



Agenda of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees McAllen Independent School District

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McAllen Independent School District will be held Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM Board Room/Administration Building of the McAllen Independent School District, 2000 North 23rd Street, McAllen, TX 78501.

Items listed on this agenda may be taken in an order other than as shown on this agenda. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

At this meeting there may be discussion and action by the Board on the item(s) and subject(s) listed as follows:

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
3. **2024-2025 FOURTH BUDGET WORKSHOP** **3**
 - A) Update to Plans for Lamar Academy (Options)
 - B) Plan for Navarro Office Areas
 - C) 4th Six Weeks Update to 2023-2024 Budget
 - D) Update to 2024-2025 Projected Budget
 - E) Budget Reduction Plan by Fund
 - F) School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Update
 - G) Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Update

Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.127, a member or employee of a governmental body is authorized to participate remotely in a meeting of the governmental body through a videoconference call, as long as a quorum of the governmental body is physically present at the location of the Board Meeting. Any video conference conducted pursuant to this section will comply with the technical requirements of this section.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body, or, a private consultation with its attorney in closed meeting of the governmental body.

*The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on April 12, 2024 by 3:00 P.M.
Natalia Goza
on behalf of the Board of Trustees*

**BOARD AGENDA REPORT
MCALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2024

Attachment:

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SUPERVISOR: *Lorena Garcia*

Approved for presentation to the Board of Education:

Rene Gutierrez
RENE GUTIERREZ (Apr 10, 2024 10:02 CDT)

