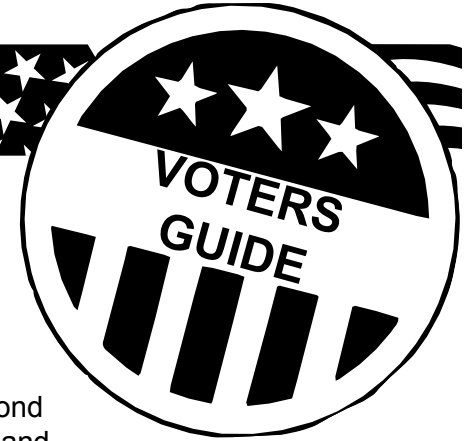


La Porte Independent School District



2014 SCHOOL BOND



To our La Porte ISD Citizens:

In January 2014, the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees and Administration brought together a group of parents, grandparents, business/industry leaders and other citizens to look at the current needs of our school district as well as those anticipated over the next 10 years. In the weeks following, the Citizens Bond Development Committee toured facilities, reviewed needs presented by district and campus administrators and discussed various bond program options to bring before the community.

At our Feb. 25 meeting, the Citizens Bond Development Committee members in attendance unanimously recommended a single \$260 million proposition that would impact all campuses in La Porte ISD. Included in the group's recommendation were construction and renovation projects, repairs, and equipment purchases that would address both educational and safety/security needs. That same evening, the Board unanimously approved this recommendation, calling for a May 10 bond election.

Highlights of the bond proposition include replacement facilities for Lomax Elementary and Baker Sixth Grade Campus as well as a major rebuild of La Porte High School. Also included are major renovations at College Park Elementary, La Porte Junior High School, La Porte Elementary and Lomax Junior High School. Funds in the bond proposal would also be directed for other elementary school and district-wide improvements, including programmatic and instructional technology improvements; classroom renovations, including science labs; ongoing capital improvements; and safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting. A total of \$57 million would be allotted for technology, maintenance and transportation.

The last time the Board called a bond election was in 2005, when a \$203 million package was approved by La Porte ISD voters. This package, designed to meet the foreseeable needs of the next decade, included construction of several facilities, renovations and repairs, advancements in technology, buses and maintenance. All in all, approximately \$30 million more in projects were delivered than were originally promised to voters. As with the 2005 program, should the upcoming bond issue be approved by voters, a citizens' committee will be formed to provide oversight on the efficient management of the projects and finances.

More information on the 2014 bond program is available on the "Quick Links" section of the La Porte ISD website, www.lpsid.org. If you have other questions, please feel free to call the La Porte ISD Communications Office at 281-604-7001.

We encourage you to learn more about this bond issue and cast your vote during early voting opportunities April 28 through May 6 or on Election Day May 10.

The La Porte ISD Board of Trustees

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**ELECTION DAY
IS MAY 10**

What's included in the 2014 bond issue?

- **Facility Replacements**
 - Lomax Elementary
 - Baker Sixth Grade Campus
- **Major Renovations**
 - College Park Elementary
 - La Porte Junior High School
 - La Porte Elementary
 - Lomax Junior High School
- **Major Rebuild of La Porte High School**
 - Construction of new classrooms and science labs
 - Construction of new fine arts wing (band hall, choir room, orchestra hall and dance studio)
 - Construction of new natatorium (pool building)
 - Construction of new competition gym/multi-purpose facility
 - Locker rooms for softball, baseball, soccer, and other non-football sports
 - Weight training rooms and support spaces
 - Renovation of existing fieldhouse to accommodate all football programs (varsity, sub-varsity and freshman)
 - Renovation of Classroom Wing B, kitchen, cafeteria and support services areas
 - Demolition of existing areas
- **\$57 million in Technology, Maintenance and Transportation**
- **Elementary School and District-Wide Improvements**
 - Programmatic/instructional technology improvements
 - Classroom renovations, including science labs
 - Ongoing capital improvements
 - Safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting



BOND ISSUE SAMPLE BALLOT

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THE ISSUANCE OF \$260,000,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE RENOVATION AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

[] AGAINST

What will the bond issue cost?

The Citizens Bond Development Committee designed the 2014 bond proposal keeping the needs of the district over the next decade in mind. La Porte ISD's current tax rate is \$1.33, which includes \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$.29 for debt service. Should the bond program be approved by voters, the debt service tax rate could increase by a maximum of 12 cents per \$100 valuation, which would bring the debt service rate to \$.41 and the total tax rate to \$1.45.

(1)	(2)	(3)
Actual 2013/14 I&S Tax Rate	Estimated I&S Tax Rate Increase	Estimated 2014/15 I&S Tax Rate
29.0¢	12.0¢	41.0¢

The chart below shows the maximum projected monthly annual and monthly tax impact for La Porte ISD homestead property owners should the bond program be approved by voters. As shown in this chart, a home valued at \$150,000 drops to \$105,000 after the \$15,000 state exemption and 20 percent local exemption. Therefore, the projected annual tax increase would be \$126, and the projected monthly tax increase would be \$10.50.

