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#### **OVERVIEW OF TERMS**

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#### BEST ALTERNATIVES TO A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Should the foregoing elements not be accepted, the following may occur:

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#### **Presentation Slide Deck**

SAISD is interested and excited for the Mission's project and believe SAISD will be an indispensable partner with the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and Weston Urban for the development of the downtown community, to include a baseball stadium, but in such a way that the development also benefits the SAISD community and ensures the long-term sustainability of SAISD's schools and academies.



Request to Purchase SAISD's Camaron Street Property for the Development of a New Professional Baseball Stadium

# Board Update

Patti Salzmann Deputy Superintendent Board Meeting | November 18, 2024

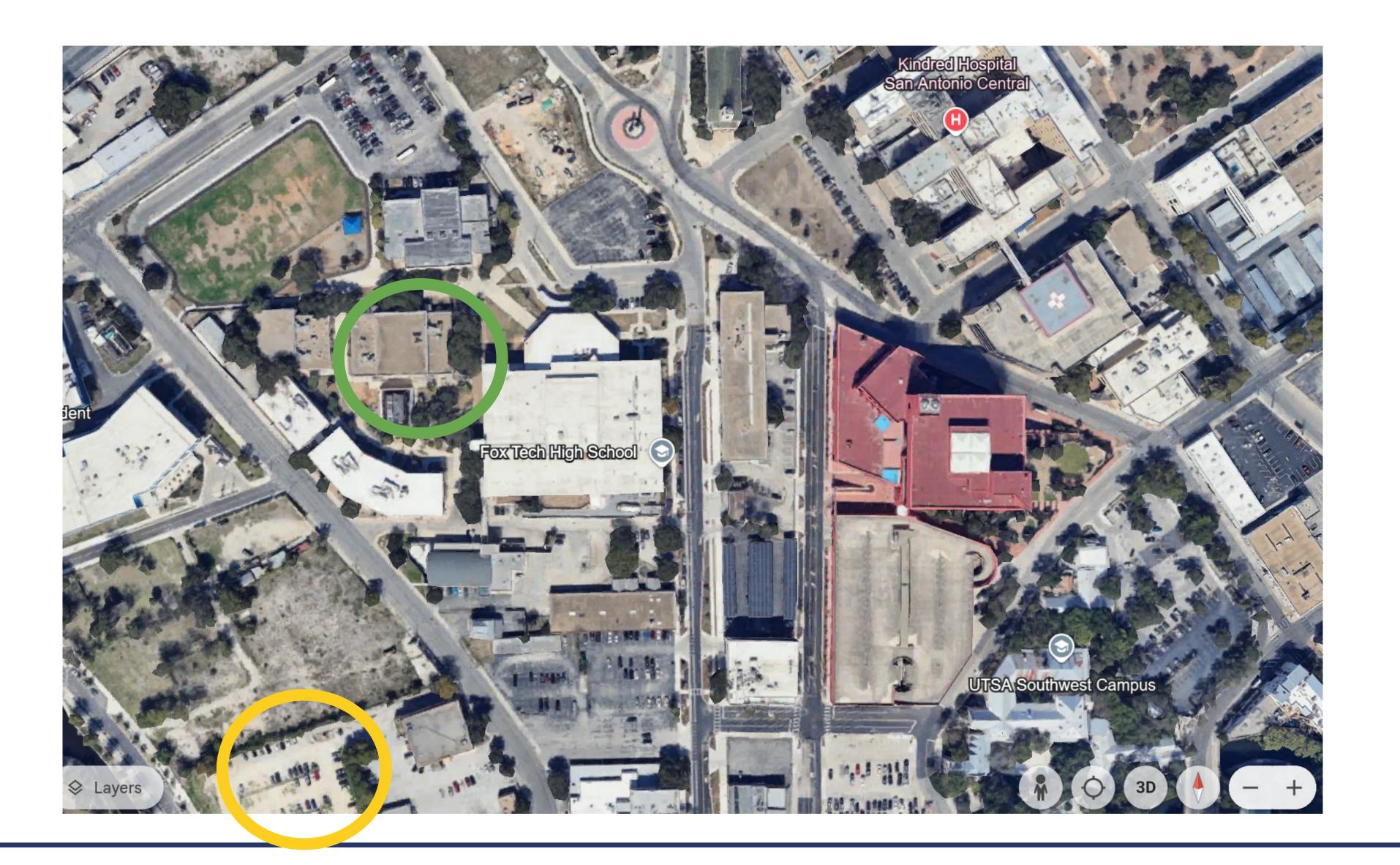




# The Proposal



# Another View – Google Earth





## Initial Proposal

In early April 2024, representatives for the Missions ownership group approached SAISD expressing an interest to buy SAISD's Camaron Street Property for the development of a multi-purpose stadium and venue for the Missions Baseball home games and other uses.

#### SAISD was offered the following:

- Purchase for market value (sales comparison approach)
- Use of the ballpark for playoff games, graduations, etc.
- Internships for SAISD students
- Fundraising opportunities
- Access to and use of the stadium for educational purposes



#### **Facts**

- The Camaron Street Property is not surplus property; it cannot be sold without receiving replacement parking for at least 250 motor vehicles.
- The Camaron Street Property has been considered in negotiations to expand the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA), whose students are currently split between two locations: Euclid (Pre-K 3) and Fox Tech (4 and 5.
- Interim parking arrangements would be necessary during the construction of replacement parking.
- The sale of SAISD's property is subject to a sealed bid process.

  However, a sale may be transacted without conducting a sealed bid process if the buyer is an entity with the power of eminent domain, such as the City or County.

#### **Facts**

The City has approved an MOU outlining the tentative general terms to finance, develop, construct and operate the stadium, but definitive contracts have not yet been negotiated or finalized.

Contracts would not be finalized until later this year and next year.

County has approved similar MOU.

SAISD has not agreed to an MOU or any contract to sell the Camaron Street property.



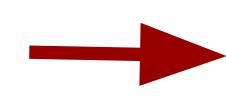


# Our Values



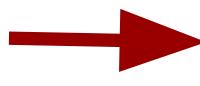
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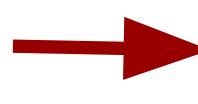
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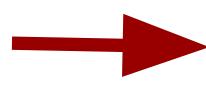
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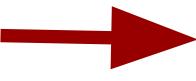
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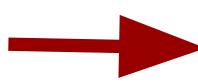
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### Landscape Analysis

#### Methodology

#### **Student Population**

Analyzes trends in student populations, including birth rates, housing inventory, residential development, and migration of residents.

#### **School Demand**

Analyzes the connection between school choice demand and enrollment trends



#### **Enrollment**

Analyzes the connection between student populations and enrollment, including kindergarten cohorts, reenrollment rates, transfers to other districts and charter schools.