Budget Workshop #4

April 15, 2024

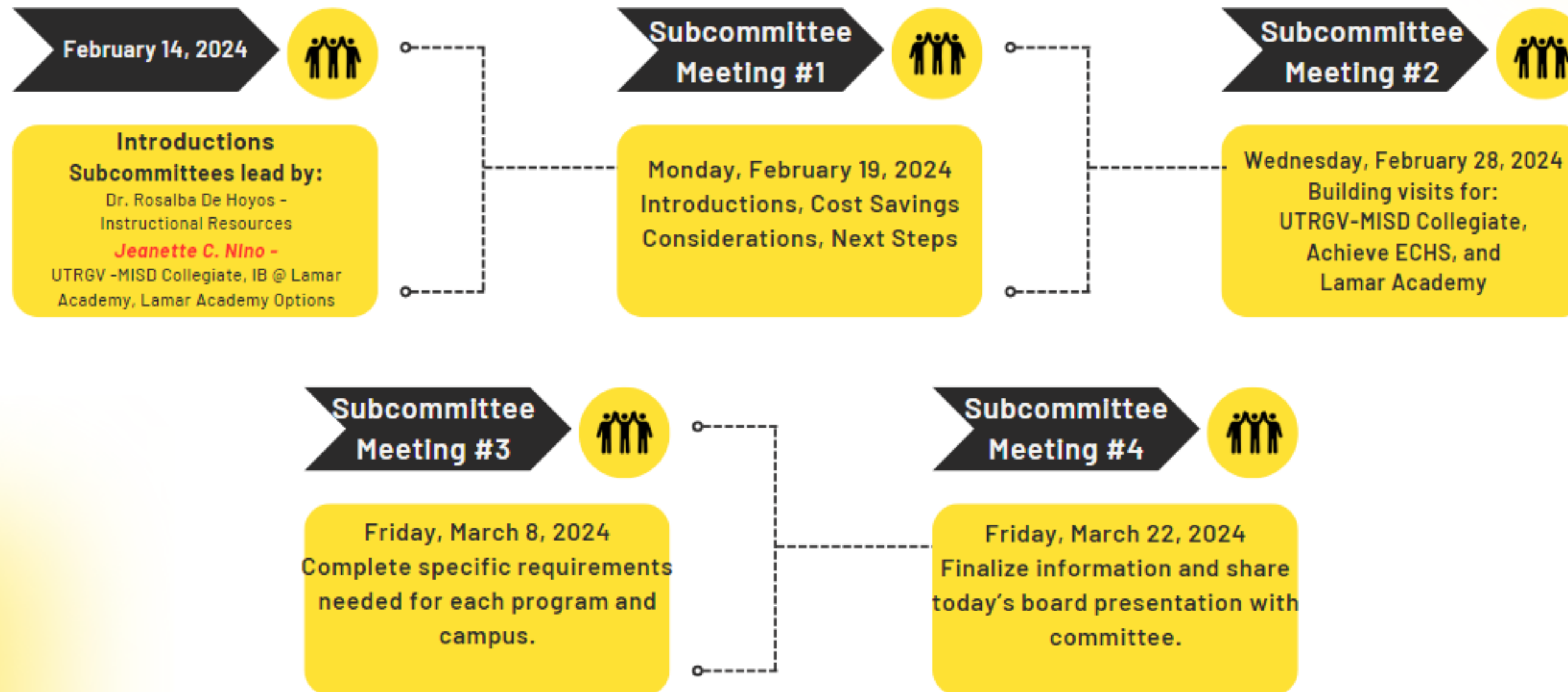
Agenda

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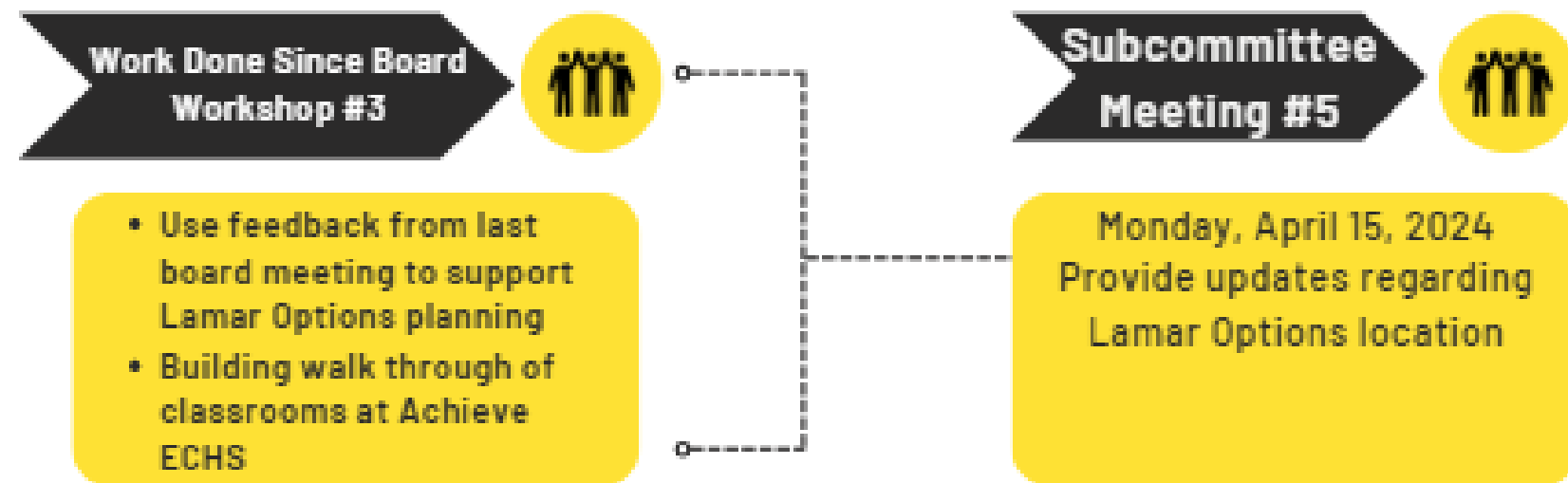
COST SAVINGS SUBCOMMITTEE TIMELINE (PRESENTED MARCH 26, 2024)

Committee Lead: Lorena Garcia, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations



- Update to Plans for Lamar Academy (Options)

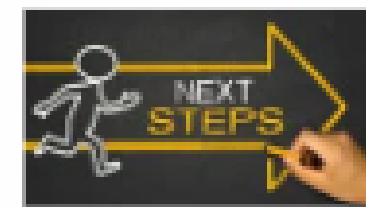
COST SAVINGS SUBCOMMITTEE TIMELINE (CONTINUED)



Update to Plans for Lamar Academy (Options)



Update for Lamar Academy (Options) Effective 2024-2025 School Year



Location:

- remain at current Lamar Academy building

Continue with current staffing:

- Principal/IB Head of School for Lamar Academy
- ~~Assistant Principal~~
- IB Coordinator
- ~~Receptionist~~ (*add from local fund 199)
- At-Risk Instructional assistant
- Current Options Counselor
- Teachers: ~~14 teachers~~ to **6 teachers** (2-Reading Language Arts, 2-Math, 1- Science, 1-Social Studies)
- current Graduation specialist
- current Social Worker
- Continue with services, such as night school for Lamar and Achieve ECHS, at Lamar Academy

