

The future of

# Becker Elementary School is still uncertain!

**AISD has proposed to CLOSE Becker Elementary School at the end of this school year and leave the building vacant.** Creating a regional pre-kindergarten center at Becker is no longer under consideration. The AISD Board of Trustees will likely vote on this at their meeting on Monday, March 27.

## **Why it is important to keep Becker Elementary School open**

Closing a school most parents and students walk or bike to does not support the city goals of creating vibrant, non-auto-dependent central neighborhoods. There is a tremendous amount of development in the city center and this neighborhood in particular, and closing Becker without careful consideration of the impact on the neighborhood and the city as a whole is short-sighted. This 70 year old neighborhood school provides a close-knit learning environment that is crucial to students' social development and academic success. Closing this school does not serve the students and will change the feel of the neighborhood. AISD should keep Becker open to allow time for the community and the district to explore alternatives for increasing enrollment.

### **What you can do to help save this historic neighborhood school:**

#### **1) Call AISD Board of Trustees to ask them to keep Becker Elementary School open – this is a very effective approach and worth your time. .**

Please help us send a clear message that Austin residents support keeping our urban core neighborhood schools open,. Ask the trustees to keep Becker Elementary School open to allow time for the community and the district to explore alternatives for increasing enrollment.

**AISD Board of Trustees:** email: [trustees@austinisd.org](mailto:trustees@austinisd.org), AISD office: 414-1704

Cheryl Bradley, 472-9554

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Mark Williams, 371-9338

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Patricia Whiteside, 442-7637

#### **2) Sign the petition to request more time to consider Becker Elementary's future**

Contact Lorie Barzano ([barzano@flash.net](mailto:barzano@flash.net)), 447-5577

#### **3) Pack the house at the next two AISD Board of Trustees meetings**

Your attendance at the next two meetings will send a clear message that this community cares about Becker Elementary School. Bring your family and neighbors. For rides, contact Shay Roalson, 426-9847 or Mary Diaz, 444-6342.

##### **March 20, Monday, 6 p.m. AISD auditorium, 1111 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street:**

The proposal to close Becker is on the agenda as a trustee discussion item. Wear the school colors, blue and gold, to show your support. Go Bobcats!

##### **March 27, Monday, 7 p.m. AISD auditorium, 1111 West 6th Street:**

This meeting will include public comment. The first 30 people who sign up at AISD during the day or before the meeting can speak for 2 minutes.

**The vote on Becker's future will likely take place at this meeting.**

**Your presence  
at AISD  
meetings will  
make a  
difference!**

**For more information, see the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association website:  
[www.bouldincreek.org/becker.html](http://www.bouldincreek.org/becker.html)**