#### **Facilities**

Analyzes the link between changing enrollment patterns and facility utilization

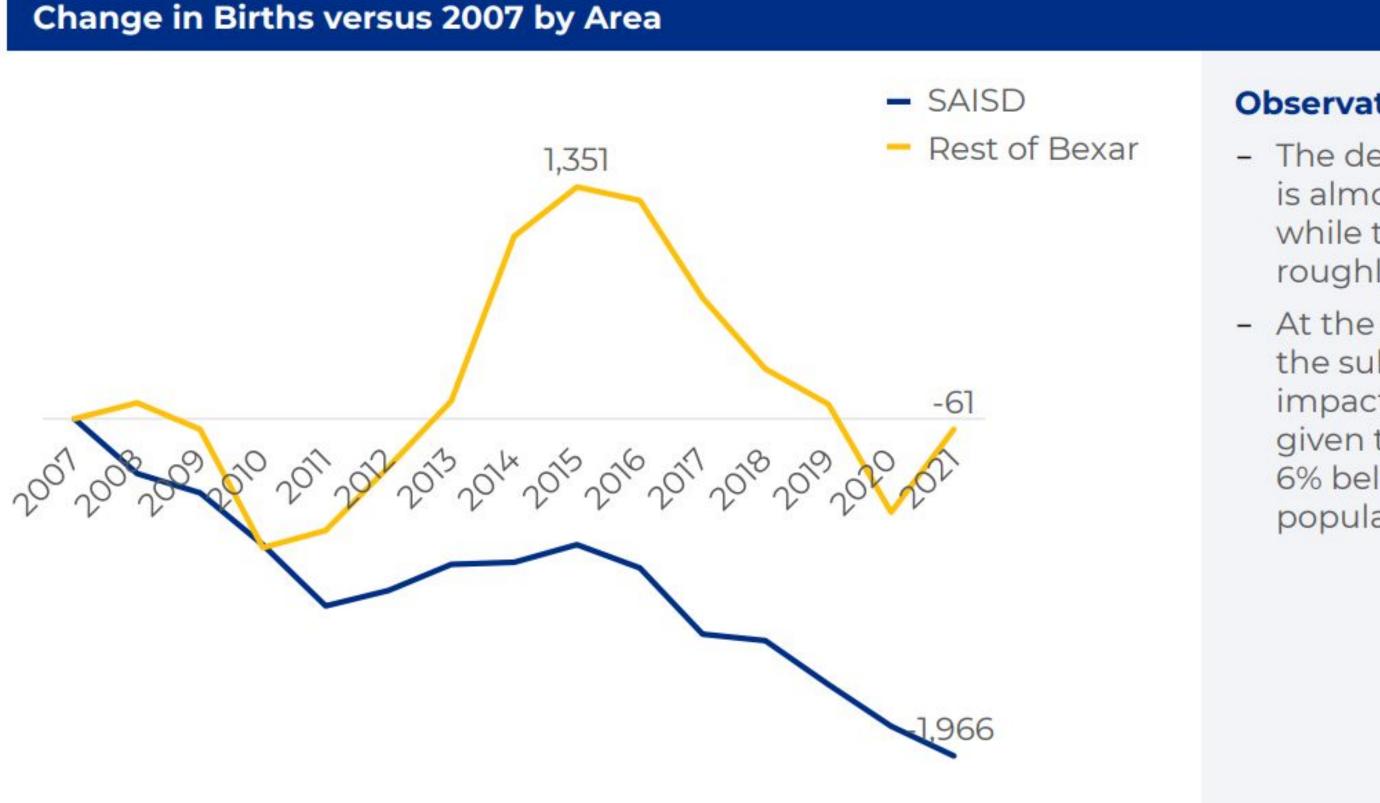
Phase 1

Phase 2



### Birth Rates Have Steadily Declined

#### Birth trends in SAISD contrast with the rest of Bexar County, which is roughly flat

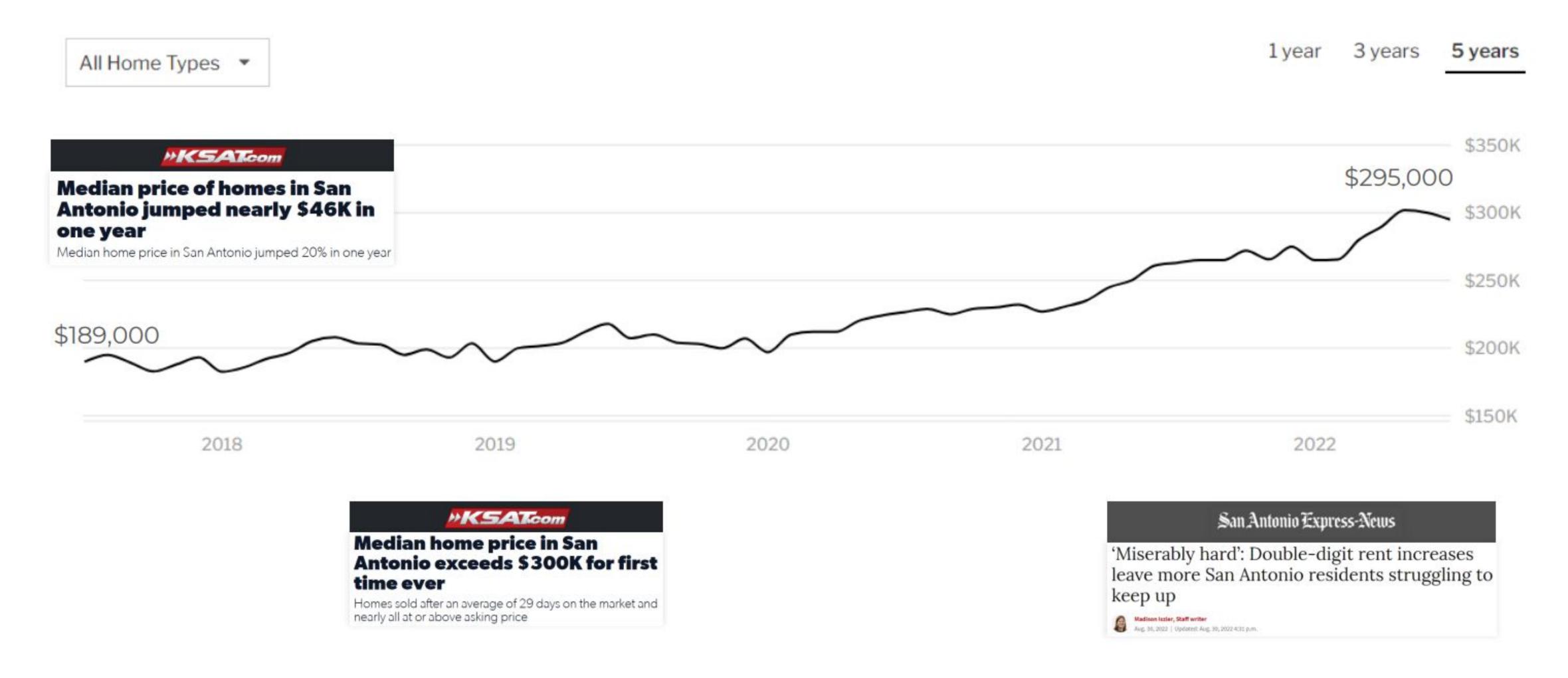


#### **Observations**

- The decline in births within Bexar County is almost entirely experienced in SAISD, while the remainder of Bexar County is roughly flat versus 2007.
- At the same time, this shows that the suburban areas are also being impacted by declining fertility rates, given that total births in those areas are 6% below the 2015 peak, despite overall population gains.