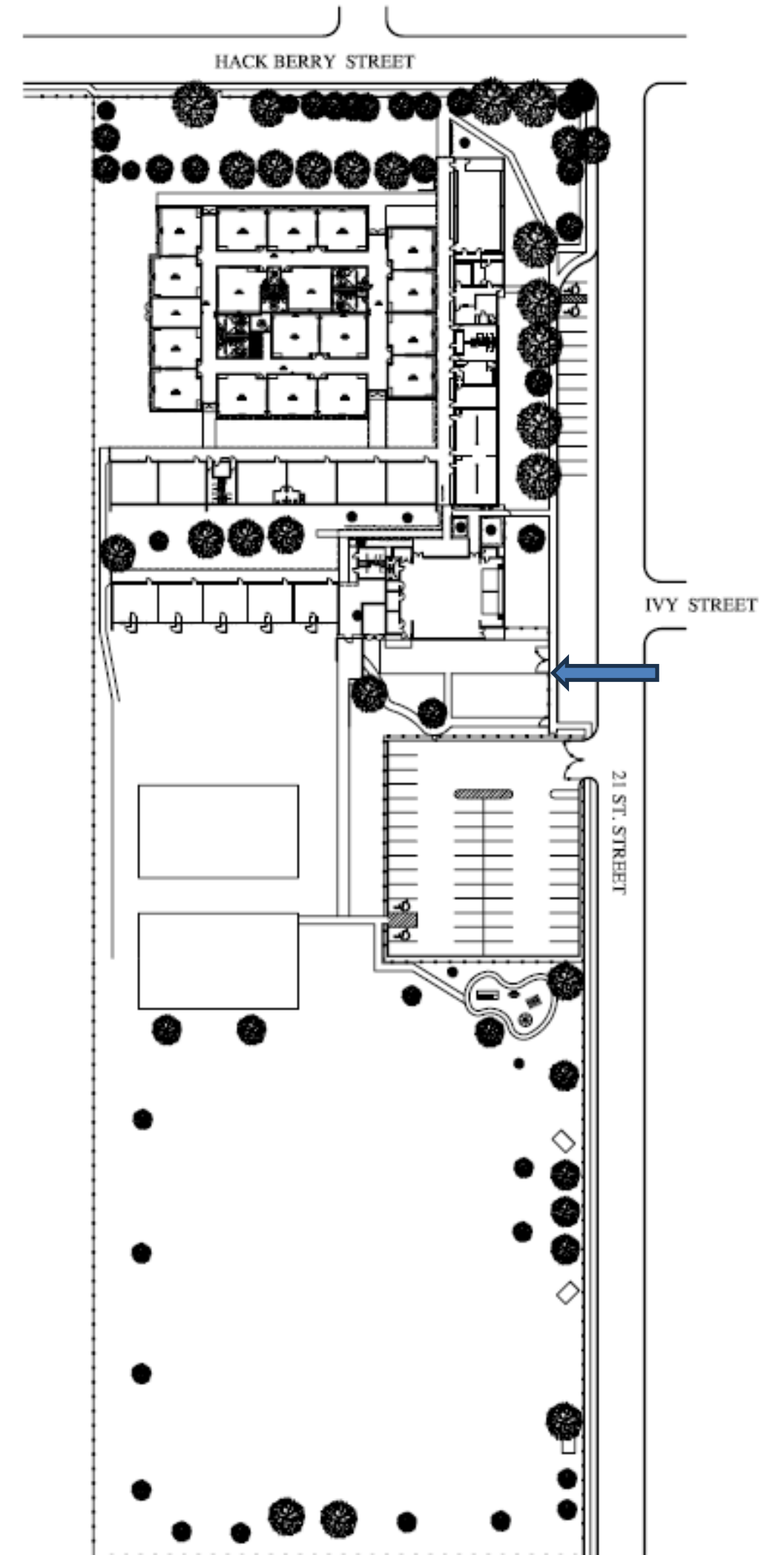
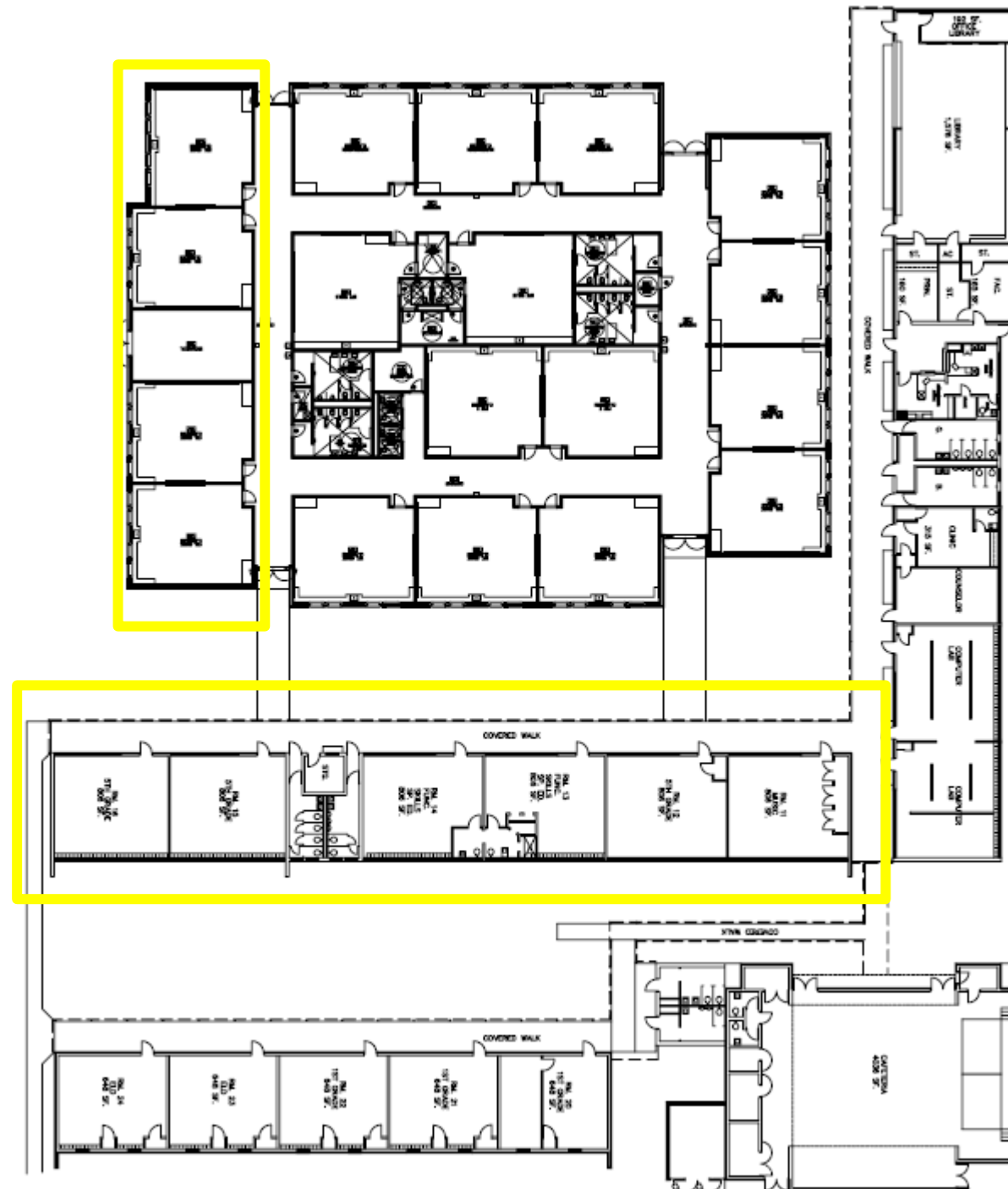
Projected enrollment:

