

Salado Independent School District Facility Assessment

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The only pictures are those that exclude student faces or sensitive materials

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Executive Summary

Interviews

I set a day to visit with each campus principal and tour each of the four campuses. On the day of the visit we discussed the purpose of my visit and the goals and possible outcomes of this facilities assessment. Each principal was asked to provide a list of needs and wants. The main needs and wants were gathered and compiled in this report. Also included in the report are examples of problem areas identified during the campus tour. Not all of the information was captured in written or visual form.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

When meeting with Ms. Nix at Thomas Arnold (TA) Elementary, I recall crediting the campus for the tech savvy door entry system. We discussed that the buildings are disconnected and on bad weather days the children are exposed to the elements in order to reach certain classroom destinations. Another thought discussed was that the kindergarten and first grade students are in a separate building from the main building. There is in fact a keyless entry pad and a camera on the door. The open areas make the campus vulnerable as potential trespassers can still maneuver through the campus parking lots, the parks behind the campus, and the gate to gain access to students in passing.

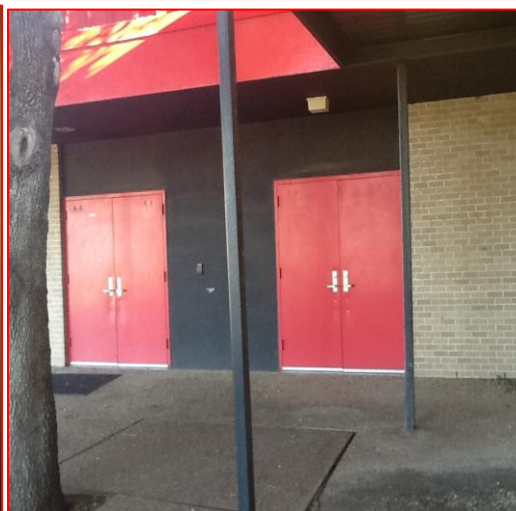
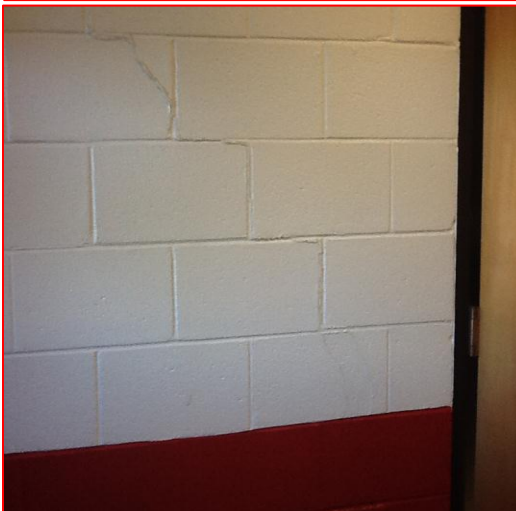
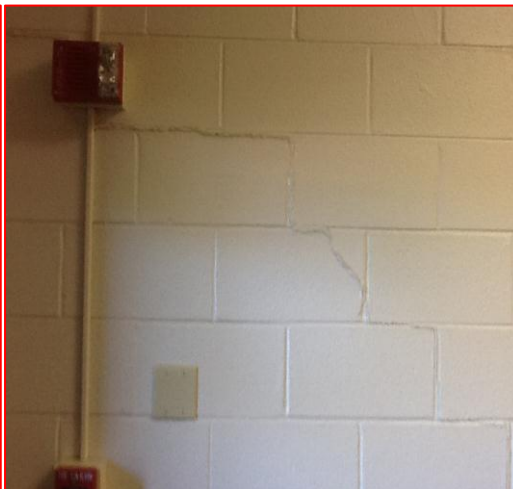
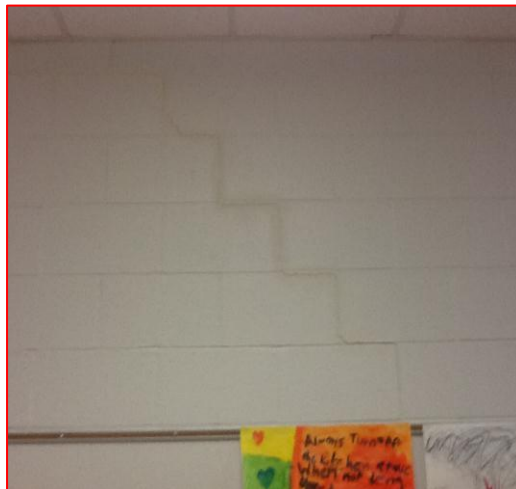
For lunch, the students go to the Intermediate School cafeteria. The cafeteria at the TA is too small to host a lunch because a large portion was renovated into a band hall. All three campuses on Thomas Arnold Street used the Intermediate School cafeteria. The cafeteria food prep area is used for storage and many of the kitchen supplies have been relocated.

TA is over 40 years old. The newest building was added in 1970s. The existing cafeteria does not have a stage. The computer room needs more AC to keep the CPUs from overheating. The outside basketball goal is leaning at about 70-80 degrees, which can become a safety hazard. There was a request for: more pea gravel, new floors, replacement of old and broken water fountains, energy efficient toilets and sinks, and proper conduit for internet, phone, and other cabling.