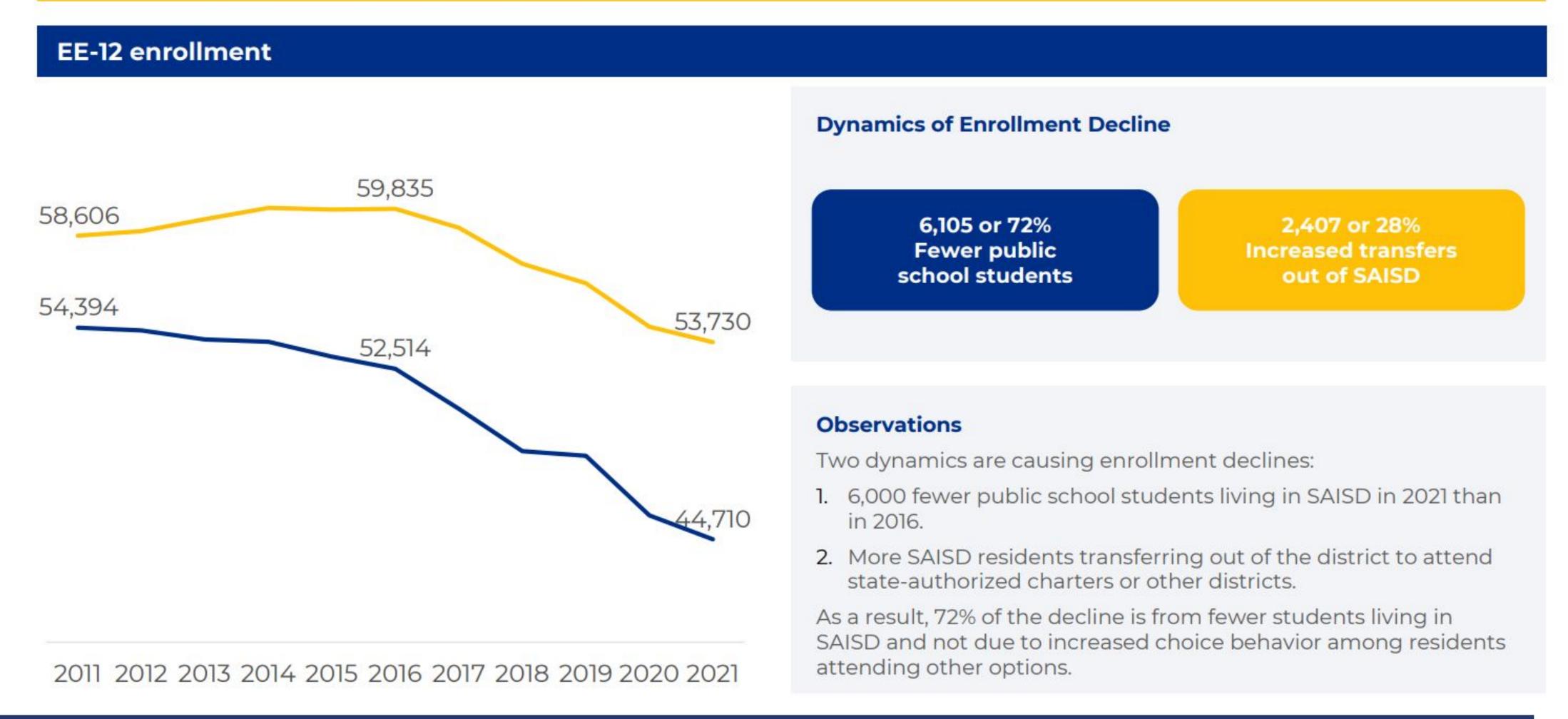
# Housing Prices Have Created Affordability Challenges





# Fewer School-Aged Children Are Live in the City

# 72% of SAISD enrollment declines since 2016 are due to fewer students living in the city





### Key Landscape Analysis Themes



Enrollment changes are primarily driven by factors outside of SAISD's control: the lowest birth rates in history combined with among the highest housing prices in history



Similar trends are impacting peer Texas urban districts as well as urban districts around the country



Trends go beyond the impact of COVID and are likely to continue impacting public school enrollment in the future, absent shifts in housing or birth rates



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- SAISD conducted a sealed bid process for the sale of various surplus properties in efforts to consolidate and raise funds for a new central office.
- Among the properties under the sealed bid process were Fox Tech baseball field and the Fox Tech football field.
- SAISD approved a bid to sell the aforementioned fields to Weston Urban. A contract to sell and convey the fields was being reviewed/revised in summer and fall of 2016.
- SAISD withdraws the sale as a result of the success and growth of the Cast Tech program, which SAISD anticipated would require additional land to support future growth.

