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AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)

September 19, 2024

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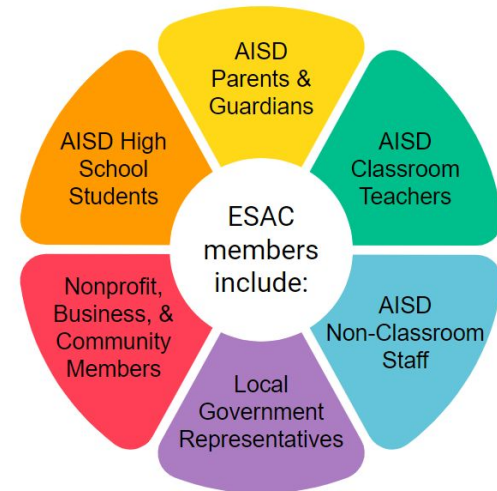@AustinISDGreen

HELLO!

Jeff Wacker, ESAC Co-chair

Mo Beacham, ESAC Co-chair

Darien Clary, Director of Sustainability/Staff ESAC Liaison

ESAC Purpose: To engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that enhance learning and support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.

Learn More

ESAC members include:
- AISD Parents & Guardians
- AISD Classroom Teachers
- AISD Non-Classroom Staff
- Local Government Representatives
- Nonprofit, Business, & Community Members
- AISD High School Students

To accomplish its purpose, the ESAC shall:

- Serve as an advisory body to the Superintendent

- Foster communication & collaboration among members

- Serve as a means for members & the public to remain current in the status of sustainability and related initiatives at AISD.

- Support the 2011 Environmental Sustainability Policy (CL)LOCAL and ongoing efforts to reach new heights for sustainability in infrastructure and operations, teaching and learning, and community engagement.

Reminders about ESAC

ESAC Has a listserv!
AISD_esac@googlegroups.com please use it for sharing news, info, updates with your ESAC colleagues.

ESAC has a google share drive! tinyurl.com/ESACfiles
Please keep your subcommittee files here. You can also access templates and see what other subcommittees are up to! We will add members to the drive.
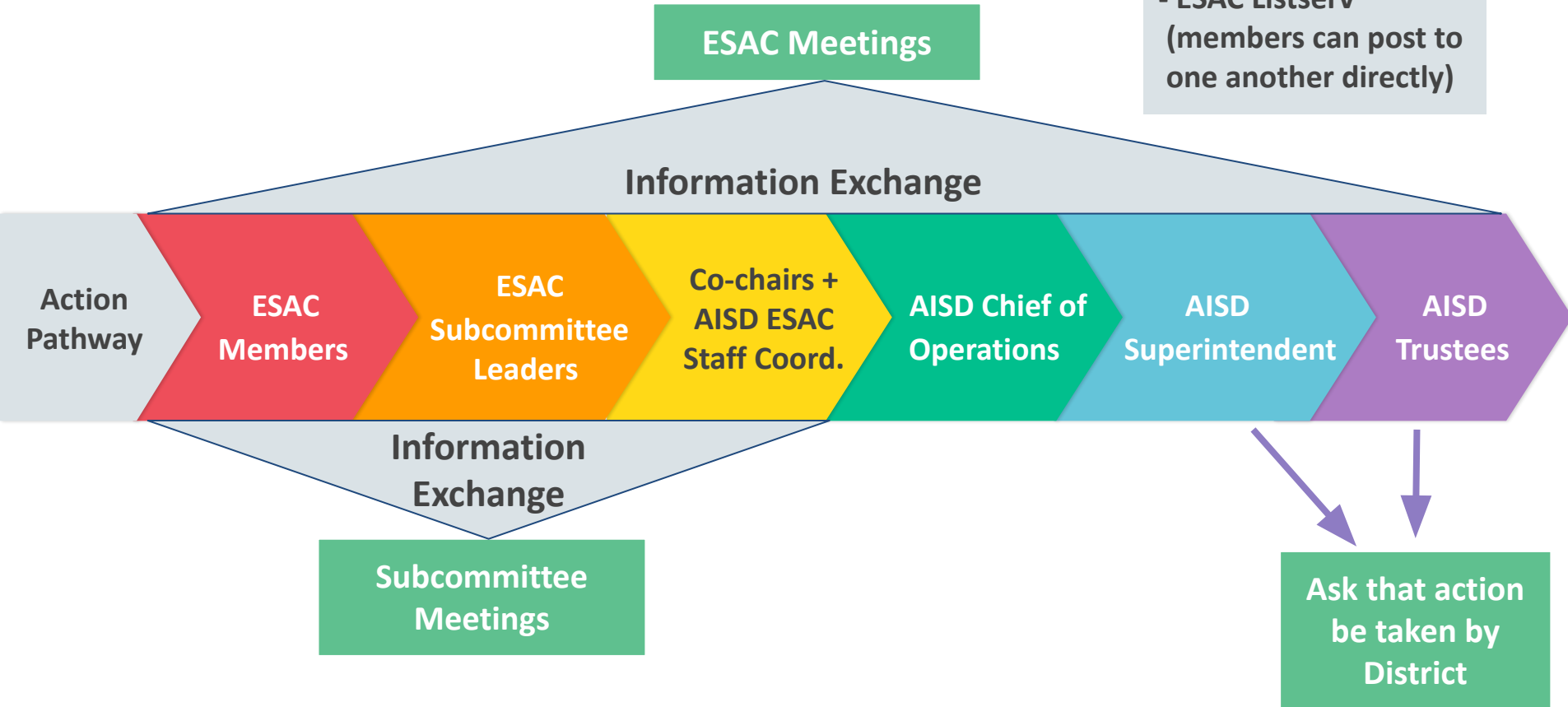
ESAC has a website!
www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac Great for knowing when meetings take place, reviewing previous meeting materials/videos, seeing general info about the committee.

