

### **Bond Fast Facts**

- Max capacity projected to be exceeded at Aledo MS next year (2020-2021)
- Max elementary capacity projected to be exceeded in two years (2021-2022)
- Student enrollment is projected to double in 10 years
- Bond package proposal led and created by community members
- No school district tax rate increase
- Overall school district tax rate decrease (from \$1.59 to \$1.49)



### What is a Bond Election?

- A school district is required by law to hold an election and get permission from voters to sell bonds and levy taxes to pay for them
- Bonds are sold to fund capital improvements
- These projects are typically too large to be included in operating budgets



### Bond money CAN NOT be used for:

Teacher & Staff Salaries • Utilities

• Gasoline • Other Operating Expenses



### **Bearcat Growth Committee Process**

#### Revamped process in response to community feedback

- Led & facilitated by volunteer community co-chairs instead of a paid consultant
- 38 community members representing a diversity of demographics and geography, including a teacher from each campus
- BGC hosted community meetings to gather feedback



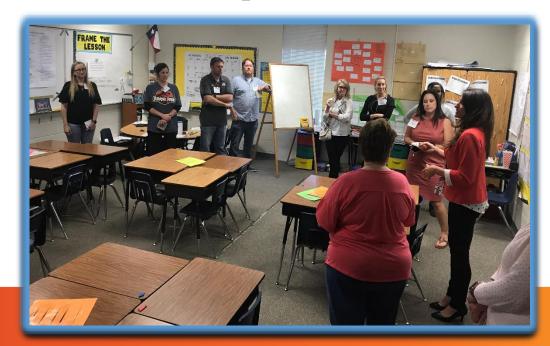




### **Bearcat Growth Committee Process**

### Revamped process in response to community feedback

- Aledo ISD staff (including the new Director of Construction & Facilities), outside demographer, financial advisor, and architects served as resources for the BGC
- The architects who supported the BGC will not bid on the projects
- All information provided to the BGC was made publicly available online





## Timeline of the BGC's Work





Dec 17, 2018



May-July 2019

July 25, 2019



BGC appointed

Architect worked with District staff to refine & reduce costs

Appraisal districts issued certified AISD tax values

August 8, 2019

BGC presented proposal to the **Board of Trustees** 

Jan 24-May 9, 2019 July 18 & 23, 2019

BGC met 9 times

**BGC** hosted community meetings

August 1, 2019

10<sup>th</sup> BGC meeting to construct bond proposal

August 19, 2019

Board voted 7-0 to approve BGC's proposal & call Nov. 5 bond election

## Priorities Identified by the BGC



- Address:
  - more learning space at the middle school and elementary school levels
  - repair and renovation of older campuses
- •Reutilize/repurpose facilities that have remaining useful life
- No tax rate increase
- Avoid using all the District's available bonding capacity

