



## School Bond 2014 addresses growth and renovation needs

Pasadena ISD is proposing a school bond issue. The bond package is the recommendation of the Future Facilities Committee comprised of 50 community members and parents who have studied district needs since September, 2013. Four years ago, the FFC cut from identified needs to provide a bond with no tax rate

increase. The 2014 bond package completes the projects that were eliminated from the previous bond and adds one additional elementary school to address continued growth.

The \$175.5 million no-tax-rate-increase bond election will provide replacement campuses, new campuses, additions to existing campuses, new technology and facility management.

## TOTAL BOND

# = \$175.5 MILLION

## Tax Rate Impact = 0

The bond will be absorbed into the district's current debt but it will not increase taxes for anyone. In addition, property taxes for senior citizens are always frozen as long as they have filed the necessary paperwork for exemption.

PROPOSED PROJECT COST

# = \$46.1 MILLION

## NEW CAMPUSES

**What is a bond?** A school district borrows money in the form of bonds to finance such items as new schools, renovation and addition projects, buses and technology. School districts bonds like home mortgages are repaid over time; however, for a school district to sell bonds, it must ask voters for approval through an election. Once voters give approval to the school district through a bond election, bond funds can only be used for the projects described. By law, money from the sale of bonds cannot be used to fund daily operating expenses such as salaries.

## School Bond 2014 will Provide Early College High Program at District High Schools

Pasadena ISD's proposed bond of \$175.5 million, with a zero-tax-rate increase, will provide students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma, associate's degree or credit toward a bachelor's degree through the Early College High School (ECHS) program.

Students must go through a rigorous application process to qualify for the Early College program.

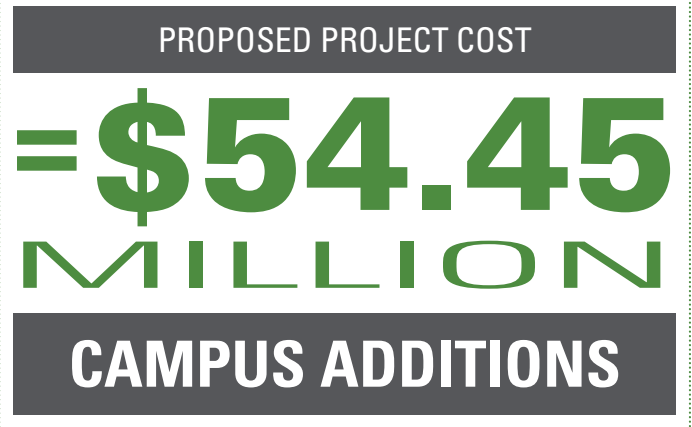
Once accepted, students in their first two years of the program take all of their courses on their home school campus. Dual credit courses during the freshman and sophomore years are taught by San Jacinto College professors. The majority of dual credit classes during a student's junior and senior years are offered only at the college campus.

Classes offered through the program will consist of English, math, science, Spanish and history.

Students will still have the opportunity to engage in extracurricular activities, campus events and athletics at their campus while enrolled in the program. They will also have access to San Jacinto College resources such as campus libraries, tutoring facilities, writing centers and computer labs.

Like Advanced Placement and traditional dual credit programs, the ECHS program allows students to earn college credits and boosts student achievement. Though not limited to any student demographic, the Early

College program typically targets students who may be the first in their family to attend college. It enables them to earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree at the same time. Additionally, Early College High School students gain exposure to the college culture by taking college coursework at a participating higher education institution.



The Early College program pilot has been operating at Pasadena High School for four years. Students enrolled in the school's program will earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree from San Jacinto College when they graduate high school May 2015. In addition, academic performance has improved notably with 11 students making the Dean's List.

With voter approval, Tuesday, Nov. 4, Pasadena ISD will expand the Early College High School program to J. Frank Dobie, Sam Rayburn, Pasadena Memorial and South Houston. Once fully operational, these five Early College programs will graduate approximately 500 to 600 students per year with a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

On November 4, 2014 Pasadena ISD voters will be asked to decide on a School Bond 2014 to:

- Expand the Early College High School program:  
J. Frank Dobie, Sam Rayburn, South Houston and Pasadena Memorial high schools
- Fund major school replacement projects:  
Mae Smythe, L.F. Smith and Pomeroy elementary schools
- Provide new campuses to accommodate growth:  
Dobie Ninth Grade Center, Intermediate #11 and Elementary #36
- Refresh technology and expand the 1 to 1 initiative

## No Tax Rate Increase

# What are the major elements of School Bond 2014?

## **\$60.5 MILLION** **Three replacement campuses**

The bond will provide replacement campuses for Mae Smythe Elementary, L.F. Smith Elementary and Pomeroy Elementary. Replacements would address roofing and infrastructure limitations and provide more classroom space and newer facilities for each school.