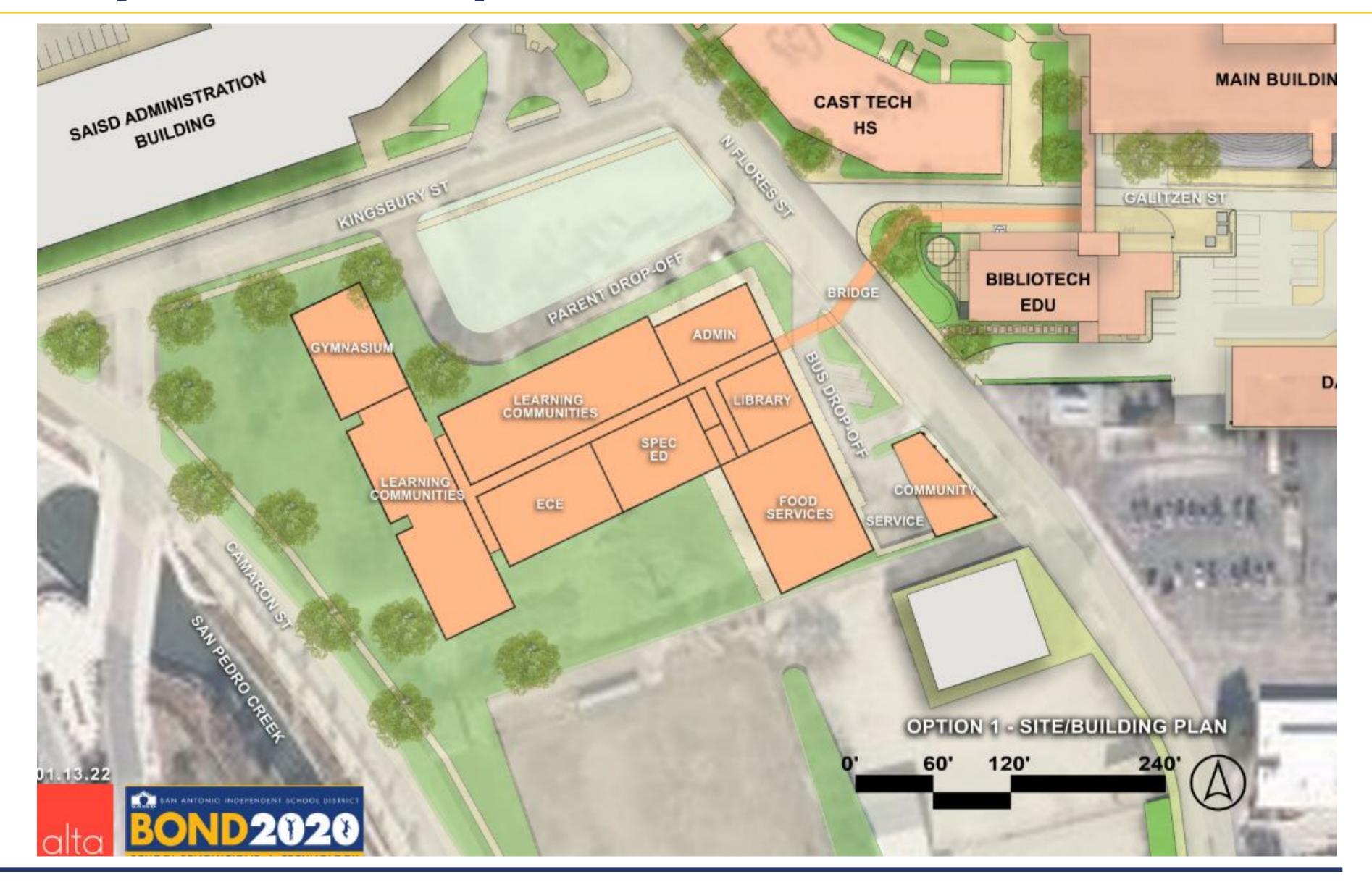


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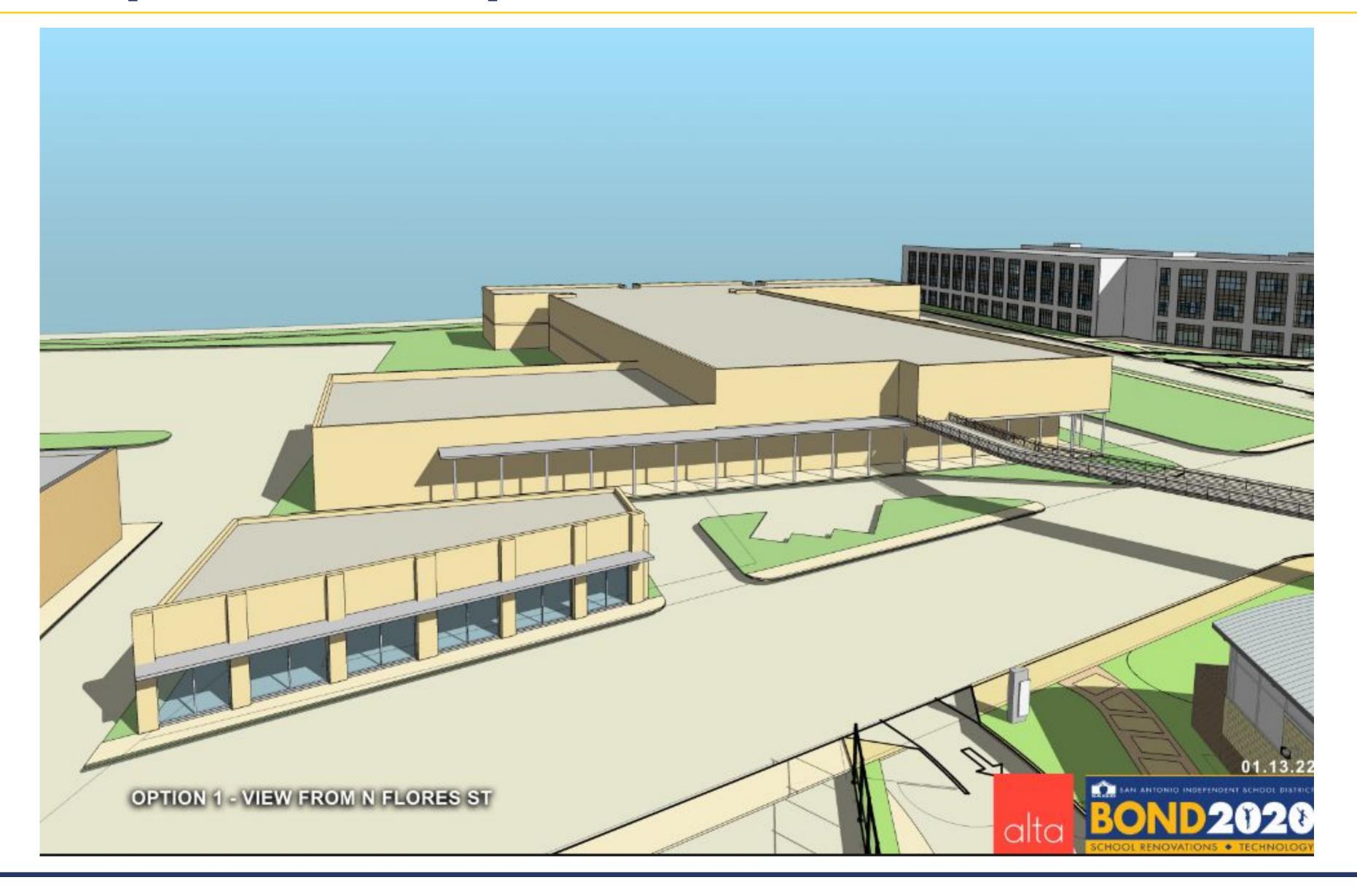


