Corsicana ISD 2014 Bond Frequently Asked Questions

Who was involved in putting the package together?

The plan was developed with extensive community input from a diverse group of citizens from all parts of the district. The Facility Study and Review Committee, comprised of 120 community members, began work last spring to evaluate the facilities within the district. Over the course of their work they studied facility needs, student enrollment, demographics reports and financial reports before making a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

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What is included in the proposed bond?

Corsicana ISD voters are being asked to consider a bond proposal for the November 4th, 2014 ballot totaling \$49,673,624. The Board of Trustees unanimously called for the bond election following the recommendation of the citizens committee. The proposal addresses safety and security at every campus, renovations and upgrades to facilities, and building a middle school.

The bond package includes:

- Securing campus entrances including secure entry vestibules, keyless entry systems, and installing video surveillance
- **Building a 7-8 middle school** Reconfiguring Collins for a 5th and 6th grade campus. *This will provide for additional space on elementary campuses and will allow for most portable buildings to be removed.*
- Renovations to all campuses

Under the proposal, all campuses in the district will receive renovations. Drane will be repurposed to an educational facility and is not included in this Bond proposal. Renovations for Drane will be paid for from other funds such as historical grants monies and/or general fund. Drane plans are pending an engineering study currently being conducted.

Bond Project Highlights

- Increased security measures across all campuses
- New Middle School for 7th and 8th grade.
- Consolidation of 5th and 6th grade to the current Middle School. This allows more space and additional programs to be available to students during these grades. (band, athletics facilities for possible tennis and track programs, workout facilities, etc)
- This move also frees up some space on the elementary campuses to allow for the removal of most portable buildings throughout the district.
- Renovations such as replacing aging roofs, HVAC systems, windows and plumbing as well as adding energy management systems throughout the district.
- Additional safety and security measures across the district.

What will guarantee that these schools get built as proposed?

The Board of Trustees will monitor the scope, timeline and expenditures of the bond funds. In addition, the Board will hire a Construction Manager who will help oversee that the construction projects are being completed correctly and according to schedule.

How many portable buildings will be eliminated as a result of this bond?

Currently, there are 15 portables being used across campuses at CISD. Two (2) at Bowie, five (5) at Carroll, three (3) at Fannin, four (4) at Sam Houston, and one (1) at Collins. If the Bond is approved by voters, three units will remain at Carroll, and two units will remain at Sam Houston. All other portables would be removed.

Is Drane included in the proposed bond?

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Are any athletics included in the proposed bond?

No athletics facilities are included in this bond.

Is a new administration building included in the proposed bond?

No administration building is included in this bond.

How does this bond address technology in the district?

Each campus will have full wireless capabilities giving more students and teachers access at the same time.

How does this bond address safety and security?

Secure entry vestibules will be constructed on each campus. This will require visitors to come through the front entry directly into the office without access to the rest of the campus, until he/she is "cleared" by front office staff. Cameras with digital surveillance capabilities will be installed on each campus. Keyless entry system will be installed on each campus requiring badge access to open doors.

How will this bond affect property taxes?

The proposed property tax rate is 1.42 per \$100 valuation. If Corsicana ISD voters approve this bond proposal, it will increase property taxes approximately \$6.88 per month on a house valued at seventy five thousand dollars.

Tax Increase w/Property Value of \$75,000

\$6.88 month

Tax Increase w/Property Value of \$100,000

\$9.75 month

Tax Increase w/Property Value of \$150,000

\$15.49 month

What if I am over 65?

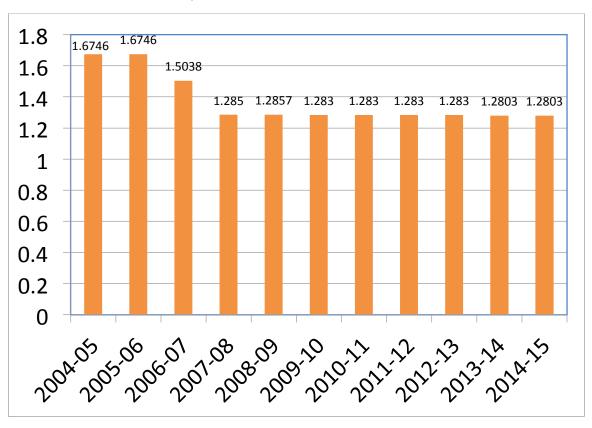
Residents age 65 or older will see no increase above the frozen level of their homestead property taxes as a result of this bond, except on the value of any newly constructed improvements.

What will happen to the Sam Houston (dual language program) 5th grade?

5th grade students will be scheduled in a school-within-a-school concept, continuing instruction in two of the four core subjects, just as they are currently at Sam Houston.

Currently, 6th grade students receive instruction in English and Spanish in their Social Studies class and have an advanced Spanish class. This will continue.

What is the historical tax rate for Corsicana ISD?



How does our tax rate compare with other districts?

Ennis	1.54	Fairfield	1.31
Red Oak	1.54	Terrell	1.31

Cedar Hill	1.44	Dawson	1.29
Hubbard	1.54	Mildred	1.29
Irving	1.46	Corsicana	1.28
Coppell	1.42	Frost	1.25
Rice	1.42	Blooming Grove	1.13
Waxahachie	1.42	Kerens	1.11
Mesquite	1.42		

When and where can I vote?

Early voting begins Oct. 20 and runs through Oct. 31. During early voting, any voter may bring a photo ID to the **Navarro County Courthouse Annex** (old CISD Administration Building) 601 N. 13th Street any time of day from 8am-5pm.

The CISD campuses will also be available during certain days of early voting. See schedule below:

Sam Houston Elem	Oct. 20	7am-7pm
Drane Intermediate	Oct. 21	7am-7pm
Collins Middle School	Oct. 22	7am-7pm
Bowie Elementary	Oct. 23	7am-7pm
Navarro Elementary	Oct. 27	7am-7pm
Fannin Elementary	Oct. 28	7am-7pm

Corsicana High School Oct. 29 7am-7pm

Carroll Elementary Oct. 30 7am-7pm

Tiger Stadium – game time! Oct. 31 6pm-10:30pm (football game vs. Lufkin Panthers)

Election Day is Nov. 4. On election day, voting is done by precincts.