AGENDA

I. (Optional Green Building Tour)	4:40-5:25
II. Welcome & Connect	5:30-5:50
III. Public Comments*	5:50-5:55
IV. AISD Budget Committee Updates	5:55-6:05
V. ESAC & Strategic Planning Recap	6:05-6:20
VI. Amenity Mapping Update	6:20-6:30
VII. Working Group Pitches	6:30-6:55
VIII. Working Group Connect	6:55-7:25
IX. Final Thoughts & Closing	7:25-7:30

Environmental Stewardship
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Welcome
& Connect

Public Comments

Visit austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac/meetings to submit public comments by noon the day of the meeting
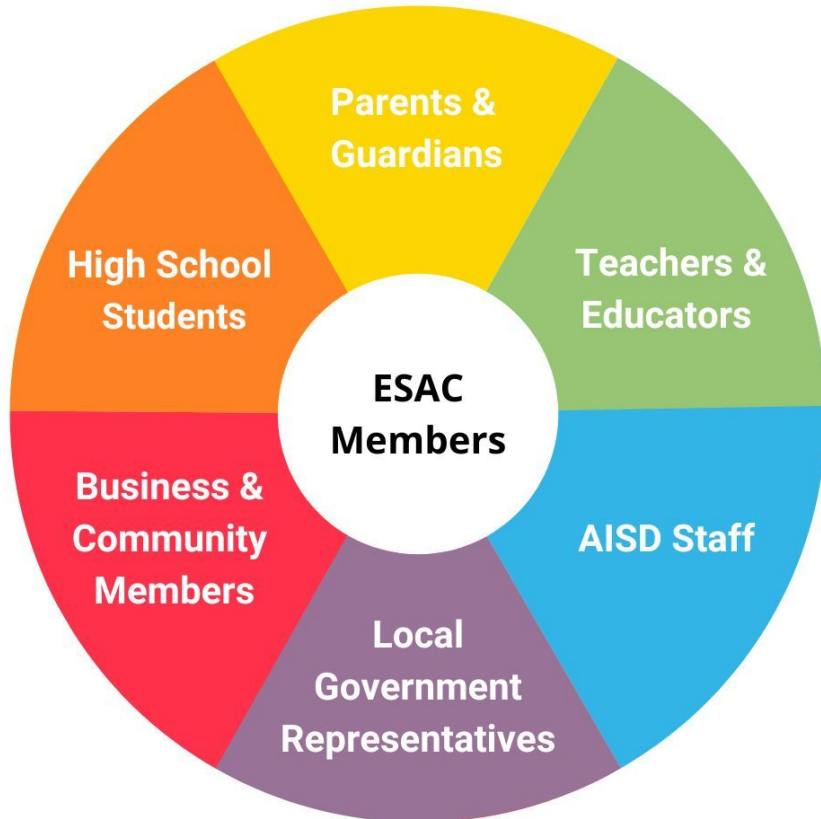
Announcements

Approve Minutes

Strategic Planning Recap

Membership | Big Topics | Working Groups

Membership

ESAC Members wheel: Parents & Guardians, Teachers & Educators, AISD Staff, Local Government Representatives, Business & Community Members, High School Students

6 AISD high school students
- No open positions

6 parents of AISD students
- *1 open position*

6 AISD classroom teachers
- *1 open position*

6 AISD non-classroom staff
- *2 open positions*

12 representatives from businesses, nonprofits, & the community
- *1 open position*