- The purpose of the proposed acquisition was to build a new Pre-5 elementary.
- The new elementary would allow the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA) to consolidate Pre-K through 2 grades (currently on Euclid Avenue) and 3 - 5 grades (currently on the Fox Tech campus) into one building.
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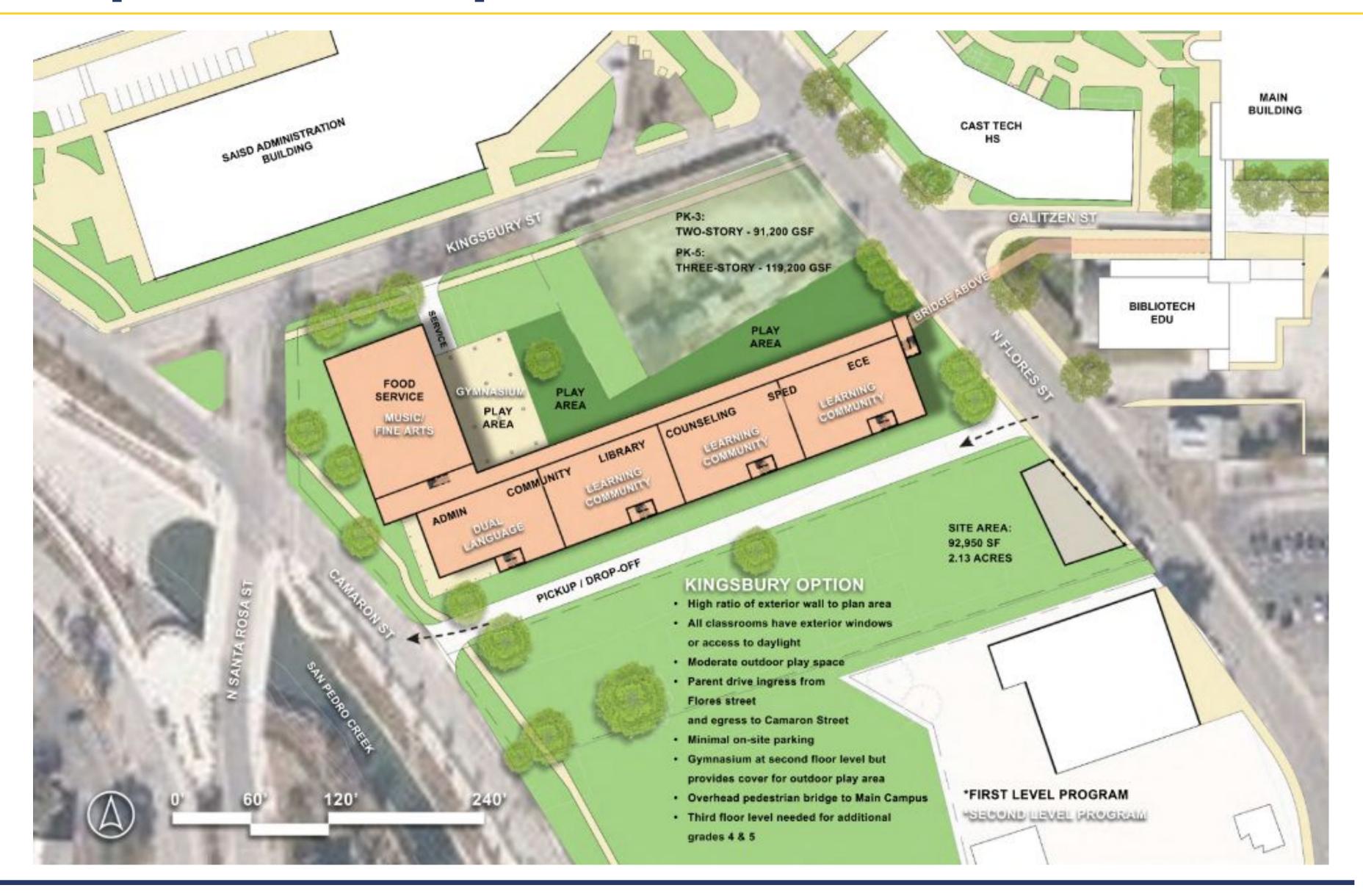






