

# Austin Independent School District

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District Advisory Council



DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: Eduardo Ramos, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Andy Anderson, DAC Co-Chair  
Dr. Jane Ross, DAC Co-Chair  
Stephanie McGraw, DAC Coordinator

RE: DAC Strategic Budget Priorities for 2022-2023

Thank you for presenting very valuable information at the annual DAC retreat related to the coming year's budget. Based upon discussion and input from DAC member, following are DAC's top strategic budget priorities for 2022-2023, in alignment with the Board's strategic plan.

## **DAC Budget Priorities**

### **Student Well-Being & Achievement**

Continue to improve our Response to Intervention system that supports ALL student learners with an emphasize on Emergent Bilingual, SPED, and mental health services.

### **Teacher & Employee Well-Being**

Focus on teacher retention along with compensation for teachers when planning is needed to implement new district initiatives.

### **Culture of Respect / Customer Service**

Continue to fund our enrollment program to increase our student population.

### **Fiscal Stewardship & Prioritization**

Examine the cost of specific programs vs. overall expenditure for student academics. Prioritize teaching positions in our district.

Please consider these recommendations in preparation of the Preliminary Budget, and please convey them to the administration and Board as appropriate. As always, the DAC appreciates the opportunity to provide its perspective in this important district process.