6 representatives from local government
- No open positions

Total = 42 voting member positions

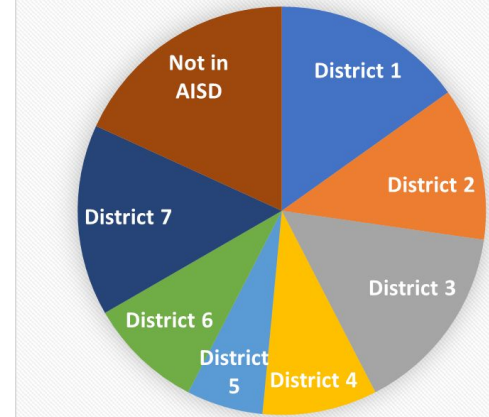APPLY HERE!

SY 2024-2025 Members

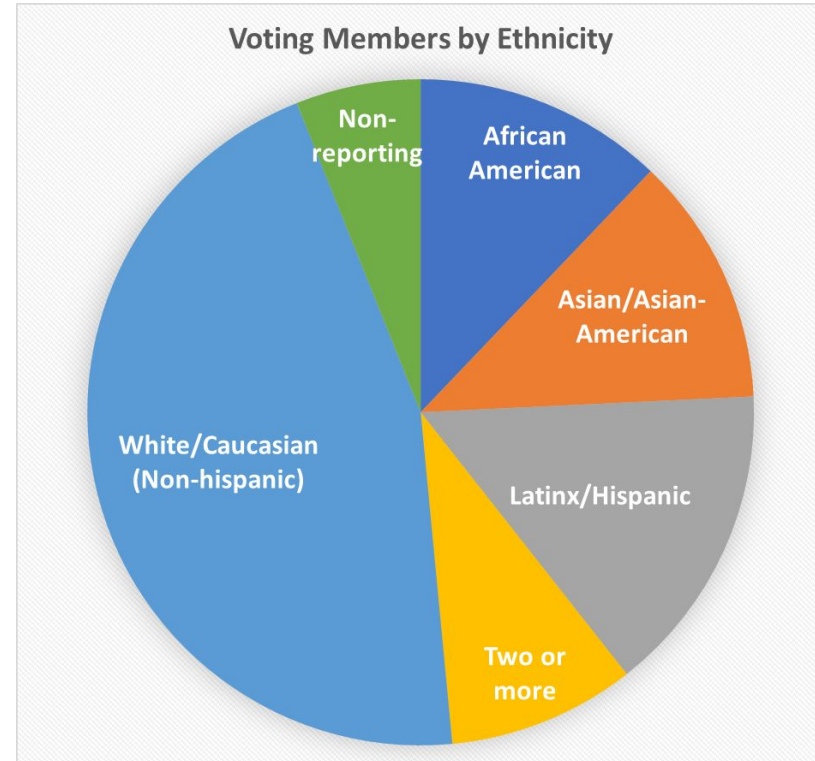Voting Members by category, cumulative
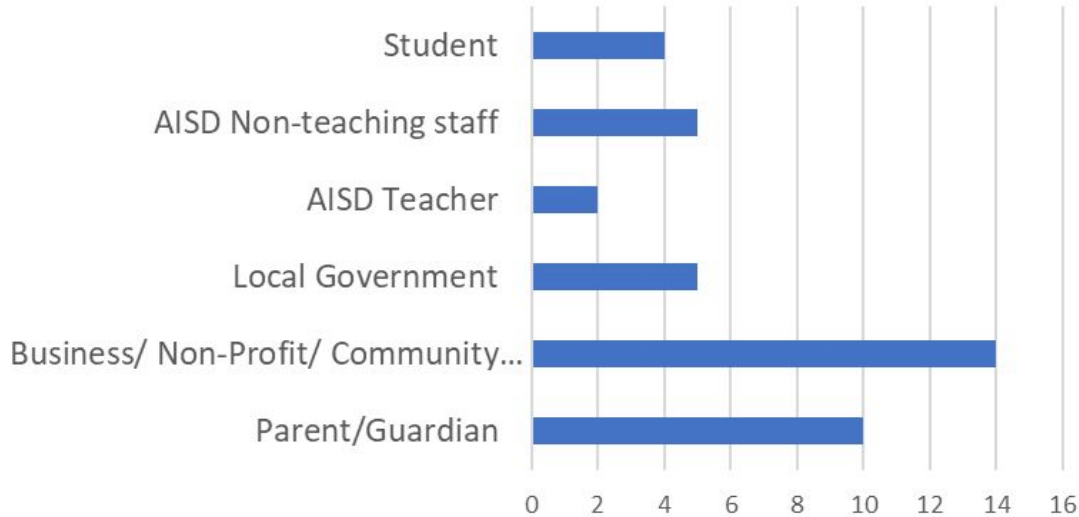
Votng Members by Trustee District

