

## Election Day:

Saturday, May 7

Early voting: April 25 - May 3

### Early voting information:

[www.springbranchisd.com/2022Bond](http://www.springbranchisd.com/2022Bond)  
[www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) or 713-755-6965

### Voter registration information:

<https://harrisvotes.org/VoterRegistration>

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed legislation requiring the ballot for all school district bond referendums to include the sentence, "This is a property tax increase." The sentence is required even if no actual tax rate increase will occur.

Spring Branch ISD does not plan to raise the tax rate to pay for any of the bonds in this election.

### Sample ballot language

*Proposition A will read as follows:*

**SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A**  
THE ISSUANCE OF \$366,625,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) FACILITIES, AND THE IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. THIS STATEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.003 TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

*Proposition B will read as follows:*

**SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B**  
THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,975,000 BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND UPDATE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, AND THE IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. THIS STATEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.003 TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

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## The May Election

On Saturday, May 7, Spring Branch ISD voters will be asked to consider a **\$381.6 million bond issue**. The proposed bond issue responds to the 2017 Bond Program commitment to develop the vision for a world-class SBISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and needed facility and technology improvements.

CTE programming connects students to careers through 26 Programs of Study, each with a sequence of courses that develops students' skills through engaging classroom learning and real-world experiences. The proposed bond follows four years of CTE-focused task forces and committees comprised of parents, students, community members and staff, and the development of educational specifications and facilities reviews. In fall 2021, a CTE Bond Advisory Committee developed bond package recommendations for improvements to CTE classrooms, labs and facilities. These recommendations were presented to Trustees in November 2021.

The Board of Trustees met over eight meetings in December 2021, and January and early February 2022, to consider these recommendations and develop the proposed bond package. The proposed bond package also addresses several critical district facilities needs. A separate technology proposition would provide funds to update and replace devices for secondary students and all teachers districtwide.

### The \$381.6 Million Bond Package will:

- Provide CTE classroom, lab, facility and technology improvements at SBISD high schools, middle schools\* and specialty campuses
- Replace the Guthrie Center, SBISD's central CTE facility
- Provide classroom, lab, facility and technology improvements at Guthrie's Agricultural Science Center (The Ag Farm)
- Address identified district facility needs including additional classrooms at Valley Oaks Elementary in response to anticipated capacity challenges and new stormwater detention and code requirements put into place after Hurricane Harvey
- Fund lifecycle replacements of instructional tools and student and teacher devices

\*Landrum Middle School is not included in this proposal as the campus was rebuilt as part of the 2017 Bond Program and included CTE educational specifications in the building design.

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## The Facts about the proposed bond

**2022  
BOND**

**Spring Branch**  
Independent School District

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## No Change to Tax Rate

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

SBISD's total tax rate for the 2021 tax year of \$1.3043 per \$100 of assessed valuation, represents the lowest district tax rate since 2007-08. The SBISD Board of Trustees does not plan to raise the tax rate as a result of this bond election. Through effective management of the district's current bond portfolio, our financial advisors and the district's Finance team have been positioning the district to be able to sell additional bonds. The proposed 2022 bond package is based on a conservative financial model.

SBISD offers every tax break allowed by law, including the 20 percent local optional homestead exemption. Spring Branch ISD homeowners have the second lowest tax burden in the Houston area.

District	20% Homestead Exemption	Taxes on a \$500,000 Home
Spring ISD	No	\$6,433
Katy ISD	No	\$6,421
Cy-Fair ISD	Yes	\$5,009
<b>SBISD</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$4,891</b>
Houston ISD	Yes	\$4,232

**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 Recapture-Proof

Unlike most of SBISD's budget, bond funds are not subject to recapture or "Robinhood," now known as *local revenue in excess of entitlement*. SBISD continues to send back to the state millions in local Spring Branch ISD tax dollars under the State's current Chapter 49 funding formulas.

**However, 100 percent of any bond funds approved by district voters will remain in SBISD to directly benefit our children.**

For more information about recapture and SBISD finances, visit **[www.springbranchisd.com](http://www.springbranchisd.com)**.



