

Voting Day: Tuesday, Nov. 7

Early voting: Oct. 23 - Nov. 3

Early voting information:

www.springbranchisd.com/bond2017/earlyvoting.pdf
www.harrisvotes.com or 713-755-6965

Voter registration information:

www.hctax.net/Voter/Registration

Sample Ballot:

THE ISSUANCE OF \$898,400,000 BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING REBUILDING NINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL SITES AND NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

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THE FACTS

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The November Election

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, Spring Branch voters will be asked to consider an **\$898.4 million** bond issue to continue rebuilding the district's aging schools and to provide district-wide improvements to all Spring Branch ISD campuses.

A Bond Advisory Committee, co-chaired by parents of current and former SBISD students, worked for several months reviewing district needs (i.e. instruction, technology and transportation) and current and future district facility needs.

The group included parents, business representatives, retirees, teachers and other patrons from every feeder pattern in the district. Their work was informed by the district's Long Range Facilities Plan, which identified more than \$1.3 billion in facility needs.

The \$898.4 Million Bond Package will:

- Replace remaining 9 oldest elementary schools and 1 middle school
- Add new classroom building at MHS and at NHS, replace auditorium at SHS and renovate cafeteria/library at SWHS
- Add classroom wing at Cedar Brook Elementary
- Upgrade safety and security, building systems, and technology at all campuses, including classroom furniture for secondary schools
- Replace Career & Technical Education classroom equipment
- Replace aged musical instruments and uniforms
- Upgrade athletics, including 4 turf fields (MHS, NHS, SHS and SWHS)
- Replace older buses

Learn more:

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No Change to Tax Rate

The District **does not expect** a tax rate increase if voters approve this bond.

The SBISD Board of Trustees has not raised the school tax rate of \$1.3945 since 2010 and does not plan to raise the tax rate as a result of this bond election. The bond package is based on a conservative financial model. A review of the model following Hurricane Harvey continues to indicate the district's ability to complete this bond package without increasing the tax rate.

SBISD offers every tax break allowed by law, including the 20 percent local homestead exemption. Spring Branch homeowners have the third lowest tax burden in the Houston area – less than Katy, Spring, Cy-Fair, and most other surrounding districts (Aldine, Alief, Humble, Klein).

District	20% Homestead Exemption	Taxes on a \$500,000 Home
Katy ISD	No	\$7,204
Spring ISD	No	\$6,982
Cy-Fair ISD	Yes	\$5,400
SBISD	Yes	\$5,229
Houston ISD	Yes	\$4,525

The bond issue will not affect the tax bill or the amount of taxes paid for anyone disabled or 65 or older with a homestead exemption.

Neither the State of Texas nor the federal government pays for school facilities or construction, despite increasing state and federal mandates. All funds must come from the sale of bonds approved by residents of the district. Bond money cannot be used for instructional salaries or teaching supplies.

Bond Funds Are Robin Hood-Proof

Unlike most of SBISD's budget, bond funds are not subject to the State's current Chapter 41, or Robin Hood, funding formula. Recapture, under the current school finance system, has sent back to the state millions of local Spring Branch ISD tax dollars. **But, 100 percent of any bond funds approved by district voters will remain in SBISD to directly benefit our children.**

For more information about Robin Hood and SBISD finances, visit www.springbranchisd.com.

2007 Bond Program Recap

Spring Branch ISD educates more than 35,000 students and maintains approximately 6 million square feet - or 693 acres - of schools and support facilities. The last bond issue, approved by a margin of 60 percent in 2007, allowed SBISD to finance capital improvement projects district-wide. The recently completed 2007 bond program included the rebuilding of 13 elementary schools and the Spring Branch Education Center. Upgrades to safety and security and major systems were made at every district facility. The program was supported by a community bond oversight committee. **Most remaining campuses not rebuilt are more than 50 years old.**

The Process

In June 2017, the Board of Trustees received the Bond Advisory Committee's recommendation. The Board conducted a series of special meetings in July and August to discuss the detailed report and to develop a proposed bond package.

On Aug. 21, the Board voted unanimously to call a Bond Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

Proposed Bond Package

Proposed Scope	Recommended
FACILITIES	\$796,300,000
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$ 10,000,000
FINE & PERFORMING ARTS	\$ 3,000,000
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 60,100,000
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 13,000,000
BOND PLAN ADMINISTRATION	\$ 16,000,000
Grand Total	\$898,400,000

10 Schools to be Rebuilt

- Bunker Hill Elementary
- Hunters Creek Elementary
- Memorial Drive Elementary
- Nottingham Elementary
- Sherwood Elementary
- Spring Shadows Elementary
- Terrace Elementary
- Thornwood Elementary
- Woodview Elementary
- Landrum Middle

5 School Renovations/Additions

The following schools will receive additions/major renovations: Cedar Brook Elementary, Memorial High, Northbrook High, Spring Woods High and Stratford High.

47 Additional Facility Upgrades

Included in the bond program are funds for upgrades to 47 additional district facilities (schools, athletics, district and educational support facilities).

Complete details of the plan and proposed projects by campus are available at:
www.springbranchisd.com/bond2017

Facility Projects by Bond Program and Campus

SBISD Bond Program Campus Project Legend

Bond 2007 Schools Rebuilt	Bond 2017 Proposed School Rebuilds	Bond 2017 Proposed Building and/or Systems Upgrades
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Campus Listing by Number:

- Academy of Choice (012)
- Bear Blvd. School (131)
- Bendwood Campus (101)
- Buffalo Creek Elementary (126)
- Bunker Hill Elementary (102)
- Cedar Brook Elementary (124)
- Cornerstone Academy (048)
- Edgewood Elementary (103)
- Frostwood Elementary (104)
- Guthrie Center (A)
- Hollibrook Elementary (105)
- Housman Elementary (106)
- Hunters Creek Elementary (107)
- Landrum Middle (041)
- Lion Lane School (130)
- Meadow Wood Elementary (108)
- Memorial Drive Elementary (109)
- Memorial Middle (042)
- Memorial High School (001)
- Northbrook Middle (047)
- Northbrook High School (005)
- Nottingham Elementary (121)
- Panda Path School (129)
- Pine Shadows Elementary (001)
- Ridgecrest Elementary (111)
- Rummel Creek Elementary (112)
- Shadow Oaks Elementary (113)
- Sherwood Elementary (119)
- Spring Branch Elementary (114)
- Spring Branch Middle (043)
- Spring Forest Middle (045)
- Spring Oaks Middle (046)
- Spring Shadows Elementary (120)
- Spring Woods Middle (044)
- Spring Woods High School (003)
- Stratford High School (006)
- Terrace Elementary (122)
- Thornwood Elementary (123)
- Tiger Trail School (132)
- Treasure Forest Elementary (125)
- Valley Oaks Elementary (115)
- Westchester Academy (015)
- Westwood Elementary (116)
- Wilchester Elementary (118)
- Wildcat Way School (128)
- Woodview Elementary (117)