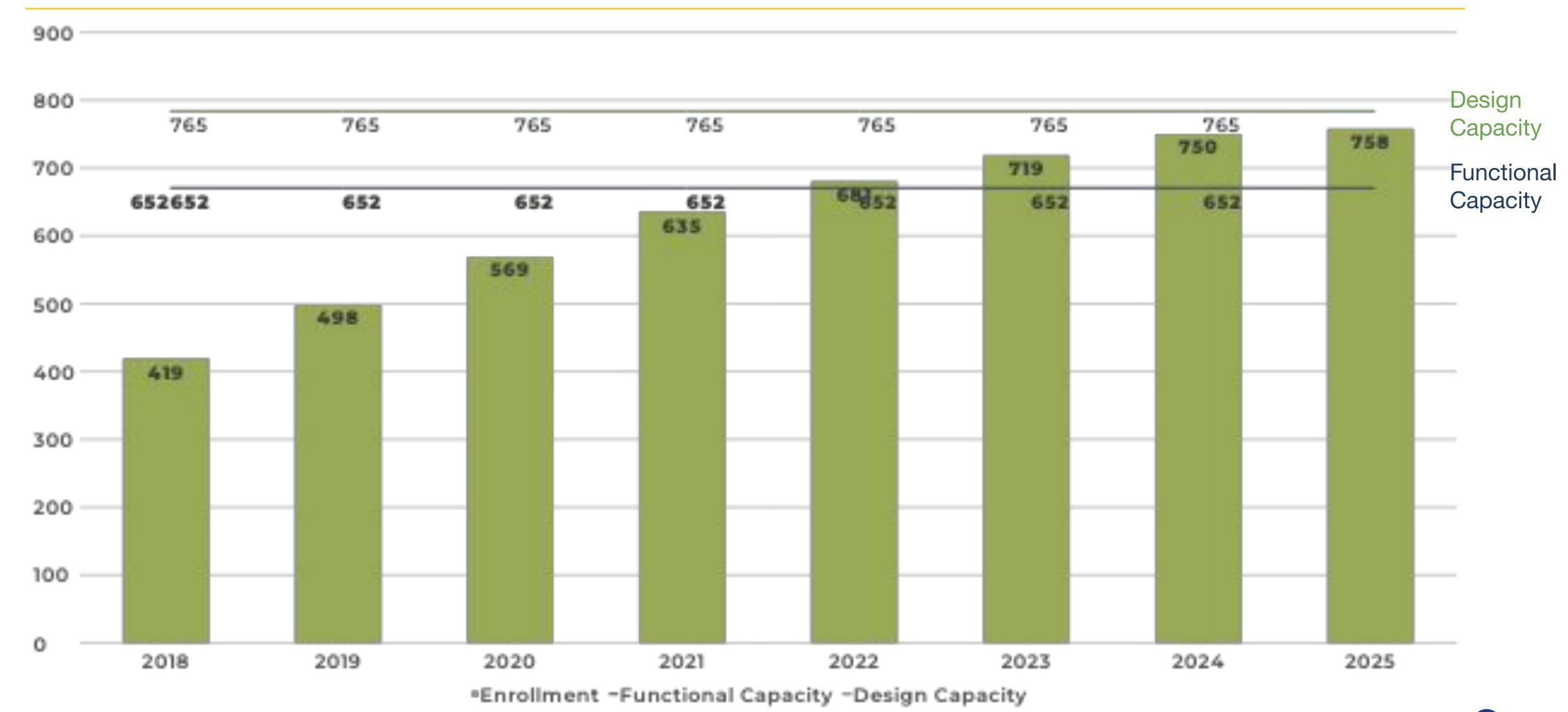






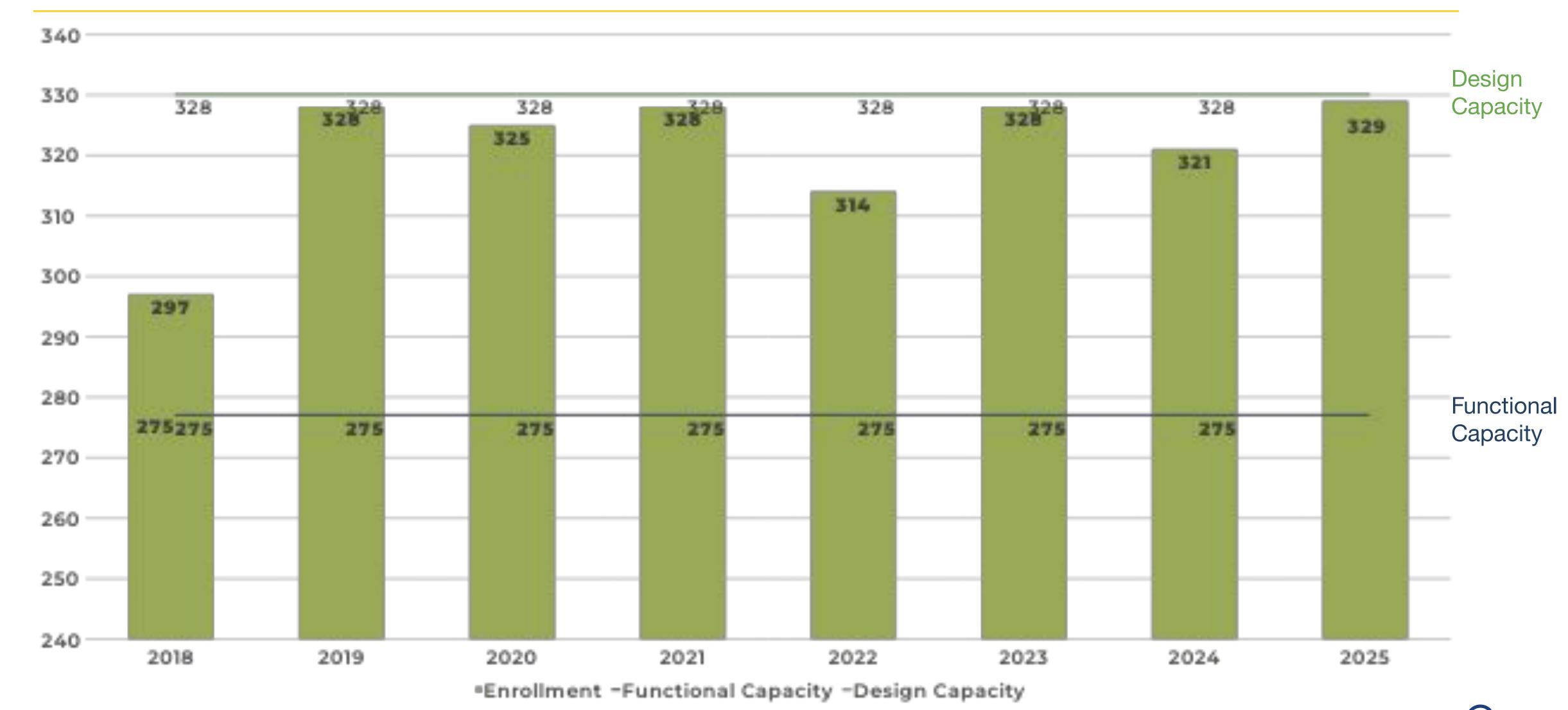


### **ALA Historical Enrollment**





#### ALA - Euclid Historical Enrollment





### Waitlist at ALA Euclid

Advanced Learning Academy Total		725		
ALA at Euclid				
Advanced Learning Academy	PK4	7		
Advanced Learning Academy	K	71		
Advanced Learning Academy	1	<b>57</b>		
Advanced Learning Academy	2	55		
Advanced Learning Academy	3	62		
ALA at Fo	ox Tech			
Advanced Learning Academy	4	101		
Advanced Learning Academy	5	84		
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Advanced Learning Academy	9	4		
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### Bond 2020 - ALA Euclid

#### 2024

- Over the past two months, the Division of Operations, including Construction & Capital Planning, has met with CAST and the ALA Euclid principal regarding ongoing building and construction challenges.
- The ALA Euclid building, formerly Austin Elementary, is over 130 years old.
- The age and condition of the building have presented significant challenges and we commissioned a Facilities Conditions
