

Dear HPISD Trustees,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the planned reconstruction of Bradfield Elementary. I have recently been made aware of the proposed design plans, and I believe the new three story building on the west end of campus is not representative of the charm of our Highland Park neighborhood.

Please consider these improvements to the current Exterior Facade to ensure the size and face of the building are harmonious with the nearby homes and reflect the architectural integrity of other Highland Park Municipal buildings and structures:

- Ornamentation that is reflective of the Mediterranean style that is a historic part of Highland Park's Identity and the original 1926 Bradfield, including the use of the Quatrefoil 
- A reduction in height to the west end of the building that will engulf our neighborhood - some suggestions:
 - reducing the building to 2 stories
 - reducing the height of each "floor" of the building
 - consider using a set-back to the third floor - example - HP Town Hall and recent additions at Highland Park Village
 - consider locating the building back on the east end of campus, next to an already "tall" HP Village
- More thought and care given to the "Mockingbird" side of Bradfield, as it is the "face" of our neighborhood and should be a visual representation of our community's character

Although the formal "Design Phase" for Bradfield has been passed. I request that you re-open the dialogue pertaining to Bradfield's Design and ask that you listen to concerned residents. Many residents are unaware of the design plans, and are frustrated when they learn that time has passed to give input. Outside of HPISD News and Bradfield PTA and Dad's Club Meetings, only residents within 200 feet of Bradfield were asked to participate in giving feedback and learning the design plans for our school.

I respectfully appreciate your consideration and thank you for your service to our remarkable Highland Park schools. I understand that construction is imminent and hope that you will quickly address these issues with the District's architect Stantec so that changes to the exterior facade can be made during the demolition and pre-construction phases of this project. Please ask Stantec for revisions to the current plans for Bradfield.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen