

Hill Elementary School 2022 Bond FAQs

- 1. What projects will Hill Elementary School receive as part of the 2022 Bond? Hill Elementary School will receive the second and final phase of its modernization through the 2022 Bond, building upon the work of the 2017 Bond to complete the modernized campus. Improvements will include a secure entry vestibule, flexible learning spaces to support a variety of learning styles, outdoor learning opportunities, and educator collaboration areas.
- 2. How much will this project cost?

The total project budget for Hill is \$30,715,000. This includes the budget for construction, as well as associated fees for services and materials.

- 3. What is the project timeline? When will it be open to students? The design process for Hill's modernization will begin in spring 2025, with construction anticipated to begin in spring 2026. The modernized campus is expected to be open to students in spring 2028.
- 4. What is a phased modernization project?

A phased modernization is part of a full modernization plan (to address building deficiencies, educational suitability, capacity, etc.) that is in line with the Educational Specifications and Project Development Manual.

- 5. Which spaces will be renovated as part of the phased project?
 As outlined in the 2022 Bond Book, Hill Elementary School will receive Phase 2 (of 2) of a modernized campus, which includes flexible learning spaces, mental health areas and a secure entry vestibule.
- 6. How will construction impact students and teachers? Will they have to relocate to portables or another location during construction?

 The safety of our students and staff during construction is our top priority. In order to achieve this, it will be necessary to relocate, or "swing" students and staff into portable buildings either on or off-site. Information regarding swing will be shared with families, staff and community members well in advance of any temporary moves.
- 7. How will construction impact neighbors who live near the school?

 Neighbors in the immediate area surrounding the school will be notified before the start of construction and will be made aware of any major changes during construction. While every project is different, activities to expect include; temporary fencing installed around the active construction site, trucks entering and exiting the primary construction area; neighbors may hear backup alarms

while equipment and trucks are on site. There will also be hammering, drilling and other general construction equipment noises.

- 8. What steps are being taken to keep students safe during construction?

 All contractors and vendors who work on an Austin ISD campus will have gone through a full background check. Any areas of the campus that are under construction will either be fenced or have temporary walls to prevent students from entering active construction areas. The project team coordinates with campus leadership to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.
- 9. What happens to the contents of a building that is being modernized? Austin ISD is committed to sustainability and recycles or re-purposes as much as possible from buildings that are being modernized or remodeled.
- 10. How do I get involved with the project and provide input?

A Campus Architectural Team (CAT) will be formed in 2025 to provide input on the project. CAT meetings are open to the public and public comment will be allowed at the start of each meeting. There will also be public community meetings over the course of the project for families, staff and community members to get an update on progress and provide input. Those meeting dates and times will be published at AustinISD.org and AISDFuture.com once they are confirmed.

11. Who can I contact with questions or feedback?

For additional information on the 2022 Bond, please reach out to the district using the Comment Form.