



**AISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARGE
to the
2013-2014 FINANCIAL FUTURES COMMITTEE**

Since its inception in 1992, the Financial Futures Committee (previously named the Citizens Budget Review Committee) has provided the AISD Board of Trustees with valuable input from the community through insight into the community's expectations. The Board believes the function of the Committee is vital to the Board, AISD administration, and taxpayers.

The Committee shall operate strictly within the charge approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and shall not assume the responsibilities or duties of the Board or the administration.

The Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of 25 members appointed by the Board of Trustees. Committee membership shall include:

- Two representatives from each of the six high school networks. Individuals serving the committee in this capacity must reside within their respective network attendance zone. Individuals related to an AISD employee by blood (consanguinity) within the third degree, or by marriage (affinity) within the second degree are not eligible for these positions.
- One employee representative from each of the three teacher associations (ATPE, TSTA, and UEA)
- One employee representative from the administration association (Arlington Administrators Association)
- Nine at-large non-employees who reside in the District

The committee shall represent equally all citizens, all students, all school campuses, and all taxpayers within the boundaries of the Arlington ISD.

The Committee shall operate within applicable AISD policies and regulations and applicable law.

All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.

The Board of Trustees will appoint the Committee chairperson.

The AISD administration shall be available to the Committee as required, but within limitations imposed by the administration's daily duties.

Each committee member will be asked to make a firm commitment to attend all committee meetings, and to participate in the final consensus report to the Board. Committee members shall miss no more than two Committee meetings to be eligible to vote on recommendations compiled by the Committee.

A majority of the Committee membership must be present at scheduled meetings in order for the Committee to conduct business.

Actions taken by the Board of Trustees on the recommendations presented by the Committee could include approval, amending, alteration, or non-approval of any or all parts of the final recommendations.

The Financial Futures Committee is charged with the following:

- Gather external and internal data on issues relating to Texas public education, including school finance and accountability, to understand how those issues affect AISD's general operating budget.
- Review and discuss the *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan to understand the impact that the plan may have on the budget.
- Review current staffing methods in relation to state education law and current administration protocol in order to fully assess the impact on the budget.
- Review the current general operating budget to gain an understanding of cost drivers.
- Identify and prioritize any programs, departments or expenditures the committee can agree by majority vote that the Board of Trustees should consider adding to or reducing/deleting from the budget. Committee may recommend that identified programs, departments, or expenditures be: (1) deferred to a future year budget or possible future bond election, (2) eliminated, or (3) outsourced.
- Review and discuss future financial plans for the District's Natural Gas Fund.
- Report advisory, consensus recommendations to the administration and Board regarding the 2013-2014 AISD budget at the Board meeting on April 18, 2013.