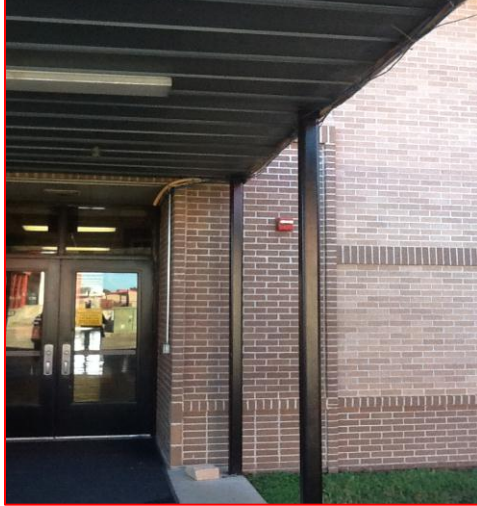
The most important issue is the fire alarm system. There are two systems. The gym is on a separate system, however neither system calls the volunteer fire department.

Please note that renovation is preferred over new construction. There was a request for enclosing walkways, reconstructing the cafeteria, and revisiting HVAC systems and windows.

Images from Thomas Arnold Elementary School









Salado Intermediate School

The facilities at Salado Intermediate School were significantly better than those at Thomas Arnold Elementary School. The biggest concern for the campus was the need for more computers, laptops for teachers, a new sound system, and connection of the fire alarm system to the fire department. The building is kept in pretty good shape. Some minor repairs are needed in the hallways on the walls. The principal was fairly happy with the building.

Images from Salado Intermediate School



Salado Junior High School

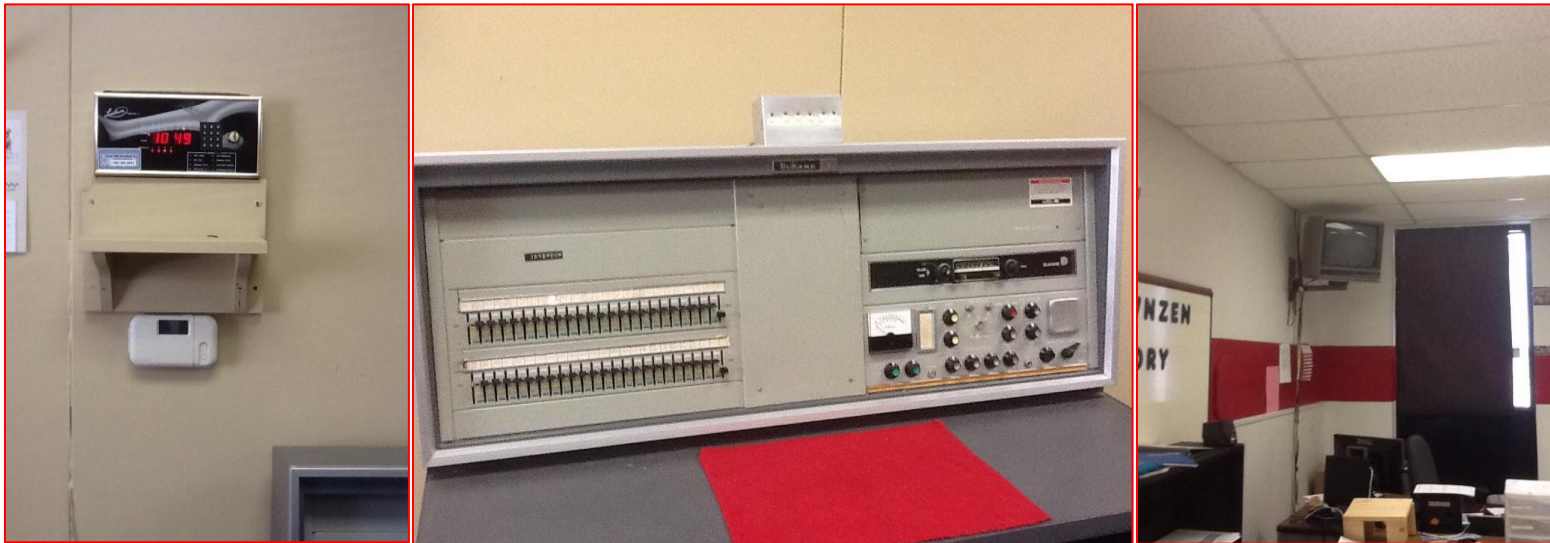
Salado Junior High School use to serve as the High School for Salado ISD. The building is in need of storage, massive facility renovations, and upgrades in technology (and wiring), plumbing, and electrical systems. The building was built in 1979. There is currently enough space for the number of students enrolled. The HVAC system is from 1978 or so. The bell and PA system needs to be replaced. As with all of the other buildings, the fire alarm needs to be connected to the volunteer fire department. Technology needs include teacher laptops and class sets of tablet devices for students.

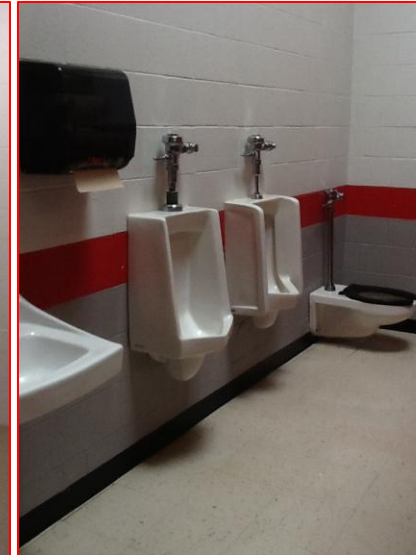
The principal and I toured the athletic facilities for the junior high school and the shared facilities for the high school. We discussed the flooding areas, the issues with the stadium lighting, the lack of adequate seating for games, and a locker room overhaul needed. During our tour I noticed the outdated PA system in the gym and pour wiring in parts of the building for electrical devices.