**All students will benefit from the proposed bond.**

### Elementary Schools



Technology infrastructure and lifecycle replacement of instructional tools

### Middle Schools

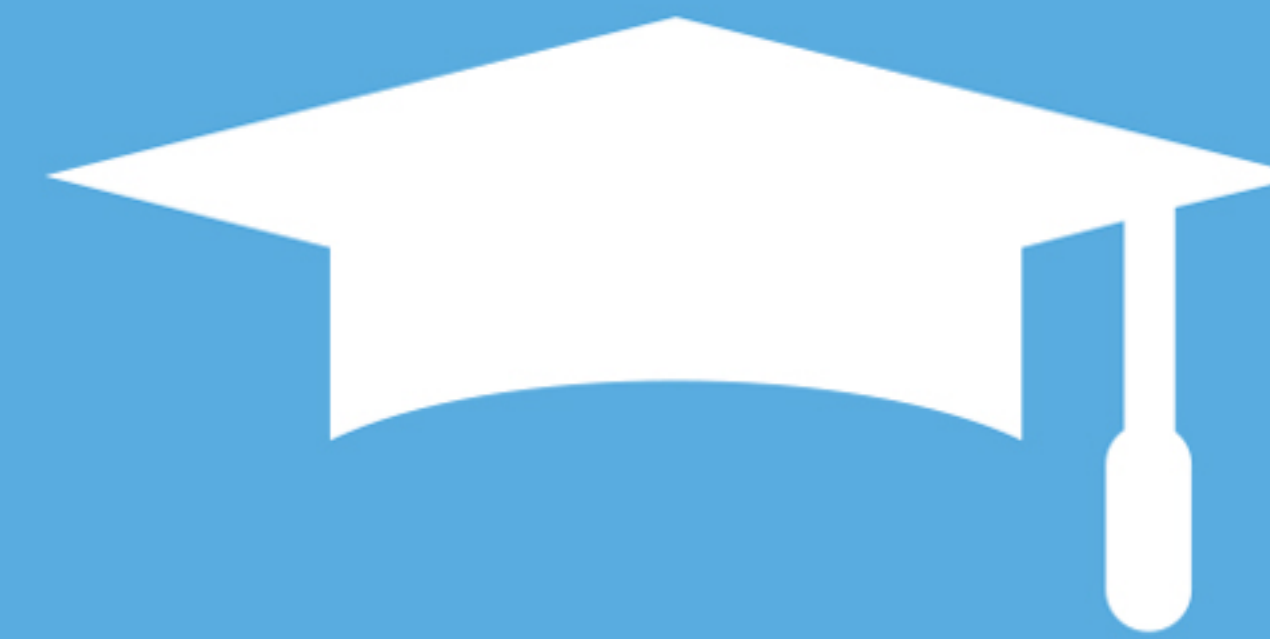


Career and Technical Education (CTE) classroom, lab, facility & technology improvements



Lifecycle replacements of instructional tools and student and teacher devices

### High Schools



Career and Technical Education (CTE) classroom, lab, facility & technology improvements



Lifecycle replacements of instructional tools and student and teacher devices

### Additions & Replacements



Replace the Guthrie Center

Guthrie's Agricultural Science Center classroom, lab, facility & technology improvements

Valley Oaks Elementary additional classrooms

## The Process

In November 2021, The Board of Trustees received the CTE Bond Advisory Committee's recommendations. The Board conducted a series of special meetings in December, January and February to consider the recommendations and develop a proposed bond package. On February 7, the Board voted unanimously to call a Bond Election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

## What's included in the bond?

### PROPOSITION A

**\$366,625,000**

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS  
FACILITIES ADDITIONS & REPLACEMENTS  
TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE  
BOND PLAN ADMINISTRATION

### PROPOSITION B

**\$14,975,000**

TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

**TOTAL (A+B) = \$381,600,000**

### Every School: Instructional Tools & Teacher Devices

Every SBISD campus will receive technology infrastructure and lifecycle replacements of instructional tools. Teacher devices will be replaced at every SBISD campus.

### Middle\* and high schools will receive:

Career and Technical Education (CTE) classroom, lab, facility and technology improvements. Student devices will be replaced.

### SBISD's Central CTE Facility will be replaced.

The Guthrie Center for Excellence, built in 1972, will be replaced. Guthrie's Agricultural Science Center will receive improvements.

### Valley Oaks Elementary additional classrooms

Classroom additions address anticipated capacity challenges.

### Hurricane Harvey stormwater detention & code requirements

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Complete details of the 2022 Bond plan and proposed projects are available at:

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