**Mae Smythe - Original Construction 1954**

**L.F. Smith - Original Construction 1958**

**Pomeroy - Original Construction 1958**

## **\$54.45 MILLION** **Renovations and additions to campuses**

This bond will fund renovations and additions to each high school campus. To provide more classrooms at the new Career and Technical High School, the district will complete the master plan that will accommodate an additional 200 students. An additional campus will be built off-site for Dobie High School ninth grade students. Pasadena Memorial will receive on-site renovations for the creation of an ECHS program. New classroom wings at Rayburn HS and South Houston HS will provide space for ECHS programs.

PROPOSED PROJECT COST

**= \$60.5 MILLION**

REPLACEMENT CAMPUSES

## **\$46.1 MILLION** **Two new campuses (Elementary #36 and Intermediate #11)**

Two new campuses will be built to reduce crowding. Growth trends indicate a significant increase in the number of students expected to enroll in Pasadena ISD over the next four years. Elementary School #36 will serve the Alameda-Genoa area of Houston and reduce overcrowding at Bush and Jessup Elementary Schools. Intermediate School #11 will provide enrollment relief

to Thompson, Bondy and Beverly Hills intermediate schools. The facility will be built in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision near Thompson Intermediate School.

## **\$12 MILLION** **Technology**

The bond would integrate modern technology into classroom lessons through the continuation of the 1 to 1 initiative, the Refresh Plan and new network infrastructure. Bond funds would allow Pasadena ISD to extend the 1 to 1 initiative to all students in grades 5 through 12. The three-year Refresh Plan will allow the district to continue to maintain and install up-to-date computer hardware and software. Additionally, the district's infrastructure will be updated to support student/teacher use of technology and parent access to student information.

## **\$2.5 MILLION** **Facility Management**

Facilities Management Team will assist in the construction of the bond projects.

## BY THE NUMBERS

New Campuses  
**\$46,100,000**

Replacement Campuses  
**\$60,500,000**

Renovations and Additions to Campuses  
**\$54,450,000**

Technology  
**\$12,000,000**

Facilities Management  
**\$2,500,000**

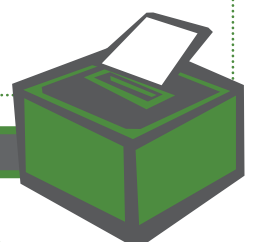
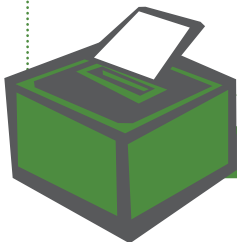
**TOTAL PROPOSED AMOUNT**  
**\$175.55 Million**

Concepts	Program Explanation	Added Capacity
<b>J. Frank Dobie Ninth Grade Campus</b>	This alternative builds a ninth grade campus off-site and allows the ECHS and Odyssey to be housed in the main building. Removing the first-time freshman class would reduce the 2018-19 projected enrollment on the main campus to 3,100.	1000
<b>Sam Rayburn</b>	ECHS On-Site; 20,000 s.f. w/o cafeteria; 28,000 s.f. w/cafeteria	400
<b>South Houston</b>	ECHS On-Site; 20,000 s.f. w/o cafeteria; 28,000 s.f. w/cafeteria	400
<b>Memorial</b>	This project becomes an on-site renovation for the creation of an ECHS program at Memorial. The welding bay would remain as an additional location for CTHS welding expansion.	400
<b>CTHS Expansion</b>	The current CTHS facility has been master planned for a 200-student addition on the south side. Based on the level of student interest, the addition is needed sooner rather than later.	200
<b>Elementary #36</b>	The facility is being built using district Fund Balance. If the bond is approved, bond funds will reimburse fund balance. The campus will provide enrollment relief to Jessup and Bush elementary schools.	750
<b>Intermediate #11</b>	Provides enrollment relief to Thompson, Bondy and Beverly Hills based on projected numbers.	850
<b>Mae Smythe Replacement</b>	The campus has significant structural issues bringing it to the forefront of our facility needs for our elementary schools.	750
<b>L. F. Smith Replacement</b>	The age and construction of the facility put it next in line for replacement. It has roofing needs and infrastructure limitations that make it less than ideal for learning. The primary parcel of land needed has been purchased. Some additional acreage will be needed.	750
<b>Pomeroy Replacement</b>	The age and construction of the facility put it next in line for replacement. It has roofing needs and infrastructure limitations that make it less than ideal for learning. Additional acreage will be needed contiguous to its current site.	850
<b>Technology</b>	The funds will be distributed for continuation of the 1 to 1 initiative (putting a personal computer in the hands of each students), the refresh program (maintaining and replacing equipment and software every three years) and infrastructure (networking, bandwidth).	
<b>Facility Management</b>	Facilities Management Team will assist in the construction of the bond projects.	

# Election Day - November 4, 2014

## Early Voting Dates

Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 31



No Tax Rate Increase



## Questions about School Bond 2014?

For more information go to:

[www1.pasadenaisd.org/2014schoolbond](http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/2014schoolbond) or Call: 713-740-0247