Austin School Board Says, "Thank You"

We, members of the Austin School Board, would like to express our deep gratitude to the voters of ISD 492 for approving the $24.9 million dollar bond referendum on the ballot at the November 3 General Election. Your support is immensely heartening. The passage of the bond will ensure that Austin Public Schools' (APS) staff and students, now and in the future, will teach, and be educated, in secure, safe and updated facilities.

Classrooms, locker rooms, and bathrooms will receive much-needed upgrades that will enhance students' daily learning experience. Mechanical, electrical and structural improvements will streamline school infrastructure and create efficiencies, eliminating the need for frequent, costly repairs, thereby saving taxpayer dollars. Finally, upgrades at Ellis pool will bring the facility up to code, providing physical education classes, swim teams and the general public a safer, more satisfying and accessible pool experience.

As board members, we are excited about the upcoming, physical changes that will be occurring district-wide. Watch for informative, progress updates on the district web page as projects begin. The district's goal is to keep the community informed in a clear and timely manner.

While work unfolds over the next few years, we invite you to visit a school or attend a swim meet to see firsthand the progress that is being made. Set aside some time to be a key part of the educational experience in your schools. Please become involved in APS.

Finally, as board members, it is our sworn responsibility to oversee buildings and facilities in the district. However, it is you, the taxpayers, who in reality own those facilities. What a tremendous investment you have made in the future of the district, its students and staff, as well as the future of Austin.

For that, we are extremely thankful.

Signed,

Carol McAlister