## Community-Driven Proposal Shared on Building a New SAISD

On May 16, 2009, the SAISD Board of Trustees reviewed the recommendations of a community-based committee that was formed to provide a long-range plan for improving the District's schools. The recommendations call for new attendance boundary lines and the consolidation, repurposing and extensive modernization of schools over the next several years.

The Board will meet again on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to further discuss the preliminary proposal and determine next steps. The Board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Lanier High School. Prior to any finalization of the proposal, community meetings would be held at a later date to get input on the recommendations.

The preliminary proposal is in response to the greatly changed enrollment and population patterns throughout the district, and the significant need to provide students with the programs and resources that the many under-enrolled and small schools can not supply.

The District recruited more than 60 people living or working in the community to serve in one or more of the facilities task-force committees, which began more than a year ago and have encompassed three of four phases.

"I am grateful to the committee for their involvement and know the time they put into developing this proposal is a sign of their deep commitment to the children of this District," said Dr. Robert J. Durón, SAISD superintendent. "This is an opportunity to build a stronger school district, and bring greater educational opportunities and resources to every child in every school."

A key factor in redesigning the District was attaining an optimal school size. "School size impacts the academic and elective opportunities available for students – offerings that lead to a well-rounded education and build the foundation for college and career success," said Durón. Based on committee evaluations, SAISD is working toward elementary schools with 600-800 students, middle schools of 900-1100 students and high schools with 2000-2500 students.

The committee has drawn proposed boundary lines based on population patterns, working to maintain neighborhood communities and keep clean feeder patterns. The choice of schools to retain followed a rigorous process that included looking at central locations within the attendance boundaries, availability of space and land for expansion, and costs to rebuild or renovate a school to the standard desired.

The committee's preliminary proposal recommends the District restructure to: 5 high schools, 10 middle schools, 39 elementary schools, and one non-boundary, stand-alone magnet high school. Separate from the proposal, the District would also retain 10 non-boundary schools (which serve 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> or pre-kinder – 8<sup>th</sup>) and the new Head Start Centers.

Actions outlined in the proposal are expected to take place over the next 10 years, with much of the plan requiring bond approval before it could be implemented. "While work remains to be done on the detailed timing of the plan, we do know that no actions would occur before the 2010-11 school year, and major changes such as the repurposing of high schools would not occur until three to four years after bond approval, through a phased grandfathering process," said Kamal Elhabr, SAISD associate superintendent for facilities services. The Board would reevaluate the plan every one to two years against any significant changes within the community, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the District and our students.

Details of the recommendations include:

- Building one new high school to serve the consolidation of two existing schools
- Repurposing two high schools into model middle schools

- Repurposing four traditional middle schools into model elementary schools
- Repurposing two PK-6 academies and two PK-8 academies into model elementary schools

The committee's preliminary proposal follows:

## Facilities Long-Range Planning Committee: Preliminary Proposal – Subject to Change

Note: Upgrading a facility to a model school may either mean renovations of existing site or construction of a new facility on existing site. Phase IV of the Long-Range Strategic Plan will develop recommendations and timeline for these projects.

## Long Range Strategic Plan - 5 High, 10 Middle, and 39 Elementary Boundary Schools and 1 Non-Boundary Magnet High School

High Schools			
Edison	Upgrade Edison into a model high school		
Highlands	Upgrade Highlands into a model high school		
Jefferson	Upgrade Jefferson into a model high school		
Lanier	Upgrade Lanier into a model high school. Tafolla MS to be repurposed into Lanier HS addition.		
New	Build a new model high school for GW Brackenridge and Sam Houston (near St. Philip's College)		
Non-Boundary School			
High School tbd	Stand-alone Magnet School		
Middle Schools			
Burbank	Repurpose Burbank into a model middle school		
Connell	Upgrade Connell into a model middle school		
Davis	Upgrade Davis into a model middle school		
GW Brackenridge	Repurpose GW Brackenridge into a model middle school		
H.Rogers	Upgrade Harry Rogers into a model middle school		
Irving	Upgrade Irving into a model middle school		
Longfellow	Upgrade Longfellow into a model middle school		
Rhodes	Upgrade Rhodes into a model middle school		
Twain	Upgrade Twain into a model middle school		
Whittier	Upgrade Whittier into a model middle school		
Elementary Schools			
Arnold	Upgrade Arnold into a model elementary school		
Ball	Upgrade Ball into a model elementary school		