Home Value Before Exemptions	Home Value After \$15,000 State & Local Option 20% Exemptions	Projected Annual Tax Increase	Projected Monthly Tax Increase
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$30.00	\$2.50
75,000	45,000	54.00	4.50
100,000	65,000	78.00	6.50
126,336	82,401	98.88	8.24
150,000	105,000	126.00	10.50
175,000	125,000	150.00	12.50
200,000	145,000	174.00	14.50
225,000	165,000	198.00	16.50
250,000	185,000	222.00	18.50
275,000	205,000	246.00	20.50
300,000	225,000	270.00	22.50

**No Tax Increase above the frozen level
on the Homestead of Taxpayers 65 years of age and older
who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze**

The 2014 proposed bond package anticipates a maximum tax rate impact not to exceed more than 12 cents per \$100 valuation. La Porte ISD homestead property owners who are over 65 or disabled will experience no tax increase as a result of the bond program.

Campus-by-Campus Highlights

Elementary Schools

Bayshore Elementary	\$1,500,000
Heritage Elementary	\$1,500,000
Jennie Reid Elementary	\$1,950,000
Rizzuto Elementary	\$1,500,000

Renovation of classrooms to address other evolving programmatic needs (including science labs at Jennie Reid); safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting; instructional technology; ongoing capital improvements, interior and exterior

College Park Elementary **\$7,000,000**

Construction of new attached gymnasium to replace current gym; renovations to existing administration area; addition to create secure/enhanced front entrance; modification of parking area and drive/addition of wrap-around canopy; renovation of library and select classroom areas; replacement of carpet, tile and casework (including ADA-accessible sinks); painting of interior/exterior surfaces; addition of faculty restrooms; replacement of roof system; exterior waterproofing sealants; safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting; improvement of site drainage

La Porte Elementary **\$2,800,000**

Renovation of classrooms to create science labs and address other programmatic needs; renovation of library and select classroom areas; separation of HVAC control plant from La Porte Junior High; safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting; technology, intercom and fire alarm system upgrades; ongoing capital improvements, interior and exterior

Lomax Elementary **\$17,500,000**

Replacement of existing school with new school with 750-student capacity (includes building construction cost and site development costs) and demolition of existing facility

Amounts shown are preliminary budgeted costs.

Conceptual drawings of proposed new facilities are shown on the Feb. 25 bond presentation on the "2014 Proposed Bond" link of the La Porte ISD website, www.lpsd.org

Secondary Schools

Baker Sixth Grade Campus **\$20,000,000**

Replacement of existing school with new school with 750-student capacity (includes building construction cost and site development costs) and demolition of existing facility

La Porte Junior High School **\$15,000,000**

Replacement of gymnasiums and locker rooms with new facilities in a different area; construction of interactive learning courtyard in former gym location; demolition of existing gyms/locker rooms; expansion of existing parking; renovation of library and select classroom areas; updates to corridors; safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting; campus-wide technology, intercom and fire alarm system upgrades; renovation of student restrooms; expansion of clinic; ongoing capital improvements

Lomax Junior High School **\$ 4,500,000**

Renovation of science labs; renovation of cafetorium, including upgrade of stage lighting, sound, audio-visual and curtains; updates to corridors; structural repair of band room; creation of security vestibule entrance; renovation of art room/select classrooms; renovation of commons area; resurfacing of track; upgrading of aluminum bleachers; safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting; ongoing capital improvements

De Walt Alternative Campus **\$ 1,000,000**

Campus technology, intercom and fire alarm system upgrades; safety improvements with attention to access control and lighting; ongoing capital improvements, interior and exterior

La Porte High School **\$75,000,000**

Construction of new classrooms and science labs; construction of choir room, band hall, orchestra hall and dance studio; construction of new natatorium (pool building) for the swim team; construction of new competition gym/multi-purpose facility with locker rooms for softball, baseball, soccer, and other non-football sports, and weight training room/support spaces; renovation of existing fieldhouse to accommodate all football programs (varsity, sub-varsity, freshman); renovation of Classroom Wing B, kitchen, cafeteria and support services areas; demolition of existing areas. The La Porte High School rebuild cost amounts to half of the total for all proposed campus improvements

Campus Improvements Sub-total **\$149,250,000**

See page 6 for a summary of all proposed bond program costs

Summary of Proposed Bond Program Costs

Campus Improvements Sub-total <small>(see pages 4 and 5)</small>	\$149,250,000
Projected Inflation <small>Anticipated inflation is included to allow for the scheduling and phasing of projects over a 36 month period.</small>	\$ 22,000,000
Project Soft Costs <small>These costs include the District's cost to administer the projects: land surveys, soil investigation, professional fees, permitting, city fees, third party construction inspections, printing, furniture and equipment and other costs beyond the construction contract.</small>	\$ 25,750,000
Contingency <small>A contingency amount of 4% is included.</small>	\$ 6,000,000
Ongoing Instructional Technology, Maintenance and Transportation	<u>\$ 57,000,000</u>
 Total	 \$260,000,000

Board of Trustees Election

In addition to the 2014 La Porte ISD Bond Election, voters will also have the opportunity to cast their vote for Position 3 on the LPISD Board of Trustees.

