

## DISD Board of Trustees Approves Memorandum of Understanding

The Lakewood Elementary Expansion Foundation (LEEF) is pleased to announce a major milestone in our pursuit of an addition to Lakewood Elementary. The Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its March meeting to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LEEF that supports our fundraising efforts. In addition, the MOU outlines a clear way forward for the handling of funds raised and the contracting of design and construction services.

LEEF would like to thank Dallas School Board Trustee, Mike Morath, for his support of our initiative, which helped to bring the MOU forward with a clear understanding of its purpose.

With the approval of the MOU, LEEF is poised to begin its fundraising efforts. The fundraising committee has grown to include 14 talented Lakewood Elementary parents committed to LEEF's mission of pursuing private funds through corporate and individual donors to build our much needed school addition. However, more volunteers are needed. *If you are interested in assisting with fundraising efforts, please contact Dabney Jungerman at 214-693-1023.*

Although we have a long way to go before the realization of our goal of providing our children with a healthy, light-filled learning environment that will meet the standards of the 21st century, approval of the MOU brings us a step closer. With the help of our community, we can raise the physical facilities of Lakewood Elementary to the level of its exemplary academic standards.

## Conceptual Design Study Completed

The conceptual design study of an expansion to Lakewood Elementary was completed in March. LEEF would like to thank the architectural firm of Good Fulton and Farrell for their excellent work on the study, as well as the community for its valuable input and support of the process.

We look forward to sharing the completed conceptual design plans, renderings and animation with the community at an open meeting before the end of the school year. The inspiring plans will help our community and potential donors visualize how the Lakewood campus can be transformed from its current state of disconnected, dilapidated portables to a light filled, secure environment prime for 21st century collaborative learning.

## Website Update

Visit the LEEF website to see drawings, presentations and opportunities for donors.

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