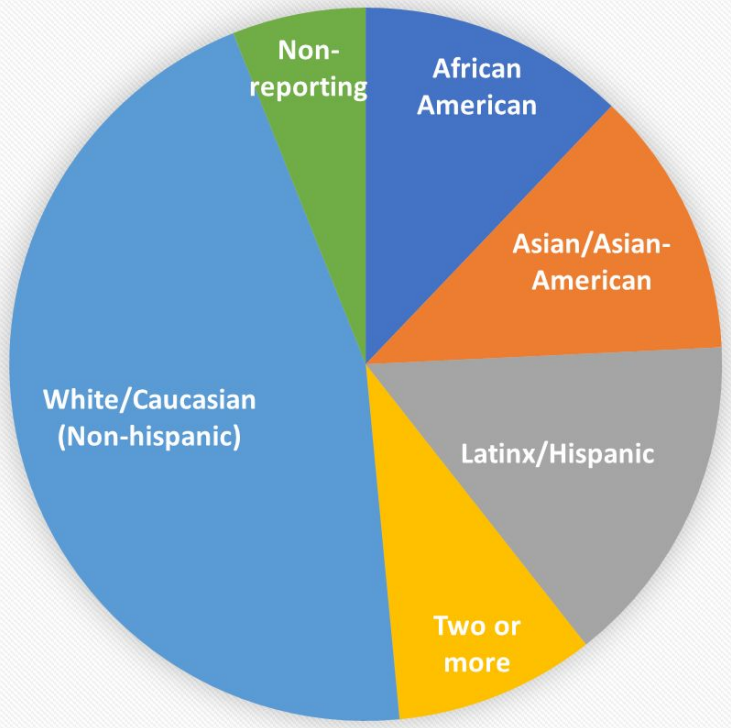**Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)**

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SY 2024-2025 Members (cont'd)

Ethnicity - How do you identify?

African American
Asian
Asian Latino
Asian/White
Austin
Black
Caucasian
Caucasian (Eastern European)
Filipino
Hispanic
Hispanic White Identifying, Biracial
Indian
Indian (Asian)
Indigenous Americas - Mexico

Italian/German
Latina
Latina/Hispanic
Latinx/White
Mexican/Latinx
White
White/European descent
Non-reporting

Voting Members by Ethnicity
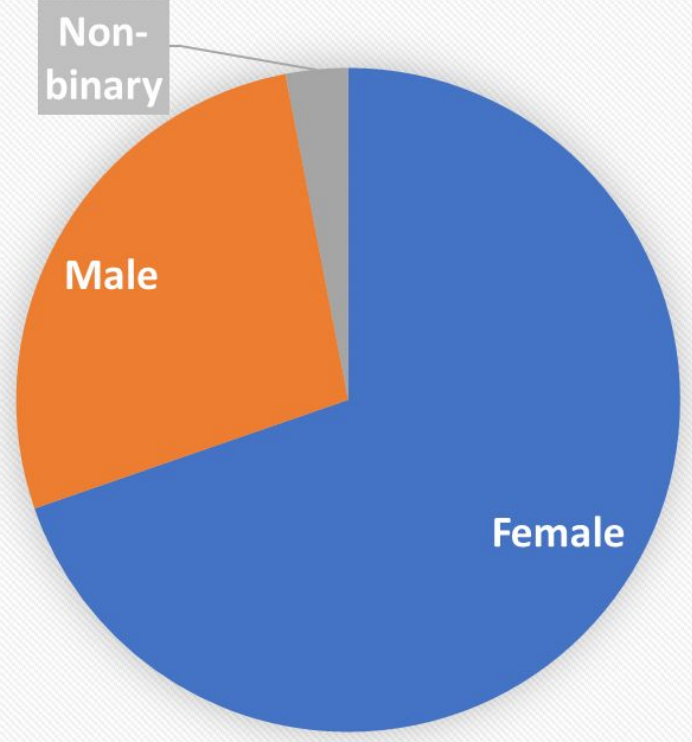
SY 2024-2025 Members

Big Topics

BOND PROGRAM AUSTIN ISD 2022

InCharge

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Total Expenditure Budget: $1.86 billion

To State (Recapture) | Austin ISD

Legend
Payroll Costs 87%   Contracted Services 8%   Supplies & Materials 4%   Other Operating 4.5%

Austin ISD Generates More Solar Power Than ALL Texas School Districts Combined!