- 350 students (IB Programme) + 80 students over the entire school year (Lamar Options) = 430 students

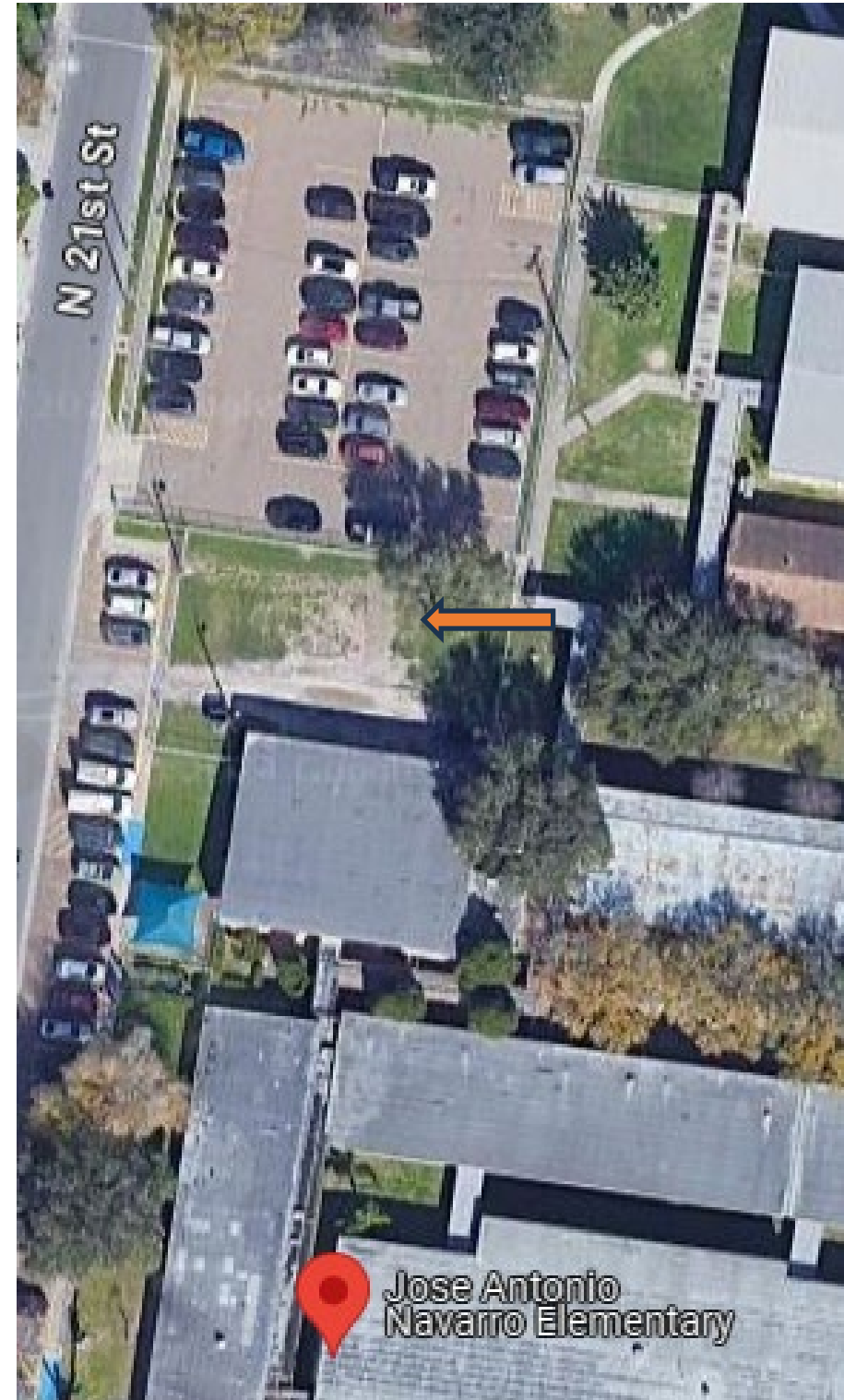
Cost savings: approximately \$493,319.83

