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**Community  
Schools: The  
Future of Travis  
ECHS**

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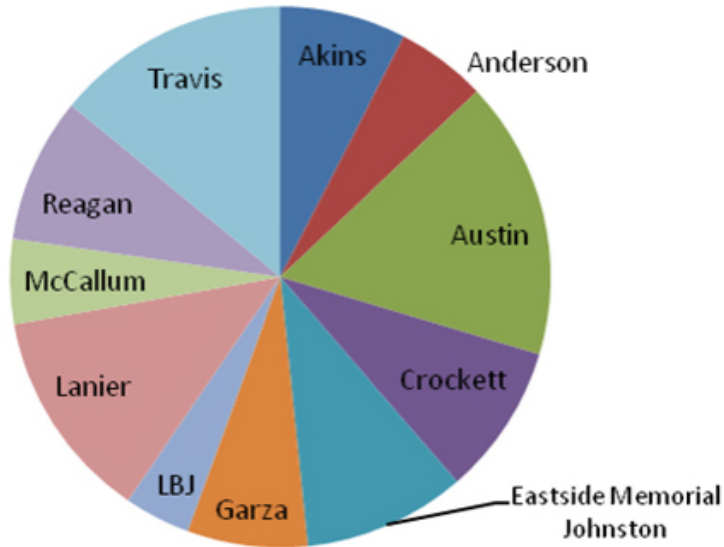
# What is a Community School?

- Publicly funded education institution that also serves as a center of community life.



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# Why Does Travis Need These Resources?



- **Diverse population**
  - Many English Language Learners
- **Student services**
  - College and Life Prep
  - Daycare
  - Flexible Scheduling
- **Family services**
  - Health Care
  - Continuing Education (GED)

**Teen Pregnancy Across District**

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# Mendez Middle School Struggling

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- A lot of Travis students come from Mendez Middle School
  - Mendez has been struggling with poor test scores
  - The closure of the school would affect us
  - Mendez students would have to be sent to different schools
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### **After new start, Mendez Middle School tries to erase past struggles**

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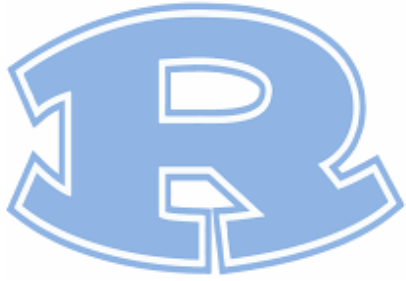
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In recent years, Mendez Middle School teachers have watched administrators cycle through campus like a spinning turnstile. At the same time, the school's students have repeatedly failed to pass high-stakes exams, leaving Mendez at risk of being closed by the state.

So when state education officials approved a plan for a science-based coalition to take over the Southeast Austin campus, teachers, students and parents envisioned a turnaround for Mendez.

Seven months since the start of the new school year, though, the school continues to struggle as an in-district charter being operated by the Texas Science Technology Engineering and Math Coalition, known as T-STEM. In a



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MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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# Benefits of creating a community school

Reagan and WEBB are now community schools

Test scores have improved

Improved Community Dialogue

Increases community contribution to education

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# Potential Resources

- Flexible Scheduling
- Mental Health Services
- Physical Health Services
- Continuing Education Services for Adults
- Nutrition Services
- Food Bank
- Tutoring and Mentoring Programs
- Language Class



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# PTA Support

What are we asking from you?

1. Help to spread knowledge and awareness
2. Be an ally