The current students in band go to the elementary for class. If the elementary is use there cafeteria again, ther will be a need for the band hall to be relocated back in the junior high building. This means space need to be established for the theater and choir program at the junior high school.

Almost every classroom has an old TV mounted in the room that is not in use. The water fountains, showers, and restrooms are outdated and need updating in the building. This could provide savings if replaced with energy efficient devices. There are only enough showers for a few students to use them at a time. A girl's locker room needs to be renovated and equal to the boy's facilities (TITLE IX).

Images from Salado Junior High School









Salado High School

Salado High School was built in 2008. The building is further north on IH 35 from the other 3 campuses. The principal discussed the high performing students in theater, speech, and cross country. He mentioned that in the upcoming year or so the school district would be competing in UIL 4A competition. We discussed the campus needs as: storage, larger gymnasium, football, baseball, tennis facilities onsite, a performing arts center, more classroom space. I remember walking to see the speech teacher's class, who was meeting in a choir room, and the entire class was full. There wasn't even any standing room. The band hall is too small for the high school band.

The high school football and basketball facilities are not adequate. Safety is a concern for the student athletes when spectators are sitting right behind the player's bench and right near the court floor. The football stadium does not provide adequate light nor seating.

The CTE program has boasted of lots of success with their students. The staff mentioned they do not have enough room nor staff to meet the growing needs of their students. We reviewed the facilities and there may be a safety concern if ever there is a need to have students welding or constructing with wood. The other concern is that the vent systems can't be used as designated with the large amount of students in the class. Expanding the space and FTEs will help with the overcrowding issues, safety concerns, and unmet student elective choices.

Technology was a big request item. The technology person on campus is housed in a small closet. He/she does not have space to store equipment, which means it sits in the hallway. This is a safety and security concern. The principal made the following requests: tables for staff and class sets for students, 1-2 more computer labs, 1-2 more Computers on Wheels (COW), increased wireless bandwidth, and improvement of bandwidth signal to all buildings (CTE).

There are 480 students at the high school. His year there was growth of about 34 students. Considering another wing, maybe two-story might be a good idea to visit. The idea for consideration is researching grants and partnering with Scott & White next door to the high school campus to have a clinic on campus for staff, students, and family members. This will free up the nurse to serve the other 3 campuses. This idea could also be used to house a clinic on Thomas Arnold Street to serve the three campuses there, while relocating the nurse to the high school.

The theater program at the high school seems to be one of the best for its size in Texas. At each of the four campuses the theater program was mentioned. Salado, Texas is known for Fine Art. Thus, since the old theater venue is closed, it makes sense for the school district to create a performing arts center to serve campus and community needs. There is also a need to construct a larger band hall for the high school along with practice a practice parking lot.

The cafeteria is too small. This building should be renovated to have more space for dining and for meetings. The stage and sound system can be upgraded as well.

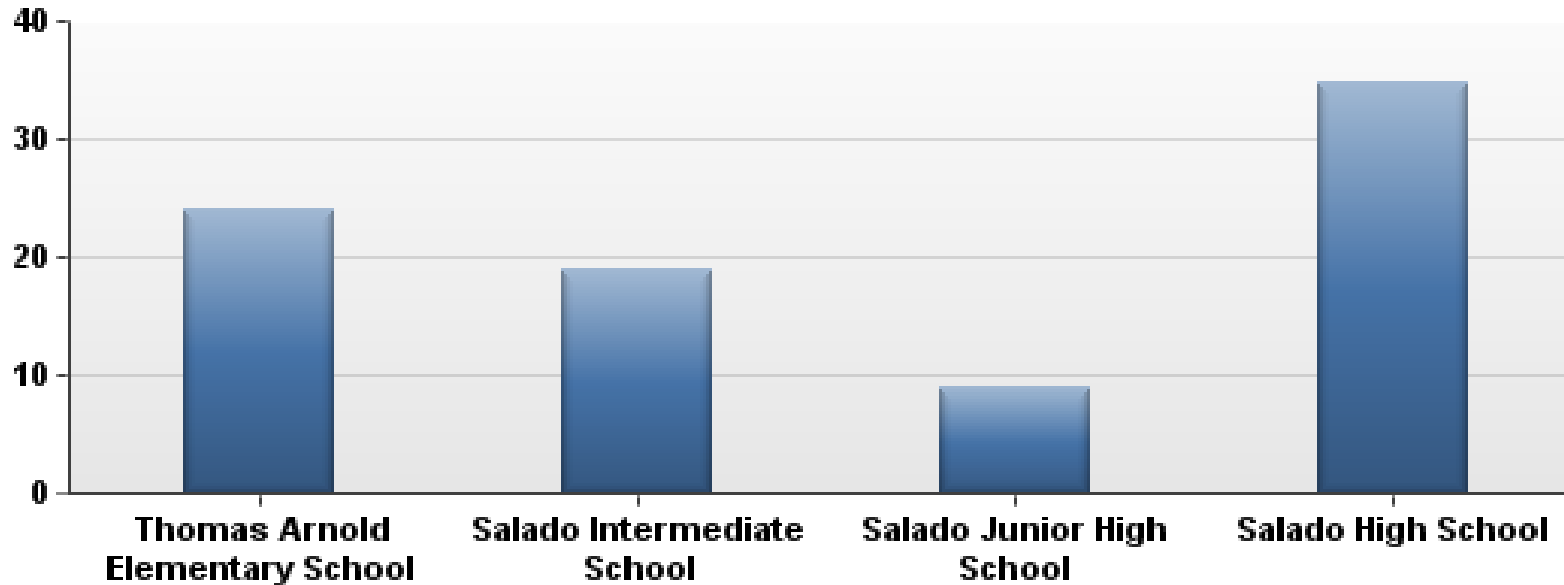
Images from Salado High School



Customer Satisfaction Survey – Facilities – Staff Only

**FACILITIES
ASSESSMENT
ATTACHED**

What school are you surveying today?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	24	28%
2	Salado Intermediate School	19	22%
3	Salado Junior High School	9	10%
4	Salado High School	35	40%

Total

87

100%

2. Are you please with the cleanliness and overall appearance of your school?

#	Answer	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
1	Yes	14	17	5	32
2	No. Please tell us your concerns.	10	2	4	3
Total		24	19	9	35

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

No. Please tell us your concerns.