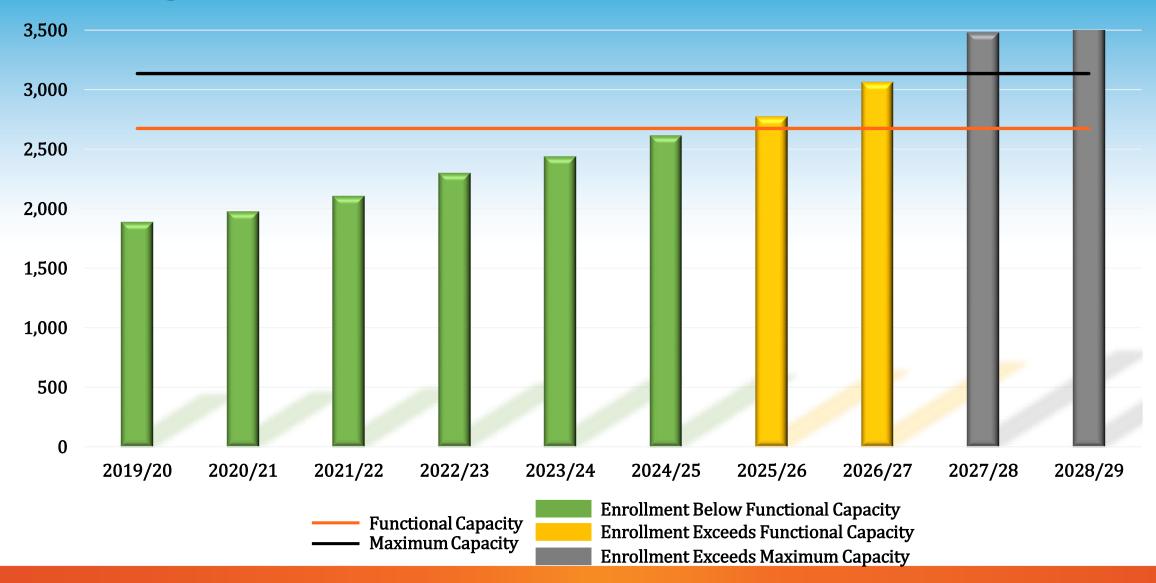


## Aledo ISD Enrollment Projections

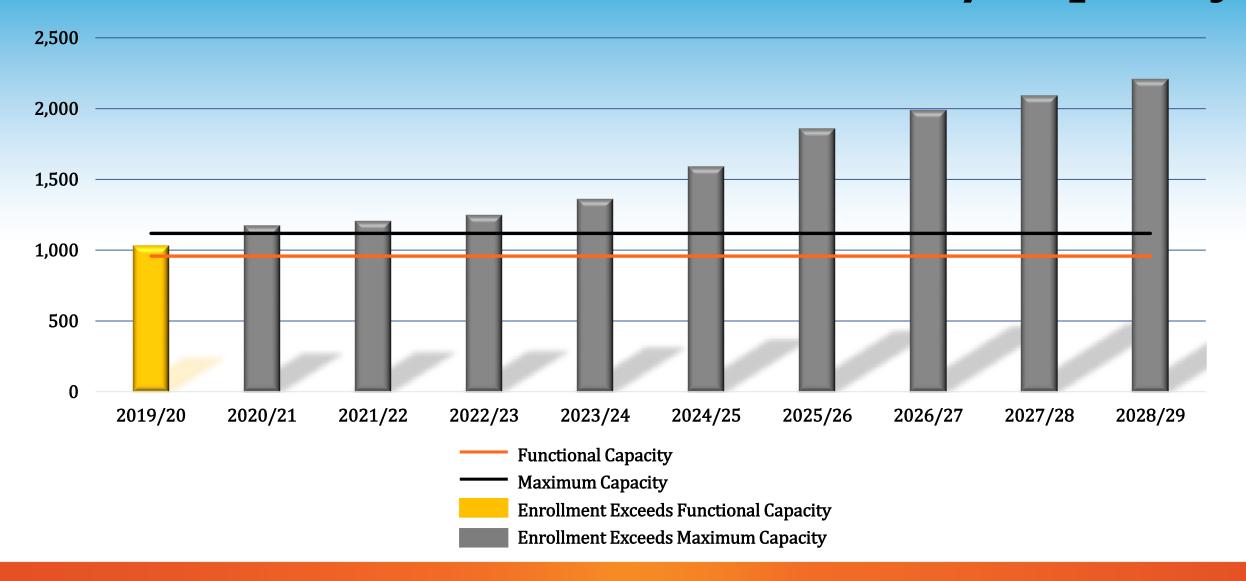


**School Year** 

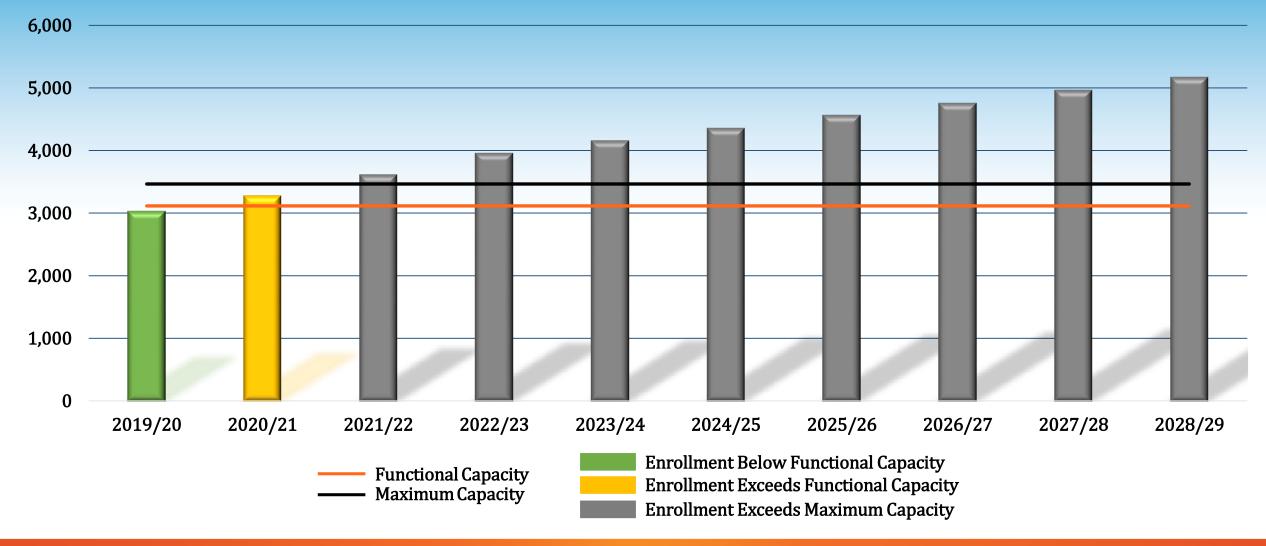
## High School Enrollment/Capacity



## Aledo Middle School Enrollment/Capacity



# **Elementary Enrollment/Capacity**



## BGC 2019 Bond Proposal



•	Middle School #2	\$62,501,000

(Cost includes \$1.5 million for roadway improvements)

- Aledo Middle School Renovation/Expansion
- Elementary School #6 (Cost includes \$3.3 million for roadway/utility infrastructure)
- McAnally Renovation to Elementary School
- Vandagriff Renovation to Early Childhood Campus
- Coder, Stuard, McCall Elementary classroom furniture
- Land for future school sites
- School buses

\$33,446,000

\$35,858,000

\$9,611,000

\$1,709,000

\$1,800,000

\$4,525,000

\$500,000

**Total Bond Package** 

\$149,950,000

### Middle School #2

\$62,501,000

(\$1.5 million road improvements)

- Student Capacity: 1,200
- Grades: 6, 7, 8
- Size: 171,300 sq. ft.
- Location: Old Weatherford Rd
- Opens: Fall 2022

- Grade-level (6,7,8) academic wings
- Fine arts & athletic facilities sized for AISD programs
- Improvement of Old Weatherford Rd



# Aledo Middle School Renovation/Expansion

\$33,446,000

- Student Capacity: 1,200
- Grades: 6, 7, 8
- Size: 169,000 sq. ft.
- Opens: Fall 2022