Plan for Navarro Office Areas

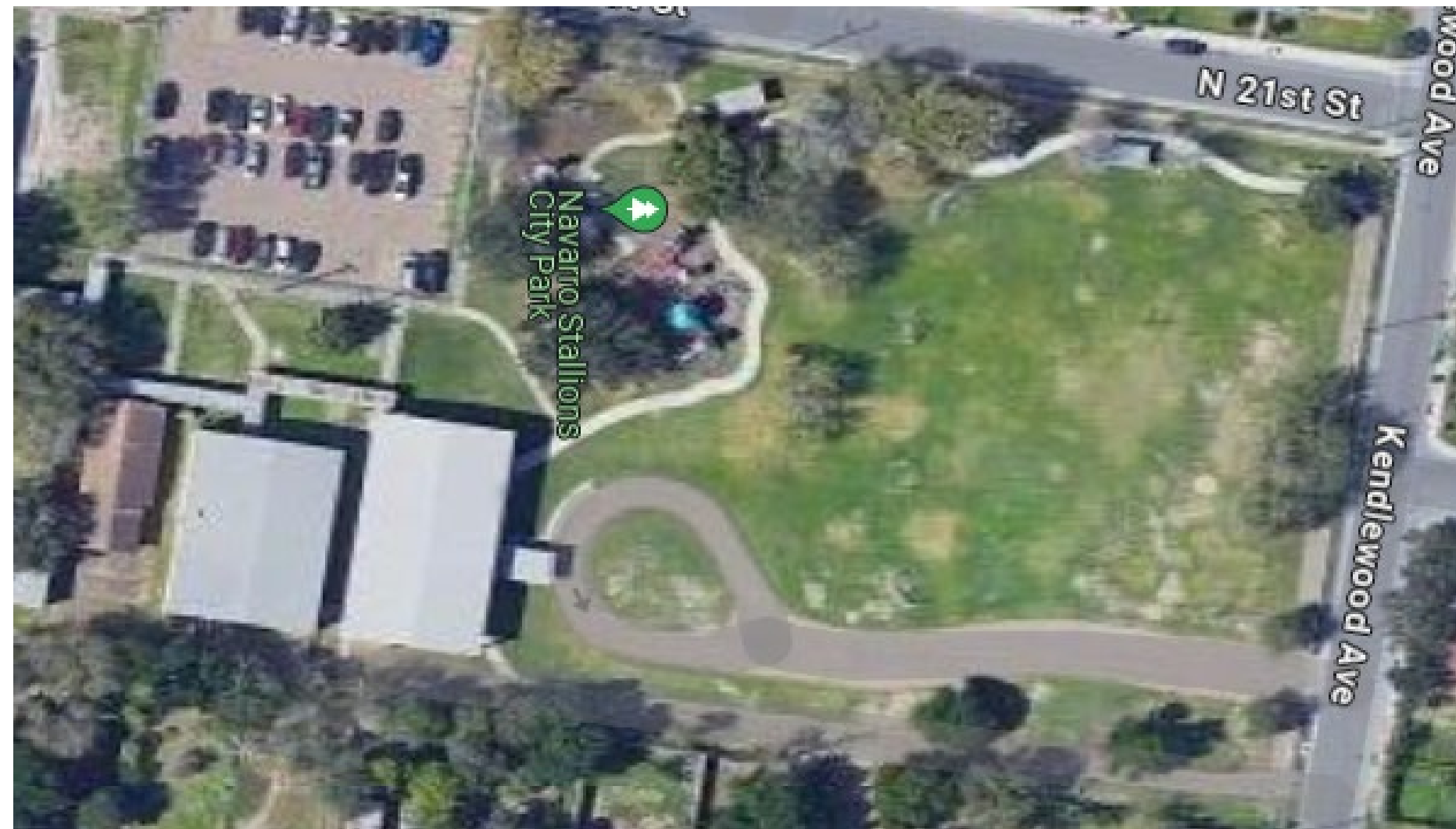
- Move 45 Staff from Special Education Department to Navarro
 - CTE
 - Internal Audit
 - Dyslexia/504
- Utilize Facilities Maintenance Operations staff to lay gravel in an area currently used for temporary parking – will add 8 to 10 more spaces \$3500 estimated cost
- Work on a plan for long-term parking solution in the north side of the campus
- \$603K available in maintenance tax note funds for Navarro roofing project



Plan for Navarro Office Areas



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Preliminary Cost Estimate
Navarro Elementary School Parking Lot Improvements
 Prepared By: Javier Hinojosa Engineering
 April 11, 2024