The building is terrible!

dust, bugs, flies, not sure how often it is mopped

It very clean, but dated. The tiles are mismatched and there are computer wires hanging.

It needs to be renovated. It is very old and outdated.

It is a pretty old campus, and I think it shows. The high school and the intermediate buildings are so nice, I think it just makes the elementary and the junior high building stand out even more. The rooms are stuffy, dusty, and not very big. It is hard to be able to accomodate 22 students in each of the classrooms. There are also tons of flies! And several times during the year, we get a pretty big ant problem. There have also been mouse droppings on some of the teachers desks and one of the teachers found a dead mouse on one of the students computers. It is very hard to stick things to the walls, because things fall off. The floors are usually swept clean, but the carpet always looks really dirty and dust just seems to settle everywhere! I feel like I am constantly dusting in the afternoons, but it doesn't seem to make a difference.

The dusting is left up to teachers b/c of budget cuts and there's just not enough time in my day to do this routinely. I stay as long as I can until I need to go home -usually well past my required 4:00- always with something more in my arms to work on at home.

I feel that the classrooms are not kept up as well as they should be. The custodians do the best job they can with the time they are given. It is dusty, dirty and outdated.

It is old and needs to be updated.

There are bugs all over the place and the rooms are very dusty. The smell in the primary building is musty and moldy.

It needs some upgrades/ Straight flag pole, AC units are sooo loud to talk over, tile on floors is old in rooms, windows are old, checks for asbestos, woodwork is in rough shape on doors and cabinetry old flag and painting in old cafeteria.

Salado Intermediate School

No. Please tell us your concerns.

Classroom floors are not being maintained.

Not enough custodial help to get all that need to be done.

Salado Junior High School

No. Please tell us your concerns.

leaking roof and windows; water stains on the ceiling; moldy smell; ineffective and unsightly window coverings unless purchased by the teacher; small lockers that are almost unusable, causing students to leave backpacks and bags in the hallways; noisy window A/C units in the classrooms

my ceiling tiles are falling out and I have holes in my walls, plus our bell system is hideous sounding

It's as clean as it can be. Facilities are old and not efficient. Old thermostats, building holds too much humidity, restrooms need new toilets and sinks, we have drain lines running from the roof into our sink.

Salado High School

No. Please tell us your concerns.

There are bats in the school. That is a major health concern.

The grounds are not kept clean and mowed. It is an embarrassment when visitors come.

Cleanliness is great, but I feel the outside of the school should have some kind of landscaping. It is just ugly prairie grass as it is with several dead spots.

3. When it comes to Salado ISD, would you like to...

#	Answer	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
1	See an increase in the use of technology to improve student achievement?	10	11	6	13
2	Upgrade academic and athletic facilities to hold more people for safety precautions?	13	4	7	20
3	Build a theater to serve student and community needs?	2	5	4	12
4	Create a Master Facility Plan that considers location of facilities for efficient student access and accessibility?	9	2	5	10
5	Connect every school alarm system to emergencies for faster responses?	8	3	2	5
6	Expand Music and Art programs to serve student needs and requests?	6	5	3	7
7	Provide students with real world opportunities in through the expansion career and technology education courses?	10	10	6	22
8	Other	1	2	0	3
Total		59	42	33	92

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Other

Renovate our school

Salado Intermediate School

Other

i would like to see students not pulled out of band

Technology not only for students but for the teachers so they can implement technology into classrooms for example smartboards

Salado Junior High School

Other

Salado High School

Other

A GiftedTalented academy with Projectbased curriculum to address the advanced students needs

ATHLETIC FACILITIES ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM ACADEMIC AND SHOULD NOT BE CATEGORIZED TOGETHER

provide our students and community with facilities that we can all be proud of

4. What additional facility, technology, and/or renovation would you like for your school to have?

Statistic	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
Total Responses	22	17	9	35

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

We need more CATE classes and computer labs.

new elementary school

classroom renovations for the original classrooms, enery efficient windows and heating and air

More computer programs - that are faster and up to date than the old software we are currently using.

none

Need a new football stadium BAD!

a working cafeteria in the elementary school

Career and Technology education at the high school level

none

Covered walkways that connect the buildings here on the elementary campus.

Nothing additional

For SISD it would be larger athletic facilities/concession stand area. For Thomas Arnold El. specifically it would be more staffing and room for programs for our Mechanically and Art inclined students .

Portable computer lab in the Elementary.

