

GRANBURY ISD BOND

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

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The Granbury ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call a bond election that will be held November 5, 2013. The bond package was developed and unanimously recommended by a Bond Steering Committee, which represented a cross section of the community, including local citizens, civic and business leaders, parents and school staff.

The bond package, two propositions totaling \$84.975 million, addresses improvements to existing campuses and infrastructure, provides technology for students and teachers, creates facility equity across the district, increases security and provides space for future growth.

Over 70 percent of the bond will go toward extensive renovations and additions to Granbury High School. Currently, all Ninth Grade students are housed in a separate campus with no direct access to a comprehensive high school curriculum, including hands-on career tech programs. Combining the two campuses into a single high school will eliminate the need to transport students back and forth between campuses for extracurricular programs. The district is proposing to add Ninth Grade to the high school campus and renovate this facility to extend its life another 50 years.

WHAT'S PROPOSED:

PROPOSITION ONE: \$81,972,000

Major Renovations and Additions to Granbury High School: \$62,295,000

- Create a complete high school campus for Grades 9-12 by building a Ninth Grade classroom addition
- Construct new classrooms for career- and technical-focused (vocational) programs such as Health Science, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Automotive Technology, Audio/Visual Production, Welding, and Technology courses to prepare students for careers, higher education and industry recognized certifications.
- Renovate and expand existing fine arts spaces to accommodate growing programs and the addition of Ninth Grade students to the campus
- Reconfigure internal classroom layout for educational and operational efficiency
- Extensive renovations to transform the building's interior and exterior

Safety and Security Upgrades: \$4,338,000

- Create controlled entrances on all GISD campuses
- Construct attached gymnasiums at Acton and Emma Roberson Elementary Schools to replace freestanding gyms, create a more secure campus and make equitable to all GISD elementary schools

Technology Upgrades: \$10,800,000

District-wide investments to support a 1 to 1 student technology initiative, with the ability to grow with increased student needs and educational standards:

- New standardized technology for every GISD classroom, including interactive and mobile learning devices
- District-wide wireless internet capability enhancements
- District network operations improvements

Other District-Wide Improvements and Investments: \$4,539,000

- Classroom furniture, bus and band equipment replacement
- Repurpose of Crossland Ninth Grade Center for Central Administration

PROPOSITION TWO: \$3,003,000

Refunding Existing Debt for Energy Efficiency Projects

- Refunding of existing Maintenance Tax Notes used to fund recent energy efficiency upgrades related to HVAC, lighting and water controls during the Spring and Summer of 2013

TOTAL BOND PROPOSAL: \$84,975,000

DID YOU KNOW?



This bond package is the result of a year-long district strategic planning process. Read about G2020 at www.granburyisd.org/2020.



Technology, furniture, infrastructure and facility improvements will allow students to engage in project-based learning, which focuses on 21st century skills like collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.



The district's total tax rate has declined by 31.4 percent over the last seven years.



New state legislation encourages more career and technical education by allowing students to graduate with more classes that are relevant to their chosen career paths.



Granbury High School was originally built 40 years ago and last renovated more than 20 years ago, both in a time when classes in today's curriculum were not yet in existence.

Tax Impact: If approved, the estimated tax impact of this bond is anticipated to be 15 cents per \$100 valuation for a total tax rate of \$1.295 per \$100 valuation. For the average home value of \$113,695, this represents an increase of approximately \$14.21 per month.

Voters Over 65: Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value, excluding the value of any new improvements, such as additions or renovations, that increase the value of such homesteads.

Early Voting:
OCTOBER 21 – NOVEMBER 1, 2013



Election Day Voting:
NOVEMBER 5, 2013