



City/TWU Interlocal Agreement for Bezos Academy

Ryan Adams

City Managers Office

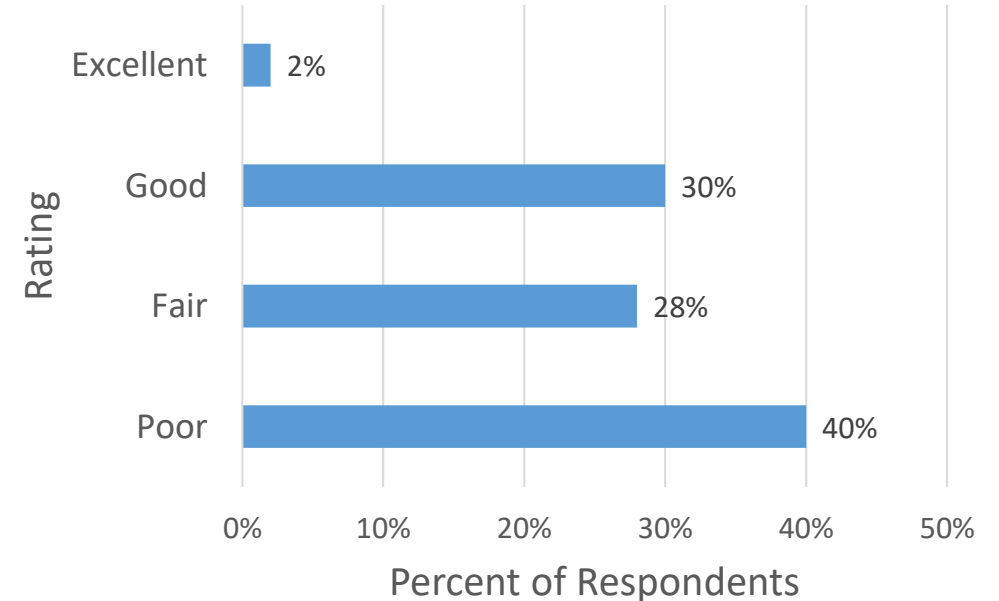
Dec. 5, 2023



Background

- City Strategic Plan
 - Key Focus Area 3: Foster Economic Opportunity and Affordability
 - Initiative: "Explore Affordable Childcare Options"
- 2022 Community Survey
 - 32% rated childcare/preschool availability as good/excellent
 - Drop of 16 base points since 2016

2022 Community Survey:
Availability of Affordable Quality
Childcare/Preschool



Local Childcare Needs

- UWDC 2022 Community Needs Assessment
 - County childcare capacity dropped by 24.5% (March 2020 – Sept. 2021)
 - Of all children in low-income categories, only 18% are enrolled in childcare
- TWU independently evaluated local need
 - Analysis utilizing available census data
 - Estimated up to 400 Denton children in need of childcare/preschool services

Subsidized/Scholarship
Childcare Seats per 100
Children with Working Parents

County:
29 per 100

Denton Zip Codes:
76205 - 30 per 100
76208 - 11 per 100
76209 - 20 per 100



Bezos Academy

- Provides no-cost Montessori-style preschool to income-eligible 3 to 5-year-olds
 - Available only to communities with a childcare/preschool gap for low-income families
- Local host organization provides facility
- Bezos Academy funds and operates preschool
 - Trained and licensed staff
 - Full-day, year-round preschool education
- All student supplies, meals, and snacks included

**BEZOS
ACADEMY**
Light Every Fire

Texas Locations

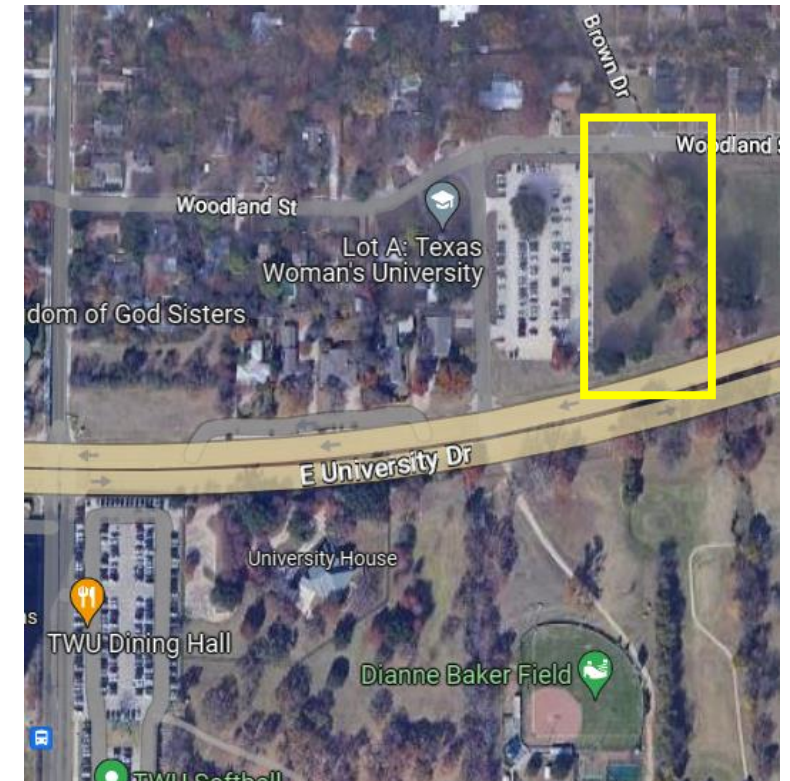
- Dallas (4)
- Houston (4)
- Lancaster

Additional locations in
Washington and Florida



TWU-Bezors Project

- Construction of facility for Bezors to operate its preschool Academy
 - 10-year agreement for services
 - Eligible to be renewed thereafter
 - Estimated opening of fall 2025
- Project Scope
 - 4 classes, 80 students
 - 16 of 80 spots reserved for TWU students/staff
- Nov. 7: Council direction to provide \$1.5M funding for additional classrooms/student seats





Interlocal Agreement

- City funds construction of 2 additional classrooms (40 students)
 - Any overage paid will be remitted to City
 - Capacity provided for no less than 10 years
- Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement

| Category | Classroom Capacity | Reserved Spots* | Available Spots | Total | Max City Contribution |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| TWU Project Baseline | 4 | 16 | 64 | 80 | - |
| Partnership | 2 | - | 40 | 40 | 1,500,000 |
| Total | 6 | 16 | 104 | 120 | \$1,500,000 |

*Reserved for TWU Faculty and Staff