It would be great if all students had iPads or laptops to have all year long to cut down on text books and help technology.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

TAE needs a make over. I realize bigger rooms won't happen but the building itself is very old and uninviting. It looks very unsafe.

quiet AC units

more parking

As stated earlier, our rooms are old. The tiles dont match. You cant hang anything on the wall without it falling down. In the winter, kids cant sit by the windows because its so cold. When the heater comes on, its hard to hear. Wires hang from the ceiling. The cabinets are old, chipped and ugly, just like the tiles that also dont match.

more faculty and staff

science lab

Salado Intermediate School

Text Response

none

I do not have any additional concerns.

i think the facility is in good shape.

na

better Fine Arts facilities

We need more computers per classroom so that students may work in the classroom rather than having to schedule labs for work. They could also work on assignments when they have time in class rather than being limited to certain class times.

Classes for those who will not attend college but need a career.

We definitely need to dela more with career courses. There are SO MANY kids in our district who honestly are not college material, yet that is all we are gearing them for. Please think about offering high school courses/programs that are geared toward vocational skills.

Nothing urgent

computers in classrooms at SIS, renovation of Science Lab

more computers and/or another computer lab

More computers in the classrooms

Re-design the front door entrance for increased safety.

Technology for staff members, laptops for teachers and elmos etc

Salado Intermediate School

Text Response

tennis courts

Parking for football games and theater for fine arts

We should have computers in every classroom, as well as computer labs available to at least two grades at a time.

Salado Junior High School

Text Response

Updated TV's and projectors in the classroom

cleaner safer junior high

None other than what i have stated

get rid of lockers in the hallways; upgrade technology to have consistent and dependable access to appropriate programs; get rid of moldy, musty odor

sports complex, more music and art opportunities, and a performing arts center

Hallways are too narrow for the number of students moving from class to class, especially when students are at their lockers. The lockers are old and in need of repair.

Books on iPad instead of in bind, and a safe place for when weather is bad

Classrooms need more storage and document cameras

New Athletic/Fine Arts Complex

Salado High School

Text Response

different choices in career classes

Computers in every classroom. Expand cafeteria to fit all students for one slightly longer lunch.

teacher laptops and improve wifi access to all building parts.

More on hands career oppt.

NA

CATE, CATE, CATE

nothing should take precedence over the unquestionable needs of the junior high campus

It would be extremely nice to have an auto cad type lab specifically for career and technology classes to have access to for metal working projects that was accessible by all CATE departments.

Theater

Athletic Facilities added, Heating & Cooling thermostats in each office & more classrooms with the growth of enrollment

a marquee out front, so the community can see what is going on at our awesome school

Performing Arts Center

I think the surrounding area at the high school is sloppy looking and does not reflect the school well.

Baseball and football fields without a doubt are the furthest behind.

We have many kids in Salado that are not going to go to college.

We need some vocational skills taught. more parking, concessions stands with water and power at all athletic facilities

We need storage space!

Salado High School

Text Response

Agriculture Science Department adding a 3rd teacher will generate more funding per student per class period than any other non CTE class. expansion to the current classrooms and shop by adding a 3rd classroom and additional shop and greenhouse/floral lab

an additional computer lab

No other needs are necessary

Room dedicated to choir

the parking lot at the bus barn should be paved

more computer access for STEM classes

More classrooms that focus on job training, such as auto mechanics and computer manufacturer, construction.

Sports

We need more security between the elementary and SIS and we need a better drive/plan/road for parent pick-up at the elementary and SIS

Athletic fields on the high school campus. Expand the gym. Build a fieldhouse.

auto mechanics

I-pads for students and teachers to use for instruction

None

It would be nice to have an updated football facility.

Salado High School

Text Response

We love to see Ipads for all students.

renovate/enlarge the gym at the high school

It would be nice for the school to have a performing arts center.

storage area.

5. Which of the following areas of your school building need renovation? Please be sure to describe the...

#	Answer	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
1	Restrooms	12	6	7	7
2	Water Fountains	11	5	4	1
3	Offices	2	0	4	2
4	Classrooms/Conference Rooms	12	1	7	4
5	Gym	2	0	1	15
6	Cafeteria	4	0	1	4
7	Theater	0	1	1	6
8	Front Office	3	2	5	2
9	Doors	8	1	3	1
10	Windows	10	0	3	1
11	Computer Labs	5	2	3	5
12	Library	1	0	2	2
13	Science Lab	1	1	3	1
14	Art Room	0	0	1	0
15	Band Hall/Music	2	2	0	2
16	Athletic Fields/Facilities	1	5	4	17
17	Parking Lots	3	2	0	2
18	Career & Technology Facilities	1	2	1	7
	Total	78	30	50	79

6. What type of facilities should be renovated or constructed to enhance student academic and athletic...

Statistic	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
Total Responses	24	19	9	35

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

The elementary is falling apart, it is hard to believe that we allow our students to attend school in TAE. Students in buildings behind the main building is not safe.

There is so much wrong at Thomas Arnold it is hard to tell you everything. Just walk around and you will see how terrible it is.

The Elementary School needs to be completely renovated. The school is old and needs many updates.

The original classrooms in the elementary school could use a renovation. The cabinets and countertops are old and chipped. The tiles dont match and the walls are cinder block. The windows allow the cold and heat to come in and the heater and air conditoners are out of date and not energy efficient.

Some of the toilets are very difficult to flush. I am too far away from a "teacher" bathroom so I end up using a student bathroom and most often the toilets are not flushed. I know kids tend to do this but some of them - you really have to jiggle the handle around to even get to flush.

do not shut properly

Bathrooms

The classrooms are not set up well because of space issues and there are not enough classrooms available. The parking is a huge issue around the elementary school.