All La Porte ISD Board of Trustees positions are at-large positions. All LPISD registered voters can vote for Board candidates.

The order of the candidates in the list below is the order they drew to be listed on the ballot.

**Candidate for
Position 1**

Lois Rogerson, Incumbent
Unopposed

**Candidate for
Position 2**

Kathy Green, Incumbent
Unopposed

**Candidates for
Position 3**

Craig Hulcy, Incumbent
Phillip Hoot
Chris Murdock

Branch Early Voting Locations

(Precincts 1-9)

Lomax Junior High
9801 North Avenue L
April 29, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Large Group Room

La Porte High School
301 E. Fairmont Parkway
May 2, 2014
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Main Foyer

Baker Sixth Grade Campus
9800 Spencer Highway
May 5, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Foyer of Gym

La Porte Junior High
401 S. Broadway
May 1, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Large Conference Room

La Porte High School
301 E. Fairmont Parkway
May 2, 2014
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Field House

La Porte ISD Support Services Center
2015 Sens Rd.
May 6, 2014
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Training Room - First Floor

Early Voting Locations

April 28 - May 6, 2014

La Porte City Hall
Precincts 1-7
604 W. Fairmont Parkway
La Porte, Texas 77571

Hours:
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30, 2014—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 3, 2014—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6, 2014—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Shoreacres City Hall
Precinct 8
601 Shoreacres Blvd.
Shoreacres, Texas 77571

Hours:
Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30, 2014—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6, 2014—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

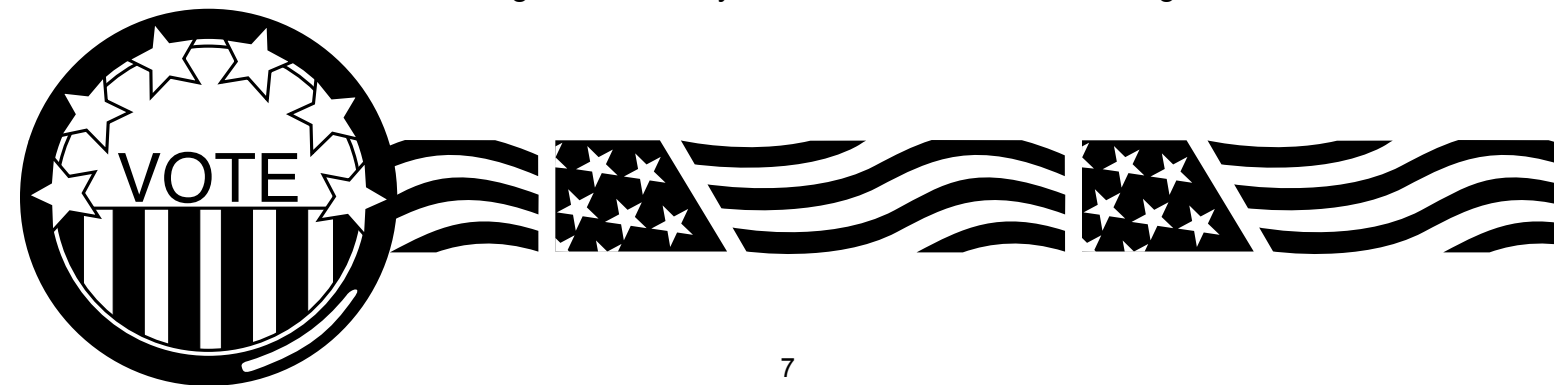
Morgan's Point City Hall
Precinct 9
1415 East Main St.
Morgan's Point, Texas 77571

Hours:
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 5, 2014—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6, 2014—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election Day Voting Locations

May 10, 2014
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 6—Baker Sixth Grade Campus, 9800 Spencer Highway, La Porte
Precincts 4 and 5—La Porte City Hall, 604 West Fairmont Parkway
Precinct 7—College Park Elementary School, 4315 Luella, Deer Park
Precinct 8—Shoreacres City Hall, 601 Shoreacres Blvd., Shoreacres
Precinct 9—Morgan's Point City Hall, 1415 East Main St., Morgan's Point





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Comunicaciones de La Porte ISD al 281-604-7001.

Nếu quý vị muốn nhận một bản sao của thông tin này bằng tiếng Tây Ban Nha, tiếng Việt hoặc tiếng Hoa,
vui lòng gọi đến Văn Phòng Truyền Thông La Porte ISD tại số 281-604-7001.

如果您想此信息的西班牙語、越南語、或者漢語副本，請撥打 La Porte 獨立學區通信辦公室電話 281-604-7001。

The La Porte Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex or disability in providing education services, activities, and programs, including vocational programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Title IX Coordinator is Isela Montes, Executive Director of Human Resources, 1002 San Jacinto, La Porte, Texas 77571, Telephone (281) 604-7110. The Section 504 Coordinator is Dr. April Fox, Executive Director of Special Programs, 1002 San Jacinto, La Porte, Texas 77571, Telephone (281) 604-7034.