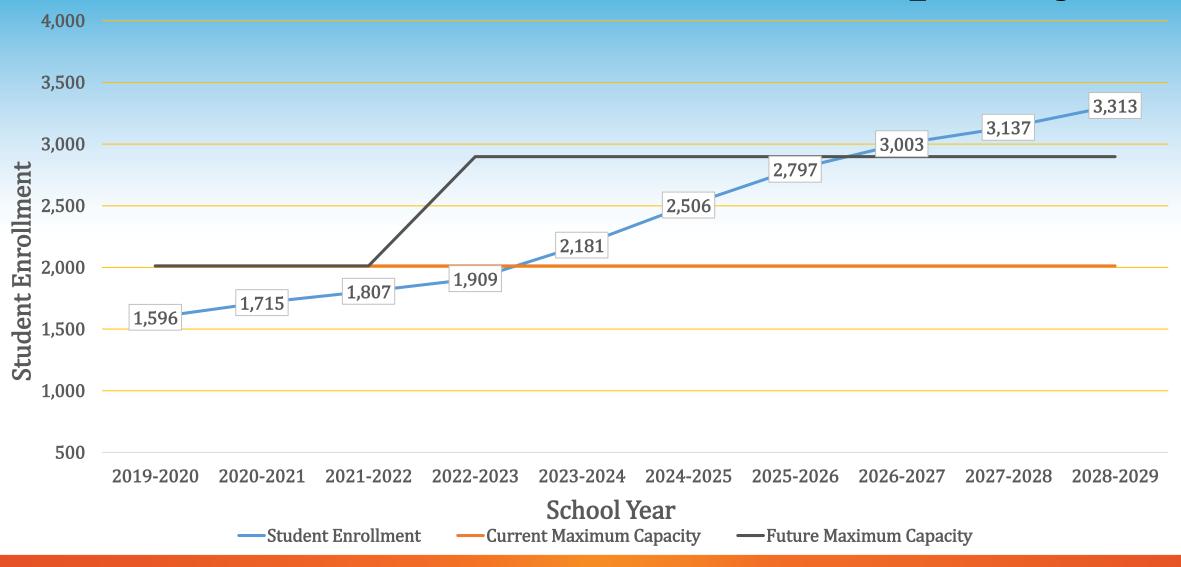
- Reuse front 2002 wing (w/renovations), multi-purpose center (gym), stadium
- Renovation for cafeteria space; gradelevel academic wings (6,7,8)
- New spaces: library, fine arts wing, gym, field house



#### **ALEDO MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCEPT**



## Aledo ISD Total Grades 6-8 Capacity



## Elementary School #6

\$35,858,000

(\$3.3 million road/utility infrastructure)

- Student Capacity: 800
- Grades: K-5th
- Size: 97,900 sq. ft.
- Opens: Fall 2021

- Located on FM 5 across from Annetta Cemetery
- Grade-level academic wings
- Improvements to FM 5 and water/wastewater infrastructure



# McAnally Renovation to Elementary School

\$9,611,000

- Student Capacity: 800
- Grades: K-5th
- Size: 100,700 sq. ft.
- **Opens:** Fall 2022

- Renovation of current space to include grade-level academic wings & to meet elementary level needs
- Classroom wing addition