Barkley-Ruiz	Upgrade Barkley-Ruiz into a model elementary school	
Baskin	Repurpose Baskin into a model elementary school	
Bowden	Upgrade Bowden into a model elementary school	
Burnet	Repurpose Burnet into a model elementary school	
Cameron	Upgrade Cameron into a model elementary school	
*Carroll	Repurpose to Head Start Center until upgraded to model elementary school	
Crockett	Upgrade Crockett into a model elementary school	
De Zavala	Upgrade De Zavala into a model elementary school	
Douglass	Repurpose Douglass into a model elementary school	
Fenwick	Upgrade Fenwick into a model elementary school	
Foster	Upgrade Foster into a model elementary school	
Franklin	Upgrade Franklin into a model elementary school	
Graebner	Upgrade Graebner into a model elementary school	
Harris	Repurpose Harris into a model elementary school	
Hawthorne	Repurpose Hawthorne into a model elementary school	
Highland Hills	Upgrade Highland Hills into a model elementary school	
Hillcrest	Upgrade Hillcrest into a model elementary school	
Hirsch	Upgrade Hirsch into a model elementary school	
Japhet	Upgrade Japhet into a model elementary school	
JT Brackenridge	Repurpose JT Brackenridge into a model elementary school	
Lowell	Repurpose Lowell into a model elementary school	
Madison	Upgrade Madison into a model elementary school	
Margil	Upgrade Margil into a model elementary school	
Neal	Upgrade Neal into a model elementary school	
Nelson	Upgrade Nelson into a model elementary school	
Ogden	Upgrade Ogden into a model elementary school	
Poe	Repurpose Poe into a model elementary school	
Riverside Park	Upgrade Riverside Park into a model elementary school	
S.King	Upgrade Sarah King into a model elementary school	
Schenck	Upgrade Schenck into a model elementary school	
Stewart	Upgrade Stewart into a model elementary school	
W.Rogers	Upgrade Will Rogers into a model elementary school	
Wheatley	Repurpose Wheatley into a model elementary school	
Wilson	Upgrade Wilson into a model elementary school	
Woodlawn	Upgrade Woodlawn into a model elementary school	
Woodlawn Hills	Upgrade Woodlawn Hills into a model elementary school	
WW White	Upgrade WW White into a model elementary school	

District-Determined Non-Boundary Schools		
Fox Tech (tbd)	Pending approval: Repurpose to stand-alone Magnet High School	
Travis ECHS	9th thru 12th grade - College Preparatory School	
Navarro	9th thru 12th grade - High School Dropout Prevention	
Mann YWLA	6th thru 12th grade - All Girl College Preparatory School	

Mission			
Storm	Dro kinder thru 9th grade		
Bonham			
ML King	Pre-kinder thru 8th grade.		
Maverick			
Beacon Hill			
District-Determined Head Start Centers			
*Carroll	Repurpose to Head Start Center until upgraded to model elementary		
	school		
Carvajal	Repurpose to Head Start Center		
Knox	Repurpose to Head Start Center		
Pfeiffer	Repurpose to Head Start Center		
Tynan	Repurpose to Head Start Center		
* Carroll is listed in two places, as it will remain a Head Start Center until a new model ES is complete			
Under Re-Evaluation (due to new Head Start Centers)			
Brewer	Current elementary school		
Briscoe	Current pre-kinder thru 6th grade charter		
Pershing	Current elementary school		
Rodriguez	Current elementary school		
Washington	Current elementary school		

Not Included in Proposal		
Sam Houston HS	New HS school to be built for Sam Houston and Brackenridge students	
Page MS	To Be Determined	
Austin (PK-8, Charter)	To Be Determined	
Collins Garden ES	To Be Determined	
Cotton ES	To Be Determined	
Forbes ES	To Be Determined	
Gates ES	To Be Determined	
Green ES	To Be Determined	
Herff ES	To Be Determined	
Highland Park ES	To Be Determined	
Huppertz ES	To Be Determined	
Kelly ES	To Be Determined	
Lamar ES	To Be Determined	
Miller ES	To Be Determined	
Smith ES	To Be Determined	
Steele ES	To Be Determined	