I would love to see the addition of Career and Technology facilities. I feel we should offer more to students who are not on a college track, so that they can contribute to society immediately after graduating.

would love a new elementary building

It would be so nice to have a freh coat of paint and an update in our restroom/ sink and water fountain area.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

I feel as if the whole Thomas Arnold Elementary building needs a renovation! It has been around for too many years and the rooms are so old! It is extremely difficult to not have the whole school in one building! How inconvenient (and not very safe) to have to leave the building to go to a first grade classroom, to leave the building to go to lunch, to leave the building to go to music and PE. It would be so much safer and beneficial to the students to have everything in one building. I would just LOVE to be able to have all the classrooms and gym and the cafeteria in one building! It's also been hard with our growing numbers- we have no more classrooms to put students in!

Also, the computer lab needs some renovation. Half the time it seems as if the computer aren't working, or the internet is too slow. And with technology becoming such a huge thing for students to learn and experience, our current computer lab makes it so hard for us to be able to get them prepared for the next grade. We also do not have much technology in our classroom- sometimes the projector will freeze or turn off in the middle of a lesson, the kids computers will freeze at times. I just don't think technology-wise, that Salado elementary is where they need to be for the year 2013.

Anything I would say needs renovation would just be to make it nicer - not that it is non-functioning or in disrepair.

This is just an old building that doesn't have all the creature comforts of new facilities - like built in storage, walls that are easy to display posters and kids work - important for elementary students but I don't know that this is anything that really affects student performance.

All things work in this building to my knowledge, except maybe the bathrooms in the PE area - i hear from time to time from the students that they are not working.

The playground could use more shade. August and September are brutal out there.

Two water fountains at each location would alleviate some of the congestion.

Weight room needs updated machines in the Jr. High and High school.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

Weight room needs updated machines in the Jr. High and High school.

The Kindergarten Building needs to be closed into the main building for safety. A hallway to the music and gym areas would be great also. Right now the kids have to be outside by themselves if they need to go to the main building.

Newer, more updated, student restrooms and water fountains are needed for easier accessibility for little ones.

Our classrooms need to be rennovated so that we have more room, better wall space, updated technology capabilities, and an overall better classroom atmosphere. We need more water fountains and updated restrooms. The old cafeteria is a wasted space that could be turned into something useful.

Our classrooms are way to small-children and desks are all over the place! The windows and screens in my room are a mess. One window has a small hole in it. The sinks by the bathrooms run/drip non stop. The portables and many things outside need to be power washed and need a new coat of paint. Lots of wires hang down outside of TAE and it looks dangerous and sloppy!

2nd grade wing needs upgrading

The front office

The school was build YEARS ago and is outdated. The rooms are not equipped for todays technology. Wires hang from the ceilings and between buildings. The classrooms are small and there is no storage. The air and heat are distractions every time they come on.

Not sure

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

The athletic facilities should be renovated or have new construction, specifically, the football field, track, and concession stand and restrooms.

The bathrooms in the elementary school need renovation.

Covered walkways from gym to main hallway and primary hallway, and sidewalk by main building. Figure out some of the drainage issues that create HUGE puddles by the gym.

Practice fields

Salado Intermediate School

Text Response

a better work area for teachers lounge

Our 5th/6th grade recess area needs work. The ground is uneven and difficult for students to play on.

The fans are out in all of the employee restrooms.

na

Add Fine Arts areas inside the building.

A lot of the times, the water fountains in the main hallway are not operational.

The faucets in the boys and girls restrooms in the 5th and 6th grade hallway do not have good water pressure. Some times, they do not turn off and the water runs for a long time.

Water fountains

Parking lot has horrible pot holes in it. My car bottoms out as I am simply driving in the row btwn spaces.

Athletic fields/areas that could accomodate all students/staff and community members would be very nice to have. It would make for a much safer, friendlier environment for all...

1. Many classrooms (such as my science room) have no computers for the students to use. The 5th grade has two ipads to share between all classes, which primarily just causes arguements between the students. There are interactive web sites that would supplement lessons, but the students are unable to access them during class time. As one student stated yesterday, when I had them make a poster on new technolgy... "A poster? What is this, the 60's?"

2. The Science lab is not adequate. The sinks are too small to wash glassware, and we need sand traps in each sink. The lab is used as storage and copy space. Also, the benches are loose, and additional beakers, flasks, and graduated cylinders are needed. The lab also needs a phone, computer, and projector.

Salado Intermediate School

Text Response

Need more access to computers

track

The track at the high school is not up to par for proper student training or to have track meets. There are no tennis courts in the district, so the tennis team has to use the far inferior community courts.

more computer labs

Need a door in the office that access the nurses office,

There needs to be a door for the nurse through the front office.

This does not limit program opportunities but it does limit aid for the nurse when office staff needs to step up and help because there is only one nurse for the district.

Need new tennis courts

A theater would be very nice.

We should have a playground that allows for use when it is wet outside. We need more basketball courts and soccer, football space.

The water fountains are usually not working some where in the building.

We should have computer labs available for more than one grade at a time.

Salado Junior High School

Text Response

General updating of classrooms (technology mostly), updating of restrooms, and addition of security features for the main entrance of the building (double set of doors similar to high school)

A new junior high

I think our football, basketball and softball facilities are in desperate need of upgrading. Our lighting is very bad and if we move up to 3A, our seating capacity is going to be very inadequate. Ideally, these facilities need to be moved to the high school campus. I know a bond was voted down a few years ago, but it might stand a better chance of being approved if we can get a lot of parents and towns people involved in determining our needs.

Building should be wired for better technology opportunities. Athletic facilities need to be updated to meet UIL and community requirements.

I would like to see an actual stage for performances at the HS.