Austin American-Statesman
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1871

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Austin school district ramps up creating affordable housing for teachers, staff

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Ad Hoc Joint Budget Committee

Proposed Cuts	
1. Remove Elementary Planning Time	14. Adopt State Curriculum and OER
2. 7 of 8 at Secondary Level	15. Eliminate Non-required Buses
3. 7 of 8 at Secondary for non-core	16. Consolidate Schools
4. Change Staffing Ratio	17. Eliminate Summer School
5. Increase Counseling Ratio	18. Remove Magnet Allocations
6. Change Librarians to Aides	19. Reduce Academic Programming
7. Eliminate Nurses	20. Reduce CTE at MS
8. Eliminate Non-required Stipends	21. End Creative Learning Initiative
9. Restructure Central	22. Reduce all Multilingual Instruction
10. Sell/Monetize Central Office	23. End ECHS and P-TECH programs
11. Eliminate Community Services	24. Eliminate Social Services
12. End Historical Exemptions	25. Reduce Contracted Services
13. Monetize Real Estate Holdings	

Join the Next Public Meeting on Tuesday, Sept 24th at 5:30pm
https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/87965134459?pwd=GGnl5mnJjTAANu0H
BXao0MUSuNvAeQ.1&from=addon#success

Budget

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	2016	2023 Adopted
Recapture	$266,073,630	$940,481,763
Enrollment	83,270	73,681

- $30M cuts took place in Summer 2024
- Recapture, or "Robin Hood" legislation: $940M in 2023

austinisd.org/budget/process
https://www.austinisd.org/budget/recapture

Meeting feedback

FUN LOVE IT + INSPIRED
- School tours (before ESAC mtng)
- Opportunities from relationships
- Being @ Schools

IMPROVE MTNGS
- Student Involvement - hear from them!
- Host at a school during day - invite students — host @ school w/ ESAC students (as general mtng or) extra

+ DIFFERENCE
b/c of a meeting
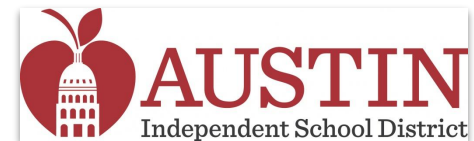- Joint USE Advocacy

♡ RECAP
- Align w/ AISD Sust Plan
- 3-5 yr goals for ESAC
- ↑ Visibility of how ESAC works
  w/ students
  - Photos, Social media, Family/Staff newsletters, etc.
- Ongoing ESAC "sparks" move forward
- New ideas/Actions seeded
- Action!
- Reporting on what has been saved $ + qual. data

Change the World!