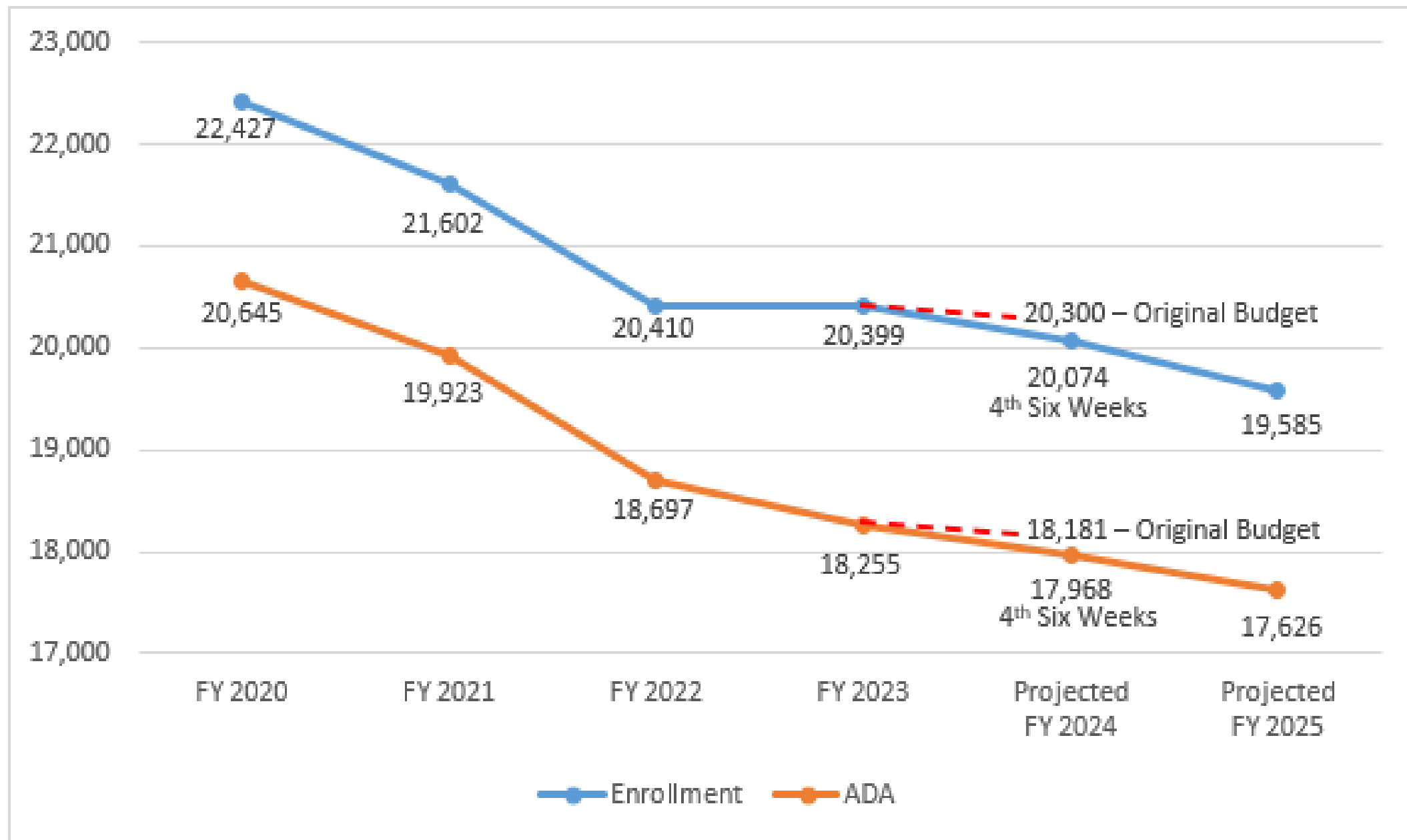
A. Parking lot Improvements

1. Remove Existing Asphalt Drive	600	SY	@	\$5.00 =	\$3,000.00
2. Remove Sidewalk	300	SF	@	\$4.00 =	\$1,200.00
3. Unc. Excavation/Subgrade Prep.	900	CY	@	\$8.00 =	\$7,200.00
4. 8" Flex. Base	1,800	SY	@	\$15.00 =	\$27,000.00
5. 2" Hot Mix Asphaltic Conc.	1,700	SY	@	\$20.00 =	\$34,000.00
6. 1" HMAC Overlay	500	SY	@	\$17.00 =	\$8,500.00
7. Lime Treated Subgrade	1,800	SY	@	\$3.00 =	\$5,400.00
8. Lime	25	TONS	@	\$300.00 =	\$7,500.00
9. 6' Concrete Sidewalk	500	SF	@	\$7.00 =	\$3,500.00
10. Handicap Ramps	3	EA	@	\$1,200.00 =	\$3,600.00
11. Concrete Car Stops	26	EA	@	\$200.00 =	\$5,200.00
12. Painted Handicap Symbol	2	EA	@	\$1,000.00 =	\$2,000.00
13. 4" Painted Striping	1,200	LF	@	\$1.00 =	\$1,200.00
14. Erosion Control	Lump Sum		@	\$5,000.00 =	\$5,000.00
15. Utility Adjustments	State Amount		@	\$15,000.00 =	\$15,000.00

