frequent: HVAC, plumbing, doors, and windows. One recurring plumbing issue has been the smell of sewer gas coming from the floor drains in different buildings, which could indicate faulty plumbing infrastructure. The table below provides a breakdown of work orders.

Work Order Category	Total Tickets
Building Repair	23
Doors Windows	50
Electrical	30
HVAC	84
Install Assemble Construct	34
Locksmith	13
Painting	1
Pest Control	6
Plumbing	49
Roof Leak	12
Special Project	32
Grand Total	334

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Deferred maintenance: Administration has compiled a list of the maintenance needs that have been deferred for all campus sites. Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School is estimated to be the campus with the highest cost in needed maintenance repairs/projects. Critical needs include sewage lift station repairs, roof replacements and repairs, HVAC replacements, HVAC automated management system replacement, fire alarm replacement, parking lot asphalt replacement and repairs, and floor tile replacement to include asbestos abatement.

The maintenance issues, coupled with the continued decline in enrollment, necessitate exploring school configurations to ensure we can effectively align resources, maintain strong academic programs, support student success across all campuses, and provide a safe learning environment.

Therefore, the administration would like to explore a plan to transition the middle school into the high school building. The campus would not lose its identity or name. It would be a school-within-a-school model.

Additionally, the decision to explore this plan is supported by information brought to the Board on February 11, 2026. At that time, the administration presented the occupancy and utilization of all campuses in the district. Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School reflected an estimated utilization of 26 percent. As presented, a good utilization target is 60-85 percent. As a result, the Board directed administration to seek services for facility assessments, and a long-range facility plan for the district.

Therefore, on March 4, 2026, the Board approved the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Facility Services agreement for the facility assessments, and the long-range facility plan services. Then, on March 12, 2026: the Administration met with the TASB Facility Services manager, James Reese, to discuss the process and the priority order of the facility assessments, where Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School was provided to him as the priority campus to start on.

On April 27, 2026, the TASB Facility Services Manager, Mr. Reese, arrived at the district to commence with the facility assessment data collection. He left on May 1, 2026. He collected data for all campuses except the high school, Excell, Central, and the FM EP building. He is scheduled to return to the district on May 11, 2026, to continue data collection.

RATIONALE: As part of the exploration phase, district leaders will evaluate all logistical considerations and potential impacts. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no budget amount at this point, as this is only an exploratory plan.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: The administrative recommendation is to authorize administration to explore a transition plan as presented.

For Approval? Yes No

If no, please check one: Presentation Report Information

Please check if applicable: Attachment Included

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