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Board approves bond election for May 10



A 50-member Long-range Planning Committee (LRPC) gathered to evaluate and assess current and future needs of the district.

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call for a bond election to be held on May 10. The Board approved for a \$1.2 billion bond referendum to be placed on the ballot as a single proposition on the May 10 Election Day. If approved by registered voters, funds from the bond referendum would address the following:

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Bond Election, May 10

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- Safety and security;
- Transportation;
- · Student growth;
- Technology upgrades; and
- Instructional/support facilities renovations.

The bond recommendation presented to the Board was initiated by the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) consisting of 50 members representing a diverse cross-section of the CFISD community. The committee evaluated and assessed the current and future needs of the district to accommodate more than 11,400 students projected to enroll in the next five years.

Before making a final decision, Board members deliberated for several weeks, reviewing data provided by the LRPC and receiving input from the community. Using information included in the recommendation, community input and its own study of the data, the Board voted to call a bond election.



The CFISD Board of Trustees voted to call for a bond election to be held on May 10. The following categories of projects are included in the districtwide bond package recommended by the community-led Long-Range Planning Committee:

Security/Safety

- Secured front entries with buzzer door releases at campuses;
 Additional inside/outside security
- cameras;
- Additional "lockdown" panic buttons;
- Additional card reader access points;
- Reinforced/bullet-resistant glass at entries and exit windows; and
- · Improved emergency communications.

Student Growth

New schools, sites, support facilities and buses for increased enrollment

- 3 elementary schools, 1 middle school;
- Land purchase for future school sites;
 Natatorium (Pridgeon Stadium);
- · Ag-Science Project Barn; and
- Food Service Distribution Warehouse.

Bond 2014 total \$1.2B



For more Bond 2014 information including tax-rate impact, voting time and locations, go to: www.cfisd.net/

Transportation

- Additional buses for restoration of transportation services;
- Additional buses to accommodate student growth; and
- Transportation Center to accommodate growth in southwestern portion of district.

Technology

- Infrastructure upgrades;
- Replacement of aging technology;
- Improved high-speed wireless and internet access: and
- · Instructional technology upgrades.

Campuses/ Support Facilities Improvements

- Major Renovations and Additions (Adam ES, Bane ES, Watkins MS)
- Co-/Extracurricular (dance floors, portable accoustical shells, culinary arts and food labs, running tracks at all middle schools, Pridgeon Stadium)
- Asset Protection (structural repairs; roof replacements; site drainage improvements; paving replacements; exterior site lighting upgrades; air conditioning replacements; fire alarm system replacements



Early voting for the **May 10** General Election and the **Bond Election** will begin on **Monday**, **April 28** and end on **Tuesday**, **May 6**. Registered voters have the option to cast an early ballot in person at any early voting location (*see locations listed in the right column*). For additional voting information, contact the Harris County Clerk's Office at 713-755-6965 or go to **www.harrisvotes.org**.



Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times April 28 (Monday) May 1 (Thursday) May 6 (Tuesday) Emmott ES Jowell ES Adam FS Hamilton FS Lee FS Holbrook ES Hemmenway ES McFee ES Holmslev ES Lamkin ES Rennell ES Lieder ES Millsap ES A. Robison ES Pope ES Willbern ES Owens ES Reed FS Swenke ES Yeager ES Sampson ES Walker ES Tipps ES 2:30 - 7 p.m. May 2 (Friday) 2:30 - 7 p.m. April 29 (Tuesday) Copeland ES **Berry Center** Bang ES Farney ES 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Duryea ES Kirk ES April 28 - May 2 Fiest ES Matzke ES Horne ES Post ES 8 a.m. - noon Keith ES Sheridan ES May 3 (Saturday) Moore ES Warner ES 8 a.m - 4 p.m. M Robinson FS May 5-6 May 5 (Monday) 2:30 - 7 p.m. April 30 (Wednesday) Bane ES Andre' ES Birkes ES ISC Ault ES Black FS 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Danish ES Emery ES April 28 - May 2 Francone ES Gleason ES 8 a.m. - noon Frazier FS Lowery ES

Metcalf ES

Wilson FS



If you are not registered to vote, voter's registration cards can be picked up from the communication office (10300 Jones Road) or you can simply <u>register</u> to vote online. The last day to register to vote is **Thursday**, **April 10**.

Hairgrove ES

Hancock ES

Postma ES

May 3 (Saturday)

8 a.m - 4 p.m.

May 5-6

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Bond Election

PROPOSITION NO. ONE

[] FOR) "THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,209,280,000 BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, THE PURCHASE OF SITES FOR

SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT

THEREOF"

PROPOSITION

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,209,280,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS ISSUES OR SERIES, SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE IMPOSED, ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS INCLUDING THE TEXAS FDUICATION CODE?



