MOVING ON UP

HOW TRAVIS 6TH GRADE CAMPUS + SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES PREPARE LEARNERS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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> LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Participants will be able to **describe design principles** which relate to standalone 6th grade campus
- Participants will be able to **assess the appropriateness of various design strategies** that promote collaboration and teamwork in a learning environment
- Participants will be able to **apply the lessons from this evaluation** to inform their own school design efforts
- Participants will be able to **communicate** how the applied strategies can improve student engagement, learning, and wellbeing
...we are ABLE TO ADAPT TO THE KIDS and MAKE IT THE BEST SETTING for them.
> AISD MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- 7,000 6-8 grade students
- 3 6th grade stand-alone campuses
- 990 6th grade stand-alone students
CONCEPT OF 6TH GRADE ACADEMIES

...this school gave me an opportunity to be in ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for ONE MORE YEAR...and help me mature.
• Unusually diverse group of learners with few generalizations
• Moving from childhood to adolescence
• Mature physically but remain completely childish in other ways
• Peer group and pressure becomes a powerful force
TRANSITION
PLANNING PROCESS

...being in **SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES** makes students feel **SAFE** and gives them **CONFIDENCE**.
DESIGN DRIVERS

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- Student Outdoor Learning Spaces
- Separation of Individual Academic Spaces and Common Spaces
- Visual Supervision
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SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES
SPACE YOU LIKE

...I like walking down the HALLWAY and SEE ALL THE COLORS.
FAVORITE SPACES
MOVING ON UP
A SUCCESS STORY

...we want it to be a great FIRST EXPERIENCE into SECONDARY... to develop LOVE FOR LEARNING and be SUCCESSFUL at school.
TRAVIS 6TH ACCOUNTABILITY

ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE
MET STANDARD

- **Student Achievement**: 72 (Target: 60)
- **Student Progress**: 32 (Target: 30)
- **Closing Performance Gaps**: 43 (Target: 26)
- **Postsecondary Readiness**: 24 (Target: 13)
TRAVIS 6TH PERFORMANCE

- 96% Travis 6th grade students
- Students receiving reduced/free lunch
- 68% AISD students
PROJECT SUCCESS