Subtotal :	\$129,300.00
Engineering & Surveying Fee :	\$11,500.00
Material Testing 3.5% Paving :	\$4,525.50
15% Contingency :	\$19,395.00
TOTAL :	\$164,720.50

30 days for contractor after
Notice to Proceed

Projected Average Daily Attendance and Enrollment - 4th Six Weeks Update



- Original Budget ADA 18,181 at 92.7% Attendance
- 4th Six Weeks ADA 17,968 at 93.1% Attendance
- Net loss \$1.5M in state funding

4th Six Weeks Update to 2023-2024 Budget

	2023-2024		Variance from
Funds 101-199	Original Budget	4th Six Weeks	Original Budget
Revenues	\$ 241,511,793	\$ 251,120,981	\$ 9,609,188
Expenditures	(266,011,253)	(257,197,553)	8,813,700
	\$ (24,499,460)	\$ (6,076,572)	\$ 18,422,888
Fund 199 General Fund			
Revenues	\$ 158,264,004	\$ 163,538,612	\$ 5,274,608
Expenditures	(162,562,506)	(169,623,279)	(7,060,773)
	\$ (4,298,502)	\$ (6,084,667)	\$ (1,786,165)

Update to 2024-2025 Projected Budget

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Variance from
Funds 101-199	4th Six Weeks	Projected Budget	4th Six Weeks
Revenues	\$ 251,120,981	\$ 243,802,831	\$ (7,318,150)
Expenditures	(257,197,553)	(254,142,299)	3,055,254
	\$ (6,076,572)	\$ (10,339,468)	\$ (4,262,896)
Fund 199 General Fund			
Revenues	\$ 163,538,612	\$ 158,724,203	\$ (4,814,409)
Expenditures	(169,623,279)	(166,568,025)	3,055,254
	\$ (6,084,667)	\$ (7,843,822)	\$ (1,759,155)

Plan for Phase #4 Staff Assignments

- 14 Instructional aides to Special Education Instructional aides
- Move three Instructional aides to Library aides
- Move three ESSER Strategists to Special Education Teacher vacancies
- Specialist Social Emotional Support to Testing Coordinator
- Close Vacancies
 - Two Interventionists
 - Literacy Coach
 - 3 Bus Aides
 - Coordinator for Instructional Materials
 - Custodian
 - Sergeant
 - At Risk Instructional Assistant

\$1,031,767.43
in cost savings

Budget Reduction Plan by Fund

Description	RSD	284 SpEd	ESSER III	Family Treat.	280 Couns.	Title IV Fed.	Title III Bil	Title I Fed.	CTE	SpEd State	Bil.	CNP	State Comp.	199 Gen. Fund	Amount Reduction	Cumulative Deficit Balance
Projected Budget Deficit for 2024-2025																(\$14,000,000)
Reduction Committee Savings						(\$225,000)		(\$900,000)	(\$144,330)	(\$178,859)			(\$835,000)	(\$2,740,000)	(\$4,700,000)	(\$9,300,000)
Reduction in Software Subscriptions	(\$10,080)	(\$10,223)	(\$33,595)	(\$1,280)	(\$6,250)	(\$54,700)	(\$49,500)	(\$364,500)					(\$29,324)	(\$664,146)	(\$1,500,000)	(\$7,800,000)
Central Office Department Budget Cuts														(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$6,800,000)
Phase 1 - Staff Reassignments occurred on Feb 29th						(\$130,000)							(\$300,000)	(\$370,000)	(\$800,000)	(\$6,000,000)
Phase 2 - Central Office, CNP and Custodial Vacancies Closing											(\$72,000)	(\$163,000)		(\$765,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Phase 3 – Staff Reassignments								(\$50,000)	(\$25,000)		(\$25,000)		(\$270,000)	(\$170,000)	(\$540,000)	(\$4,460,000)
Elementary Computer Labs Savings								(\$675,000)							(\$675,000)	(\$3,785,000)
IMAS Project														(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$2,785,000)
Phase 4 – Staff Reassignments			(\$179,122)			(\$61,889)		(\$97,828)		(\$35,649)			(\$462,682)	(\$194,597)	(\$1,030,000)	(\$1,755,000)
Total by Fund	(\$10,080)	(\$10,223)	(\$212,717)	(\$1,280)	(\$6,250)	(\$471,589)	(\$49,500)	(\$2,087,328)	(\$169,330)	(\$214,238)	(\$97,000)	(\$163,000)	(\$1,897,006)	(\$6,903,743)		

School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Update

- The district bills for medical services (Personal Care, speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Physician Services, Psychological Services, transportation, audiological services) throughout the fiscal year
- At the end of the fiscal year, a cost report is completed to determine amount of annual reimbursement for the previous fiscal year
- In the last 5 years, MISD has been averaging about 1.9 million dollars per fiscal year in billing and cost report settlement combined
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) is reducing the statistical percentage by 50% which has the financial impact of 50% on the total SHARS reimbursement for all districts across the state.
- MISD stands to lose \$961,004.00.
- An informal appeal was filed and denied. MISD has filed a formal appeal with Texas Health and Human Services Commission and is awaiting a response (assignment of court and attorney).