  Assessment (FCA) for a better assessment of the building.
- The condition of the building likely means that the 19 million bond will be spent primarily on infrastructure, and the remaining needs must be addressed in a future bonds.

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- A more significant challenge is that the ALA Euclid building may not be able to accomodate the existing Pre-K-3 graders with the addition of 4th and 5th grades as previously planned.
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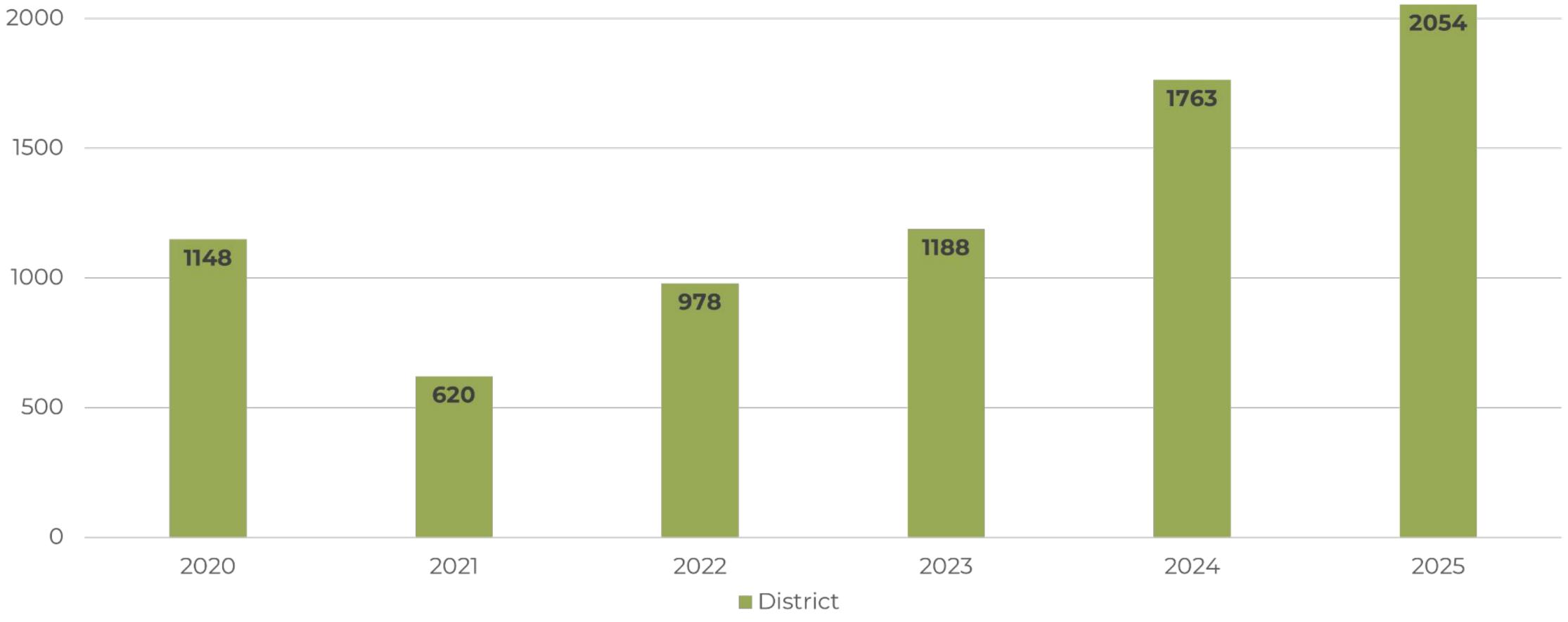
**2023 4,479 families 7,467 students** 

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# Number of Students Eligible for McKenny-Vento

2500





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# The Alternatives



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PK-5 for ALA to replace Euclid.		Flores St.









# Next Steps

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# **Next Step**

To request Board approval of Administration's recommendations as presented and to authorize the Superintendent to formally notify Parties involved.