# Vandagriff Elementary Renovation to Early Childhood Campus \$1,709,000

- Student Capacity: 550
- Size: 53,003 sq. ft.
- Open: Fall 2022

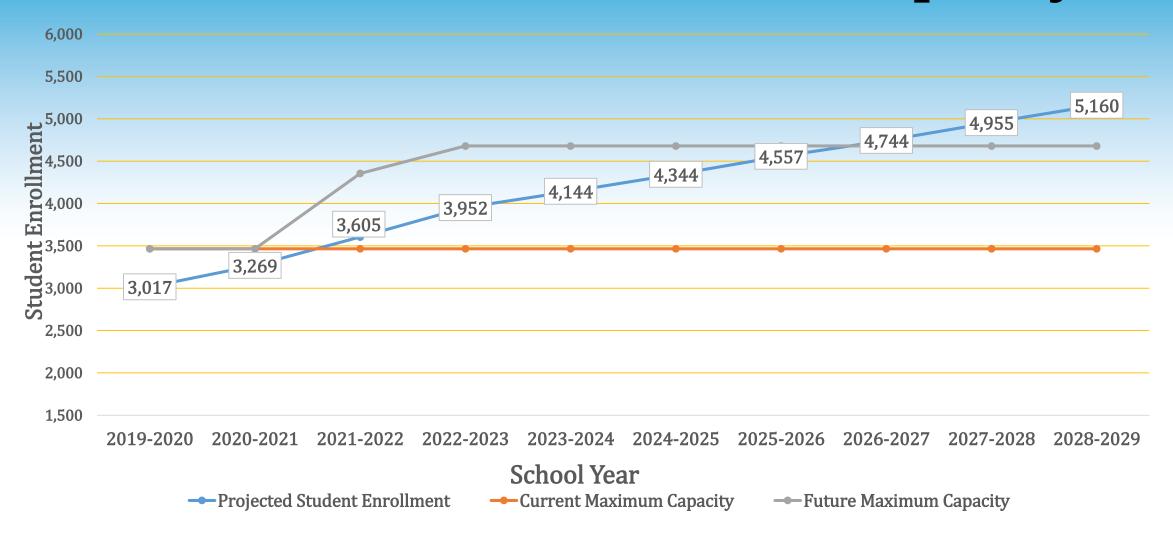
- Roof, site drainage repairs; demolition of 1957 "annex"
- Serve all AISD early childhood programs:
  - Pre-kindergarten
  - Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities
  - Speech, physical & occupational therapy for 3-5 year olds
  - Daycare/preschool program for children of employees

# Coder, Stuard & McCall Classroom Furniture

To support students and teachers in collaborative learning and AISD's instructional focus



### Aledo ISD Total Grades K-5 Capacity



## Addressing Land & Buses for Growth

Land for future school sites

\$4,525,000

School Buses \$500,000









### Aledo ISD Finances





"AA" bond credit rating S&P Global Ratings & Fitch Ratings





## How is no tax rate increase possible?

Significant property value growth that is projected to continue to increase

Aggressive management of AISD's current bond debt





### School Tax Rate Will Not Increase Due to Bond

Maintenance & Operations Total Tax Rate

**Interest & Sinking** 

Staffing, Supplies, Utilities

Facilities, Buses, Land

2018–2019 \$1.170 2018-2019 \$1.595 2018–2019 \$0.425

Decrease

Decrease

No Change

2019-2020 \$1.068 2019-2020 \$1.493 2019-2020 \$0.425 **Property Value Growth** 



#### Valuation x \$0.4250/100

=

Amount of taxes available to pay off voter-approved bonds used for capital projects



#### Valuation x \$0.4250/100

=

Significantly more value in the system leading to more taxes available to pay off voterapproved bonds used for capital projects

## **Overall School Tax Rate Decrease**

2019 Average Home Value \$360,394



School Taxes Paid \$5,349.53

2018-2019 Tax Rate = \$1.59 \*2018-2019 Tax Rate on 2019 value



2019 Average Home Value \$360,394



School Taxes Paid \$5,008.44

2019-2020 Tax Rate = \$1.49

\$341 Less School Taxes Paid

## What Happens If...

What happens to my taxes & the schools if the bond passes?

Overall school tax rate decreased 10¢

What happens to my taxes & the schools if the bond fails?



- BGC's bond projects will be completed
- Elem. attendance zones redrawn for 2021-2022
- Grades 6,7,8 share AMS & McAnally until 2022

- Elem. attendance zones redrawn for 2021-2022
- Grades 6,7,8 share AMS & McAnally for several years
- M&O funds will be used to purchase portables (21 total over four years costing \$2.205 mil)
- AISD will not have bond money to purchase land for future campuses

### **BGC Recommended Bond Package Summary**

- 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
- Reutilizes facilities with remaining useful life
- Permits AISD to plan for growth by purchasing land for future campuses



## **Voting Information**



- Registered voters who live within Aledo ISD may vote early or on Election Day as indicated:
  - Early Voting: OCTOBER 21 NOVEMBER 1, 2019
  - Election Day Voting: NOVEMBER 5, 2019
- Specific voting information, including voting sites and times, may be obtained by visiting aledoisdbond.org.

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