

Engaging the public on how AISD plans to build schools and facilities

Austin ISD is in the process of creating a long-term plan on how we will build school facilities for the next 25-30 years. Austin ISD would like to hear your opinions and feedback. To find information about a specific campus, search by vertical team at the following link: <https://www.austinisd.org/fmp>

Conversations will address these questions:

- Why does the school district need a master plan for facilities?
- How does a school district pay for new or updated facilities?
- Why does the public need to be involved in the planning process?
- Given the information about your particular school or neighborhood schools, what is your feedback around Austin ISD's facilities master plan?

Why is this topic important and how will feedback be used?

The facilities master plan process is how new, renovated or structurally unsound public schools are built, modernized or consolidated. The whole voting public, not just direct stakeholders of AISD, are in a position to decide whether to fund new or updated facilities through future bond propositions.

The feedback from these conversations will go directly into AISD's feedback tracker—community input that is summarized and communicated to AISD's trustee-appointed citizens' committee devoted to the facilities master plan, the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee (FABPAC). AISD partnered with consultants in Spring of 2016 to examine facility condition assessments and educational suitability assessments. The first iteration of objective data, based on analysis from assessments presented options largely based on program information and building conditions, however the committee's responsibility is to evaluate and meaningfully incorporate feedback to further refine options throughout the committee's decision-making period. The committee will then present recommendations for the Board of Trustees to approve the long-term plan that would contain projects that could be included in a potential bond program.

Who will be reviewing the feedback?

- Celso Baez – Assistant Director, Community Engagement and External Communications
- Chelsea Brass – Community Engagement Coordinator, Community Engagement and External Communications
- LINK Strategies (AISD's community engagement consultancy)
- Austin ISD Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee
- Austin ISD Board of Trustees

What else do I need to know?

A long-range, comprehensive Facilities Master Plan outlines the current status and future use of district facilities. It will guide the development of future investments in capital improvements and support planning for future bond elections.

Are there other ways to participate?

AISD is currently in the middle of its engagement process for the Facilities Master Plan, and will be holding engagement events from late February to early March, and then again in May. All events are posted to the AISD Future website, the main site to support the Facilities Master Plan process. The English version is AISDFuture.org or in Spanish at AISDFuturo.org. We also provide a toolkit for those who would like to hold a meeting in their own community, which can also be found at AISDFuture.org.