Eco-Feature Assessments

ESAC Working Group 2023-2024

Completed Assessments

- Andrews ES
- Barrington ES
- Cook ES
- Harris ES
- Hill ES
- Houston ES
- Langford ES
- Linder ES
- Oak Hill ES
- Oak Springs ES
- Odom ES
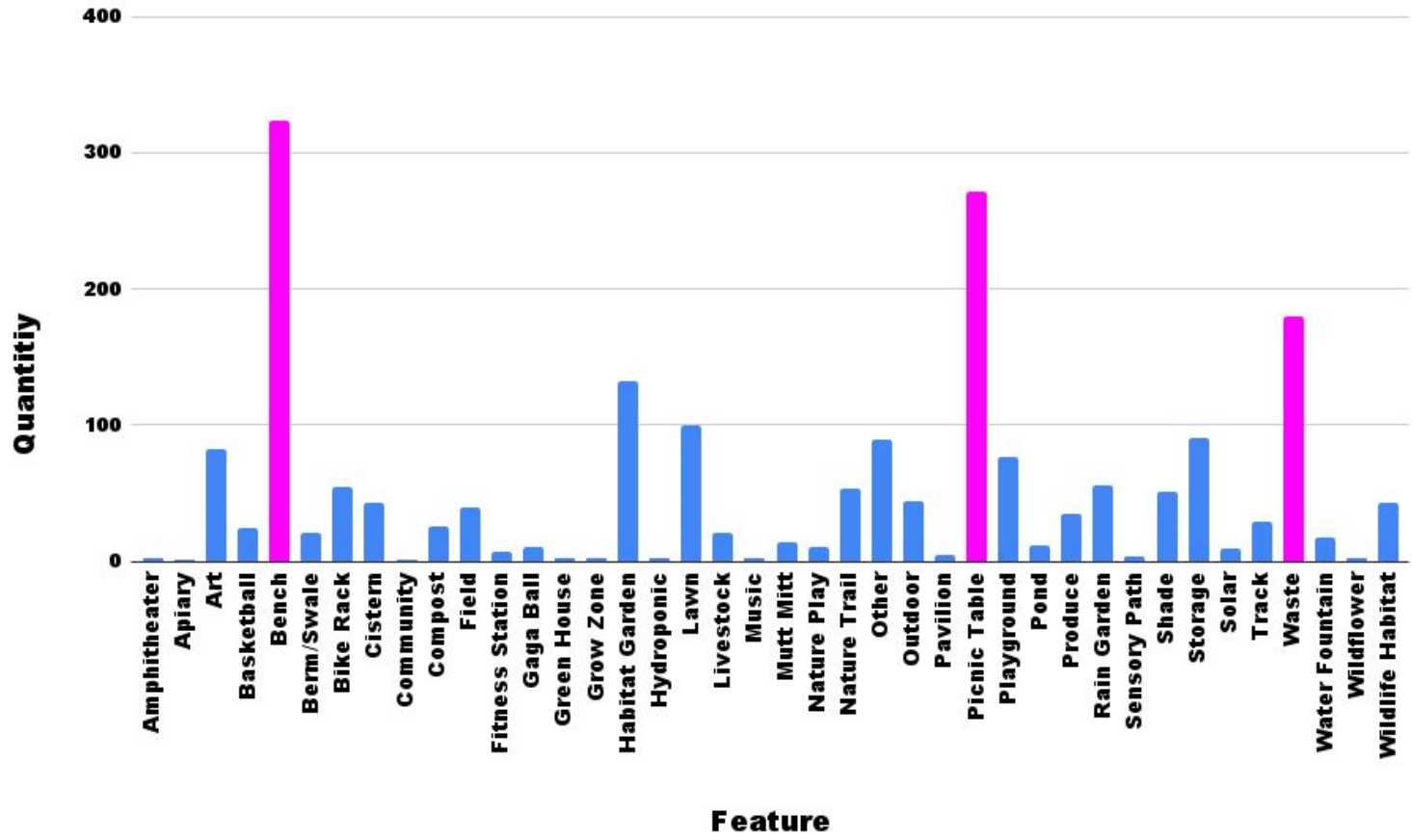- Pecan Springs ES
- Allison ES

- Reilly ES
- Williams ES
- Wooldridge ES
- Burnet MS
- Dobie MS
- Martin MS
- O. Henry MS
- Austin HS
- LBJ ECHS
- Travis ECHS
- Small Middle School
- Kealing MS
- Navarro ECHS

McCallum & Northeast ECHS Scheduled

Average Infrastructure Quality

Quality (y-axis, scale 0 to 3)

School (x-axis)

