



Updates are coming to SAISD. We are working to create a thoughtful Sustainability Plan designed with the future of the District in mind. SAISD currently has 17 elementary schools, many with aging facilities and low enrollment that results in inefficient use of funds and manpower on costly repairs as well as opportunities to better use our school spaces. After over 6 months of planning in collaboration with a West Texas architecture firm, SAISD is exploring a recommendation for the Sustainability Plan for fewer elementary schools, reducing to 14 by the 2024-2025 school year.

## 2-PHASE RECOMMENDATION BY ARCHITECTURE FIRM

### PHASE 1

(Combine 4 elementary campuses into 2, bringing total elementary Schools to 15.)

- Combine San Jacinto Elementary with Reagan Elementary beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, and repurpose San Jacinto Elementary facility as an Early Childhood Education center for pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students.
- Combine Alta Loma Elementary with Fannin Elementary beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, and repurpose or shutter Alta Loma Elementary.

### PHASE 2

(Combine 2 elementary campuses into 1, bringing total elementary Schools to 14.)

- Combine Austin Elementary with McGill Elementary beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, and repurpose or shutter Austin Elementary.
- Expand McGill Elementary with renovation and new builds without a bond measure.

## TIMING

We are in the early stages of exploring the plan but are working quickly to make decisions so that our students, staff and families can prepare. Tentative dates are:

- **Phase 1** - Complete to begin school combination and repurposed site by August 2023 (2023-2024 school year)
- **Phase 2** - Complete to begin school combination and renovations by August 2024 (2024-2025 school year)

## OUR PROMISE

As we work to further develop the Sustainability Plan, service to the student is our guiding priority along with the District goals and listening to those most impacted. We will continue to communicate updates to your school community, and provide opportunities for impacted students, teachers and community members to share feedback including town hall forums anticipated to begin in November 2022.



# DATA INFORMING SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PROCESS

## BENEFITS TO STUDENTS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

**Larger campuses** (500-600 students) = instructional benefit and operational efficiencies, like:

- more support staff to help individual student learning,
- more instructional resources for students and staff like STEM lab support,
- increased professional learning opportunities for teachers

**Economic efficiency:** By balancing enrollment through reducing the number of elementary school campuses, SAISD will see an estimated annual savings per shuttered campus of \$500,000. Operation of the elementary schools is typically about \$2M per year. Combining campuses would enable SAISD to reduce energy consumption and operational costs for schools with spaces that are not being fully utilized but absorbing funds. Operation cost per student may be reduced by up to \$2,000 per student.

**Savings** from Economic efficiency may then be reinvested into more instructional resources and staff and improvements to schools.

**Centralized facility** for pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), increasing instructional resources and professional learning opportunities for staff.

## FACILITY STUDY

The Architecture Firm completed a Facility Study of our 17 elementary schools looking at: Facility condition, educational & spatial adequacy, age, capacity vs enrollment, operational costs, campus expandability, location of special programs. The data from this study enabled SAISD to consider benefits for SAISD from a budget perspective like opening up dollars previously spent on maintenance to go toward instructional resources and new, innovative facilities.

## STATE-WIDE TRENDS

School districts are shifting to larger elementary schools of about 500 to 600 for optimization in instruction and operations. West Texas school districts are also trending this way like Lubbock ISD, Abilene ISD, Borger ISD, Plainview ISD, Big Spring ISD and Snyder ISD.

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