

NEDERLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Citizens Advisory Committee
Report to the District
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Citizens Advisory Committee Leadership Team



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Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Information



- An estimated 100 CAC members participated throughout the six month facilities study
- Members represented all demographic groups and geographic areas within Nederland ISD including: parents, non-parents, staff, business owners, community leaders, young adults & senior citizens.
- CAC members were both nominated and were allowed to self-nominate. Anyone who wanted to be on the committee was encouraged to participate.
- One teacher from each campus was on the committee
- District administrators provided information only to the committee and did not vote

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Details



- The CAC has been meeting since September 2018
- Hosted six CAC meetings and we have met at a different campus in the district at each meeting
- Meeting Dates: Sept. 13, Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Dec. 11, Jan. 10 and Feb. 6
- We began by studying school district data such as facility conditions, demographic reports, financial information, tax rates, program needs, and other school district information.
- Research has been broad based, objective and inclusive.
- Our last CAC responsibility is to make a recommendation to the district.

Statistically Valid Community Survey Executive Summary



- The phone-based survey was conducted January 16-22
- The web-based survey was conducted January 15-24
- 1,018 qualifying surveys were completed (phone and web)
- There is a 95% confidence factor associated with this survey
- The survey margin-of-error (MOE) is 2.96%

Executive Summary Continued



- Survey responses indicate there is support for all projects, however, data exhibited potential bias that was treated with additional strategies
- After review of bias in the data, either new elementary schools or a new high school garnered excellent support.
- In addition to the community survey a survey was conducted for employees which also indicated strong support of projects.
- Safety & Security had greatest support of all projects
- Movement of 5th grade to elementary schools – Better academically & socially, continuity in curriculum, minimize investment long-term.

Bond Project Net Approval Favorability



■ Option 1 – New High School (\$82.7M)	63.6%
■ Option 1 – 4 New Elementary Schools (\$93.2M)	63.9%
■ Option 2 – Elementary School Upgrades (\$49.1M)	81.5%
■ Option 3 – High School Upgrades/CTE (\$38.6M)	80.7%
■ Option 4 – Middle School Upgrades (\$11.1M)	88.7%
■ Option 5 – Technology Initiative (\$4.8M)	89.1%
■ Option 6 – Safety & Security (\$4.5M)	94.6%
■ Option 7 – Stadium Upgrades (\$4.5M)	70.4%
■ Option 8 – Athletic Programs (\$16.9M)	60.5%

Citizen Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Board



After extensive discussion at the February CAC meeting, the committee is making the following recommendations to Nederland ISD.

- New High School (\$82.7M)
- Elementary School New Learning Areas and Improvements (\$49.1M)
- Middle School Improvements (\$11.1M)
- Technology Initiative (\$4.8M)
- Safety & Security (\$3.4M)
- Stadium Upgrades (\$4.5M)

New High School (\$82.7M)



- Includes but not limited to the following:
- Built at same location
- Focus on advancing CTE program needs
- Designed learning environment based upon program capacity and modern teaching practices to strengthen and expand the academic experience
- Performing Arts Center will remain in current location

Elementary School New Learning Areas and Improvements (\$49.1M)



- Includes but not limited to the following:
- Additional classrooms including flexible learning & teaching spaces
 - *5th grade expansion*
- Improved drop off/pick-up and parking
- Additional & improved restrooms
- Expanded and improved cafeteria & gym
- Additional program space for occupational and physical therapy

Middle School Improvements (\$11.1M)



- Includes but not limited to the following:
- Improved classrooms including flexible learning & teaching spaces
- Improved drop off/pick-up and parking
- Additional & improved restrooms

Technology Initiative (\$4.8M)



- Includes but not limited to the following:
- Fiber optics
- Infrastructure
- 1:1 devices

Safety & Security (\$3.4M)



- Includes but not limited to the following:
- District wide improvements
 - limiting physical access to campuses
 - additional cameras
 - safety vestibules

Stadium Upgrades (\$4.5M)



- Includes but not limited to the following:
- Field turf
- Improved restrooms
- Improved press-box
- Modified seating
- ADA required updates

Additional Recommendation



- Should bond money become available for improvements other than the listed projects, the committee would like the district to consider additional improvements to Bulldog Stadium. To include: field house/dressing rooms and concession stands.

Questions from Board of Trustees





BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Vision

Investment

Sacrifice

Challenges