Schools (left to right): Allison ES, Andrews ES, Austin HS, Barrington ES, Cook ES, Harris ES, Houston ES, Langford ES, Linder ES, Oak Hill ES, Oak Springs ES, Odom ES, Pecan Springs ES, Reilly ES, Williams ES, Wooldridge ES, Wooten ES, Burnet MS, Dobie MS, Kealing MS, Martin MS, O Henry MS, Small MS, Crockett HS, LBJ HS, Navarro HS, Travis HS
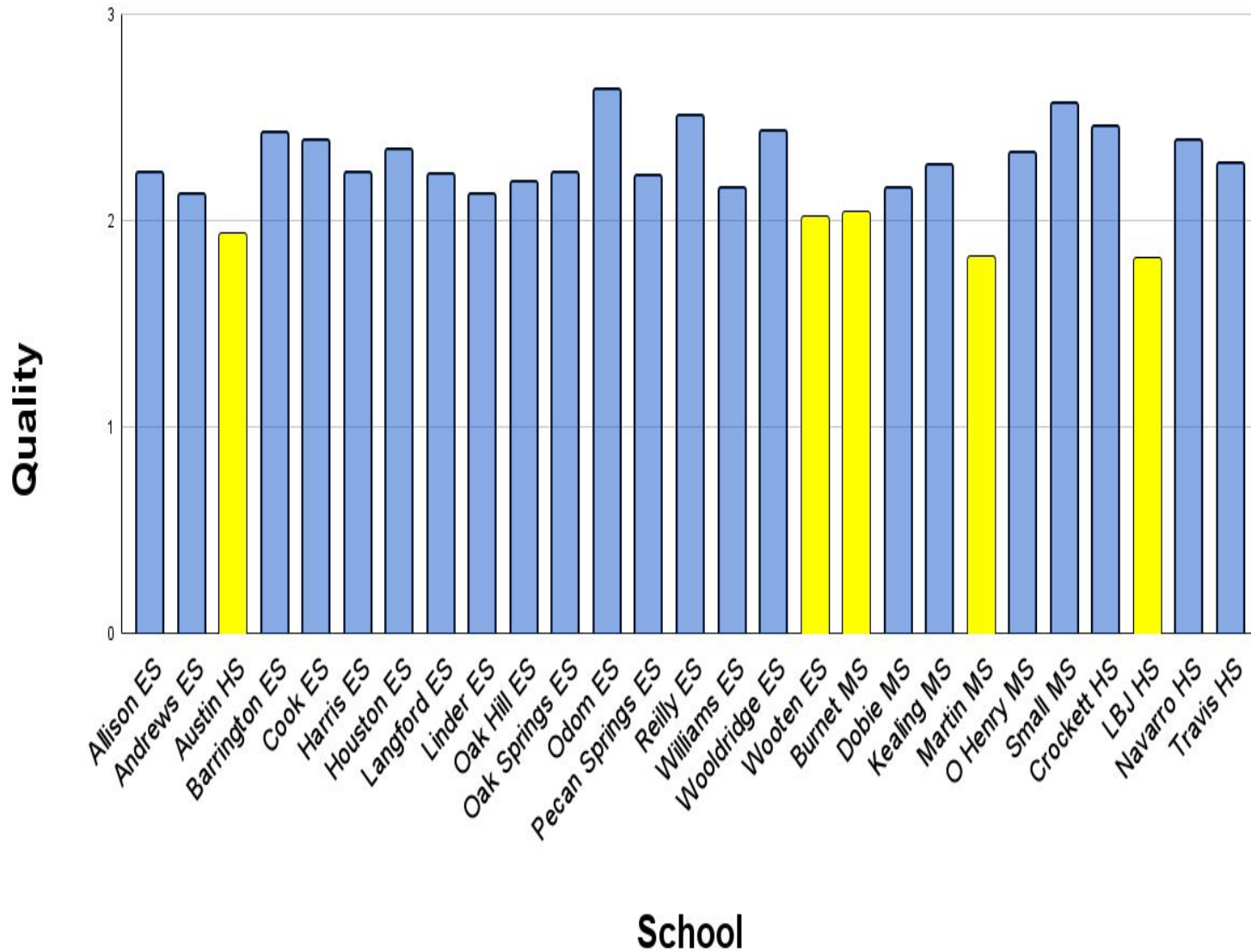
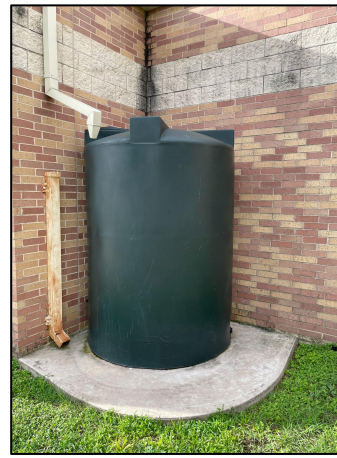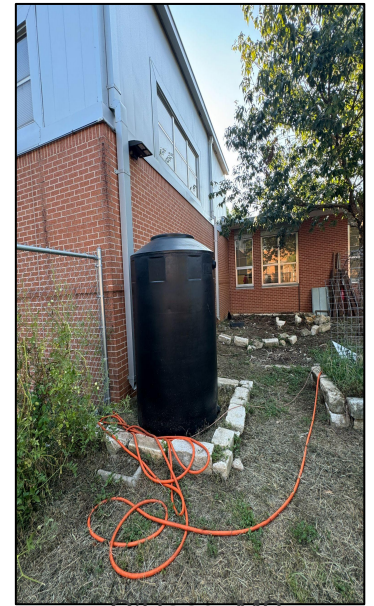Low = 1
Medium = 2
High = 3