Classrooms are too small to accommodate the larger class sizes we are beginning to see.

Classrooms are very small, especially with the increase of enrollment. Restrooms are old, need replacing. Ceiling tiles are frequently wet from moisture. Offices and conference rooms are unpleasant and unattractive. Water fountain needs filter replacement. However, none of these observations impair student performance. More of a health concern.

Classrooms need to be renovated to enhance student academic performance.

Girls Coaches office needs its own bathroom. 7th grade locker room is not large enough. We need an auxiliary room for off-season. The foyer is not an ideal location to have a work out. The parking/seating at the football is inadequate.

Salado High School

Text Response

life skills classroom needs cabinets

We could certainly use computers inside the classrooms so students can enhance their technological skills. Many classes have TEKS for research, and there are only 48 computers available. The library isn't extensive enough to perform college-type research.

move all major athletic facilities near high school. build a performing arts center

expand cte facilities. build a high school band hall

add another classroom wing

workshops -on hand. Drafting, automotive, Park Rangers

There is a huge need for a better football stadium.

The student bathrooms are smelly

The junior high facility is extremely outdated. This should take precedence over any athletic facilities being considered. It does not reflect the excellence of Salado and is quite embarrassing when thinking of the number of guests that visit that particular building. While it is obvious that attempts have been made to cover over the age and wear, it is time for a serious renovation. From flooring to lighting, the building layout and aesthetic should be resolved to bring the building in line with the quality of the other Salado ISD campuses.

I do not think changes or additions to the junior high building should be part of any referendum that may be presented in regards to potential new athletic facilities as this would politicize the unquestionable need for a complete junior high renovation.

Salado High School

Text Response

Extended woodshop or metal shop in addition to a floral lab to complete certifications for upcoming classes that will be offered. Classroom sizes are also small and limits students activities as well as numbers. Our facilities currently can not hold 30+ kids working on projects (both large and small) without the risk of injury or project problems. It is very tough to work in the limited space with the limited tools and still give each child the amount of attention and practice they really deserve.

Put the athletic facilities at the HS campus. Enlarge the seating in both gyms. Enlarge the cafeteria

Larger Gym seating & Football Field seating, Addition of Athletic Facilities at the High School Campus & Heating and Cooling thermostats in each office in the Front Office area

I would like the athletic facilities on our campus :)

More classrooms

Performing Arts Center

There are no athletic facilities at the high school aside from a football practice field. Storage at the high school is also a major concern.

Salado currently has some of the poorest athletic facilities in the area. As we prepare to move up a classification they are considered even more subpar. I think any school in our area of our size would agree. Poor facilities, poor seating and not modern in the least. Troy, Jarrell McGregor, Burnet and Liberty Hill are among just a few who have facilities way above and beyond ours.

Salado High School

Text Response

Salado has one of the worst football fields in the district. There is not adequate seating for either the home or visiting fans. I witnessed several games this year where fans were forced to watch the game while standing along the fence. Visiting bands are sometimes forced to sit in chairs on the track because they are too large and would take up too much fan sitting. Having the visiting band on the track is an advantage to the visiting team. Having them closer to the field, makes them louder to the players. In my opinion, the football stadium does not meet disability standards. Although there are ramps into smaller bleachers, the pathways to the restroom as well as concession stand are often too congested for a wheel chair to get through. Renovating and or constructing a new football stadium would not only benefit football but soccer as well. The "new" basketball gym doesn't have adequate visiting seating. I have witnessed games where fans were having to stand along the sidelines which is a danger to the players. On the home side of the gym fans have to walk in front of the visiting team in order to get into the stands. The teams should have separation from the fans in the stands. Our baseball stadium doesn't have near the seating capacity that it should. There is not a parking lot for fans to park in unless they want to walk around the jr. high campus. Overall the athletic facilities in salado are poor. There are numerous schools around salado that have much better facilities. The new high school is already seeing crowding in many classrooms. Kids are having to sit at lab tables in their science classes because there isn't enough space in the actual class area. The locker room areas are crowded and there is barely any storage space. Whenever someone walks down the athletic hallway they witness gym items, training room items, and computer items just sitting in the hallway because there is no place to put them.

The athletic facilities are very outdated and/or not large enough for student and community participation. The track is not safe for the athletes to even use.

Our gym needs to be expanded and we need to build new athletic facilities that are currently housed at the junior high to the high school (football field, track, baseball, softball, tennis). We need a fine arts auditorium for theatre. We need to expand our career and tech facilities to offer more courses for the new graduation plan endorsements.

Salado High School

Text Response

1st - we are thankful for the funding we have received especially during the recent hard economical times that our community has faced.

adequate laboratory facility for C&TE would allow for more students to become enrolled. Limited classroom and shop dimensions and constrained what projects can be preformed by the students. Not just in one class but during the entire class period. this is due to having multiple lab/shop based projects trying to be demonstrated/constructed at one time by more than one class. if we want to grow class numbers to provide funding numbers then the shop/greenhouse/floral lab will have to be added on to the current facility. in addition we will have to provide a traditional classroom setting where instruction prior to demonstration of a skill can be taught, especially if we add a 3rd teacher.

Next, bringing technology of equipment brought up to date. having enough equipment were students can be in small groups that number 3-6 are ideal instead of 10-15 for a single tool (ie. drill, sander, saw, welder, grinder). also computers and computer aided tools that are being taught in EVERY technical & college would be ideal. two student computers that service both classrooms mean that individuals have to leave the building if more than one student per classroom need to create a computerized drawing or research a breed of livestock.

