

# BOND

## 2019 ELECTION

EANES INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT



### FACTS ABOUT THE 2019 BOND (PROPOSITION A)

After several community meetings and input from a Bond Advisory Committee beginning in September 2018, the Eanes ISD Board of Trustees called an \$80 million bond election to be held on May 4, 2019. The proposed bond requires **no tax rate increase** and includes projects for all nine campuses, including upgrades in safety & security, student programs & support, energy efficiency & conservation, facilities and co-curricular & extra-curricular spaces for the Aquatics, Robotics and Wrestling programs. The Board decided the bonds for the co- and extra-curricular spaces would not be issued until proper permitting and construction design are defined and operational costs are mitigated or eliminated.

#### \$8M SAFETY AND SECURITY



- Chap Court entry secure vestibule
- Perimeter fencing/barriers
- Fire alarm systems
- Cyber security infrastructure
- Security cameras and access controls
- Campus emergency notification systems

#### \$5M ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION



- LED Lighting
- Retrofit Room Occupancy
- Lighting Control Sensors
- Energy Efficient Windows

#### \$28M FACILITIES



- Plumbing Electrical HVAC Roofing
- Campus refurbishments (painting & flooring)
- Middle schools: artificial turf replacement

#### \$11M INSTRUCTIONAL, CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPACES

\*Includes WHS Aquatics Center, WHS Robotics expansion, WHS Wrestling space.  
\*The Eanes ISD Board agreed to use no more than \$4 million of funds from the sale of District properties to fund construction of new facilities proposed in the bond.

The debt to build the Aquatics Center would not be issued until 1) construction is deemed feasible and 2) necessary permitting and approvals are obtained and 3) the facility's impact on the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) budget would be significantly mitigated or eliminated.



#### \$28M STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT



- Student technology
- Staff technology
- Audio/Video in classrooms
- Classroom technology/lab devices
- Performing Arts Center lighting & technology

- Fine Arts Equipment
- Athletics Uniforms & Equipment
- Classroom flexible furniture
- Library upgrades and refurbishments
- Buses: School bus seatbelts

## HOW WILL THE BOND PROPOSAL / PROPOSITION A AFFECT MY PROPERTY TAXES?

**THE PROPOSED BOND REQUIRES NO TAX RATE INCREASE;** those over age 65 have their EISD taxes frozen. The bond program takes the pressure off of the District's Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budget, which is used to pay for day-to-day expenses, such as teacher salaries, as well as campus utilities.

On the M&O side, for every \$1 collected from taxpayers, Eanes ISD keeps approximately \$0.34. This is because Eanes ISD is categorized by the state as a "property wealthy" district. As a result, approximately 66 percent of the M&O taxes received by Eanes ISD is currently taken by the State of Texas under the "Robin Hood" plan for the State's General Fund. The recapture rate for Eanes ISD has increased by approximately 10 percent each year, totalling more than \$1 billion since 1995.

On the bond side, for every \$1 received, Eanes ISD keeps 100 percent. Bond money cannot be used for teacher salaries; however, bond money can be used to pay for certain capital expenses that might otherwise be funded from M&O money, so that more M&O funds are available for salaries. Bond money is used for capital expenditures, buses and technology.



### WHY IS AN AQUATICS FACILITY ON THE 2019 BOND?

Currently the Westlake High School swim teams practice at the Rollingwood Pool for approximately \$30,000 a year. The rental contract with Rollingwood is through the 2019-20 school year, after such time their new board will determine decisions on rentals. There is a possibility of revenue associated with renting a pool to the community and outside groups.



### WHY IS A WRESTLING SPACE ON THE 2019 BOND?

There is no dedicated, permanent space for the wrestling program, including storage of mats and equipment. Currently, the wrestling program shares the Ninth-Grade Center cafeteria space with other programs/events and moves around cafeteria tables daily to accommodate space. A new space could accommodate other programs such as softball, tennis, fine arts, etc.



### WHY IS A ROBOTICS EXPANSION ON THE 2019 BOND?

There is no adequate space for sufficient practice time at nearby facilities; the existing Robotics facility cannot accommodate competition space. Expansion would allow space for other programs, resulting in three additional classrooms in the main building for campus use. The new facility would include two new classrooms for the WHS Engineering program. WHS Robotics is currently the only team in the top 10 in the state without access to a full competition field.

Los documentos se encuentran disponible en las oficinas del Edificio Central de la Administración del Distrito Escolar de Eanes en Camp Craft Road, número 601, Austin, TX 78746. En la red: ([www.eanesisd.net](http://www.eanesisd.net)) / o al llamar al número de teléfono 512-732-9011.

**EARLY VOTING 4.22.19 - 4.30.19**  
**ELECTION DAY VOTING 5.4.19**

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