Waste
Travis ECHS

Barrington ES

Williams ES

Wooldridge ES

O'Henry MS

Reilly ES

Small MS

Next Steps

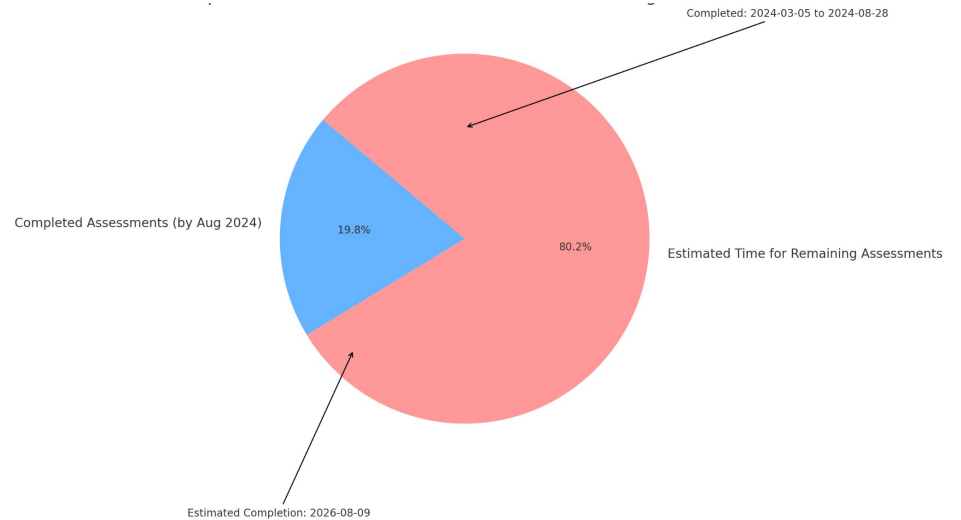- Rehoming features
- Data analysis
- Mapping
- Summary for district
- Partner connection
- Repair
- Ongoing maintenance
- Continue assessments?

Completed: 2024-03-05 to 2024-08-28

Completed Assessments (by Aug 2024)

19.8%

80.2%

Estimated Time for Remaining Assessments

Estimated Completion: 2026-08-09

2024-25 Working Groups

Propose a group or join one here:
tinyurl.com/ESACWorkGroups

Forming a Subcommittee / Working Group

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- **Any ESAC member may propose a Working Group or Subcommittee.**

- The proposer should have the capacity to (co-)lead or find someone for the role.

- (Co-)lead responsibilities include:

  - Ensure meaningful participation for members

  - Organize/host meetings and communicate about activities

- **Every ESAC member should serve on at least one group.**

We can help make connections!

Working Groups

ESAC Member Skills/Vol & Private Sector / Work
database of
Vol groups
(encouraging vol
@ cad schools that don't
have active PTAs etc)
Staff vol days
(ACF database)

Resources
for outdoor learning maintenance —
Peer sharing platform for success
- Outdoor design maint. manual
- Contractor specs

Legislative action / cnxns w/ ACPTA, etc.

Sustainability info/network w/ other TX
Districts

School Recognition /Award

WG 2! SOLUTIONS

- Get word out/support from Academics
- Piggyback on Take me Outside Day

ZW - Refocus on other aspects
• ZW in construction + Amenities
• Waste sorting education
• Employee training
- AISD Staff involvement
→ Tracy!

scrap/recycle
reuse + $
for relocation
de-construction
Audit

EW - find cnxns @ Schools

Working Group Ideas!

• Connection b/t ammenity
mapping + repurposing excess
usable materials

• ESAC member resource/skill list
(could be used for AISD campuses + fielding
requests for help from other districts)

• Coordination + fundraising for
outdoor amenity rescue for modernized schools

• AI/green tech & student engagement
Geoinformatics + Env. Data
(imagery for Amenity mapping)
(Students interested in mapping, AI) SMALL MS/ANN RICHARDS
UT Urban Forest + Cntr sustainability

• ZW staff person + Waste Assessment /business

• Urban Forest Rangers / Micro Forests
Tree →

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Organizing Our Work

	ESAC Meetings	Google Group Listserv	Subcommittees	Working Groups
Purpose	Network, share updates, vote	Share updates & resources	Strategize, make recommendations, support staff, network	Strategize, take quick action, organize events & activities
Frequency	Every other month	Any time	Varies, historically every other month	As needed, historically high frequency for short time
Examples	● This meeting!	● Event & job announcements ● Articles of interest ● Meeting reminders	● Equity & Community Engagement ● Energy & Water ● Food & Nature ● Transportation & Air Quality ● Zero Waste & Procurement	● Joint Use Agreement ● I-35 Air Quality ● Outdoor Dining

Working Group pitches

- **Amenity Mapping Working Group**
- **Zero Waste**
- **Energy Engagement at Schools**
- **A.I. for Green Career Pathways**
- **Take Me Outside Day Promotion**
- **Outdoor Learning Amenity Rehoming - Coordination and Fundraising**
- **ESAC member Resource List**
- Outdoor Learning peer sharing platform for design and maintenance
- Legislative Affairs
- ESAC Awards to Schools
- ESAC Member Engagement Activities
- **New ideas?** - Walk/Bike to School,

FY 24-25 Meeting Dates

All meetings are 5:30-7:30pm.

September 19, 2024 (in person)
November 14, 2024 (virtual)
January 29, 2024 (virtual)
March 26, 2025 (virtual)
May 21, 2025 (in person)

SAVE THE DATE

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We can change the World

with our own two little hands

THANK YOU for all you do to help AISD be green!