The department maximizes every penny of supplies however it is time upgrade equipment. it has been 7 years since any large tools were able to be purchased. Tools that have been purchased have been to replace worn out or un-repairable equipment. The budget hasn't allowed for adding equipment due to growing class numbers.

at least one more computer lab should be available to accommodate at least 25-30 students

Salado High School

Text Response

Our athletic facilities at the High School are great except there is no storage space. There is not one closet dedicated to storage for balls, equipment, training tools, uniforms, etc... This is a big issue, due to we are not suppose to leave anything in the gym area. We want to order training items, but have no where to put them, so it makes it hard to better your program with these items. Storage space is by far the biggest issue for girls athletics at the high school. For the outdoor sports, not having any fields or drawn off space makes it difficult to share gym space with the outdoor sports.

A performing arts center of some sort would be an excellent addition. SHS has excelled in theater, band, and has a growing choral department. I think a space dedicated to these performers would enhance the overall experience, enthusiasm, and education of our students.

Elementary school and junior high school could be renovated. Extracurricular facilities could be built at the new high school. Other needs include technology, new buses, and safety/security.

We need a facility that can accomodate engineering-type CTE programs that will have a CAD computer lab and electronics classroom for programs like CAD drafting, engineering, robotics, and computer programming.

The Life Skills rooms should be equipped with twom or more stoves for teacher students how to cook and a washer and dryer in the classrrom to teache student how to wash there clothes.

We need doors on the restrooms so we can't hear or smell anything or anyone that is in there.

Another Main gym and the existing one fitted so that the grand stands work properly for basketball games. The football field is totally outdated and outgrown.

There is not enough storage or locker space in the athletic area. The visitor side of the gym is way too small! The kids should not have to bus to play home games. The weight room is also too small.

Salado High School

Text Response

The current Life Skills class room should include a washer, dryer, a proper handicapped bathroom, more outlets, proper kitchen with more cabinets. A more conducive classroom would be more beneficial to our lifeskills students. Our current 2nd Life Skills (functional academics) classroom is completely too small for our current students.

An auto mechanics class would benefit a number of students.

There is an odor at times from the sewage.

Need a centralized athletic fields complex at the high school with a fieldhouse and bigger weight room facility.

It would be nice to have shelves in the restrooms so that the students could place their backpacks & jackets on them instead of putting things on the floor. Also, it would be nice for an infant changing table to be installed in the restroom that is used for basketball & volleyball games.

We need our athletic fields to be moved to the high school. We need storage!!!

Larger gym and athletic complex for all sports

Both the competition gym and cafeteria are very small for the number of people who use them. They both need to be expanded.

the gym needs more seating and the building needs more storage area.

7. Have the current facilities limited program opportunities and/or student achievement or performance?

#	Answer	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
1	Yes	9	5	4	25
2	No	15	14	5	10
	Total	24	19	9	35

8. Please explain.

Statistic	Thomas Arnold Elementary School	Salado Intermediate School	Salado Junior High School	Salado High School
Total Responses	4	4	1	13

Thomas Arnold Elementary School

Text Response

I think it has hurt student achievement in the technology department- because we are lacking so much in technology, I think our students are missing out on a lot.

Our classrooms are not equipped to handle current technology- there are wires hanging from the ceiling, tiles are broken and have holes in them, and there are limited functioning outlets. The rooms are small and make it hard to do group work. The walls do not allow us to hang things well as they are cinder blocks. We do not have adequate storage space, shelving, or cabinets.

Small group work is harder within the classroom because they aren't large enough.

A science lab would definitely benefit students

Salado Intermediate School

Text Response

See above regarding computers and the science lab.

Need more access to computers. It's very difficult to find adequate time when other teachers are scheduled every Monday and Tuesday.

Inadequate tennis courts

Students need more access to technology. Many teachers would plan more teaching time using technology if it was available.

Salado Junior High School

Text Response

Computer labs are not supported to work efficiently or effectively

Salado High School

Text Response

Students don't have access to much technology. Many can't bring their own computers to school because they have to carry them all day long. Access to computers in every classroom could enable more exposure to technological resources as well as allowing teachers to manage students who are at different achievement levels (G/T versus on-level versus special education).

only a certain amount of students can participate because of space and facility limitations

We have to bus the kids back and forth, takes up time. The parking is terrible.

The girls locker room area is very small for all hundreds of athletes we have sharing a space.

The choir sharing the band hall is working great right now. As the choir continues to grow, space will become an issue that will need to be dealt with.

Extracurricular facilities are inadequate and located at the junior high school instead of the high school.

limited access to STEM courses

Because of the number of students that we have in the life skills program we are not able to teach all of the student at the same time how to cook. Because we only have one stove. We will be increasing our numbers in the years to come. So it would be great to have two or more stoves in the classroom so that we can teach all of the students at the same time how to cook and prepare meals. We also need a washer and dryer in the classroom to teach students how to wash their clothes. We do not have a washer and dryer in the classroom so we have to schedule times to use the washer and dryer in the home economic classroom.

Salado High School

Text Response

We need a sports complex here at the high school so our kids don't have to rub back and forth to the track field.

We do not have enough gyms to host large tournaments in an easy manner. Our football field is way out of date. Many visitors complained of the horrible sound system on their side and lack of seating this season. With our location, a nice football field would make money for playoff games and other events it could be rented for.

The lac of facility space has cost the athletes time they could use to get better. It also costs the athletic program money when they can not accommodate people in the gym that would come if there were more space.

None

The size of our gym/seating is embarrassing for a school our size.