See **Bond 2014 Video** on the district's YouTube Channel.



Find <u>answers to</u> <u>your questions</u> about Bond 2014.

Last day to



April 10

ELECTION DAY

May 10, 2014

Voting Locations, Dates and Times

All precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day

Precinct	Harris County Precinct #	Location
Α	111, 124, 126	Ault ES
В	370, 734, 768	Goodson MS
С	442, 479, 602, 691, 805, 828	Hamilton MS
D	300, 481, 688	Sampson ES
E	125, 484, 519, 641	Bleyl MS
F	478, 516, 823	Cy Creek HS
G	451, 513, 669	Yeager ES
Н	480, 640, 713, 979, 980, 1021, 1022	Adam ES
I	244, 518, 548, 597	Windfern HS
J	225, 495, 671, 687, 759, 934	Cook MS
K	74, 661, 904, 1028	Post ES
L	364, 496, 593, 609, 628, 753	Frazier ES
M	117, 270, 383, 498, 689, 966, 1033	Dean MS
N	512, 642, 939, 1023	Owens ES
0	155, 260, 398, 622, 701, 771, 991	Truitt MS
Р	616, 651, 667	Lowery ES
Q	314, 709, 803	Aragon MS
R	517, 553, 643, 650, 882	Tipps ES
S	617, 712, 919, 1016	Jowell ES
T	149, 875	Cy Springs HS
U	143, 921, 923	Smith MS
V	50, 800	Cy Falls HS
W	305, 804, 877, 881, 951, 1062	Thornton MS





Go to www.cfisd.net for details about the Bond 2014 proposal.

NO **TAX INCREASE** FOR RESIDENTS **OVER AGE 65**

At age 65, individuals become eligible to receive an Over-65 Exemption, which includes a school tax ceiling that freezes the homeowner's school taxes at the current rate. Senior citizens must apply for this exemption within one year of their 65th birthday. Those who have

received the *Over-65* **Exemption** are not affected by school tax increases.



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Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten preregistration for 2014-2015 classes will be held at all elementary schools on March 26, 2014 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

A child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014 to be eligible for the full-day program (with no exceptions). To register, parents must provide the school with the documents listed in the column on the right. (See Preregistration Documents).

For additional information on where to register kindergarten students, parents can contact their neighborhood elementary school. A student currently enrolled in the districts prekindergarten program will be automatically registered for kindergarten. Therefore, there is no need for parents of current prekindergarten students to attend the kindergarten registration on March 25.

Prekindergarten for LEP Students

Parents of LEP students—students who are unable to speak and comprehend the English language—may preregister their student on March 26, 2014 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the prekindergarten campus in their attendance zone. LEP students must be present at the time of preregistration to determine, through testing, whether or not the student qualifies for the program. To be eligible for the half-day prekindergarten program, students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014.

The prekindergarten program is currently being offered at the following 47 campuses:

 Adam, Andre', Ault, Bane, Bang, Black, Copeland, Danish, Duryea, Emery, Emmott, Farney, Fiest, Firancone, Fraety Glesson, Hamilton, Hairgrove, Hemmenway, Holbrook, Holmsley, Horne, Jowell, kirk, Lanikh, Lee, Leder, Lowery, Matzke, McFee, Metadi, Millsap, Moore, Owens, Post, Postma, Reed, Rennell, M. Robinson, A. Robison, Sheridan, Swenke, Tipps, Walker, Willbern, Wilson and Yeagel.

To find out what school a student is currently zoned to, go to www.cfisd.net and click on Quick Links, scroll down to Campus Locator from the drop-down menu and then type a home address.

Since not every school has a prekindergarten program, parents may call the neighborhood elementary school to help determine the school in which to register their child. Parents or guardlans must provide all required documents listed in the right-hand column in order to preregister.

Preregistration Documents

Parents should bring the following documents to preregister their students:

- a certified copy of the child's birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics (see <u>City</u> of Houston Bureau of Vital Statistics to obtain a birth certificate if born in the city of Houston);
- current immunization record;
- proof of residency (example: a lease agreement or a gas, electric or water bill);
- photo ID of parent or guardian (a parent or guardian must sign the application); and
- a social security card for each child, if

For additional information, go to www.cfisd.net.

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March 28, 2014 7 - 11 p.m.

Hopper Middle School 7811 Fry Road Cypress, TX 77433

April 25, 2014 7 - 11 p.m.

Spillane Middle School 13403 Woods Spillane Blvd. Cypress, TX 77429

Watch for Registration Information on our Website: www.cfisd.net/dept2/communityprograms

Fast Forward representatives will accept registration at various 6th grade lunches the week of each event. Watch your school's announcements for these dates!

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75th Anniversary Information



Summer School Dates

The **2014 summer school dates** for elementary, middle and high schools are available on the district website.

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