SHARS Appeal

Five Year Overview Fiscal Years 2020 - 2024

	SHARS Revenue FYE 2020	SHARS Revenue FYE 2021 (Covid)	SHARS Revenue FYE 2022	SHARS Revenue FYE 2023	SHARS Revenue 2024 (Billing to date)
Total SHARS Revenue	\$1,471,987.03	\$564,972.29	\$2,661,106.59	\$3,012,989.95	\$559,027.01
SHARS Interim Payments	\$1,215,666.03	\$353,719.17	\$1,607,956.15	1,333,453.42	\$559,027.01 (through February)
SHARS Cost Report Settlement	\$256,321.00 (2018)	\$211,253.12 (2019)	\$1,053,150.44 (2020)	\$1,679,536.53 (2021)	(2022- pending formal appeal)

SHARS Appeal

- SHARS Informal Appeal sent on January 16, 2024
- What did McAllen ISD appeal?
 - ITEM No. 1: Disallowance of Medicaid Eligible Student Count from the IEP Ratio Numerator
 - ITEM NO. 2: Disallowance of Medicaid Eligible Student Count from the One-Way Trip Ratio
 - ITEM NO. 3: Disallowance of Percentage of Medicaid Students Requiring Specialized Services
 - ITEM NO. 4: Disallowance of Direct Medical Services Cost in the Amount of \$565,483.53
 - ITEM NO. 5: Disallowance of Transportation Services Cost in the Amount of \$31,396.56
 - ITEM NO. 6: Disallowance of \$1,448,823.32 in Direct Medical Cost Pursuant to DAB No. 3066
 - ITEM NO. 7: Disallowance of Direct Medical Percentage (DMP) Rate from 43.61% to 20.04%

SHARS Appeal

- MISD received a denial through a standard communication letter with no specific details or information for their decision.
- SHARS Formal Appeal with all documents mailed Monday, March 18, 2024
 - 30 days for response
 - A few districts in Texas began to receive response week of Monday April 1, 2024
 - MISD received formal Appeal response April 4, 2024.
 - MISD administrative hearing cause No. 20-0142-K
 - Attorney representing the Texas Health and Human Services is Tanya Garza
- Next Steps**
 - Wait for Texas Health and Human Services Commission to respond
 - Assign an attorney to represent the state and a judge to hear the case
 - Hire an Attorney to represent MISD or
 - Allow Houston ISD to represent us as part of SHARS contract with MISD

• Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Update

Optional Flexible School Day Program

What is Flex?

- **Optional:** Parent consent is required for participation.
- **Flexible:** Rather than one official attendance taking time during the day, students earn time in attendance based on minutes during the day.
- **School Day:** TEA defines one school day (for purposes of time earned) as 240 minutes.



Timeline



- Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Update

Optional Flexible School Day Program

Key Points

- Teachers track student attendance as **minutes** spent in the classroom, directly in **Skyward**.
- **All school business** (class, clinic, counselor, testing, etc.) **minutes count**.
- Funded on **1 day per 240 min** of time. Students can earn up to 600 minutes in a calendar day.
- Funding will not exceed the number of days in a grading period.
- These students are **no longer counted** in our **ADA** for attendance or funding.



Current Stats

OFSDP Dashboard

Total minutes	Day conversion	Daily rate	Funds
3,564,288.00	14851.2	\$ 35.40	\$ 333,789.70
Student Count	926		
Campus Count	30		

• Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Update

Optional Flexible School Day Funding

Funding Notes

- These students are **no longer counted** in our **ADA** for attendance or funding.
- Students who are on the Flex Program have missed 10 or more days in a semester, or 18 or more days for the year.
- Average % of attendance
 - for a Flex student prior to program participation: **83%**
 - for a Flex student since being on Flex based on full day = **84%**
 - for a Flex student since being on Flex based on flex day = **150%**

Current Funding

Based on actual students enrolled for actual days of participation, and an average of 83% prior to participation:

Increase in funding from students participating = \$51,263.01 over an average participation length of 10 days

2024-2025 Funding

20,000 students @ 93% ADA = $18,600 \times 6160 =$ **\$114,576,000**

(under 18 absences)

17,908 students @95.29% ADA = **\$105,117,525**

(over 18 absences)

2,428 students @95% ADA on Flex = **\$14,208,656**

Total funding ADA + Flex = \$119,326,181

An increase of \$4,750,181

Budget Workshop #5 – Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Proposed Agenda

- 1) 2024-2025 Contract Renewals/Non-renewals**
- 2) Salary Increase Models**
- 3) Final Recommendations for Planning Period**
- 4) Phase 5 Staff Reassignments**
- 5) Employee Benefits Proposal**
- 6) UTRGV/McAllen I.S.D. Collegiate Campus Costs**

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Questions