

**Tomball Independent School District  
Facility Study Questions/Comments  
April 6, 2017**

Questions:

1. Since Wildwood Elementary continues to grow during the school year, can we not start with smaller class sizes so that we are not hitting/exceeding class sizes by December?

TISD makes staffing decisions based on detailed enrollment information and demographic projections. We will always do our best to ensure that class sizes are appropriate; however, staffing for an entire year is a challenge in fast-growth areas.

2. Is there a bond election set up? How much is it for?

A committee of district parents, community members, and staff are currently conducting a facility study to determine whether or not a bond election is warranted at this time for the district, and, if so, what amount would be necessary to fulfill the anticipated needs of the district.

3. Is the district looking at putting in a third high school? If so, where in the district? When? Or are they going to expand existing facilities at Tomball HS?

At this time, the enrollment numbers in the district do not indicate a need for a third high school any time in the near future. The district will continue to study demographic projections to determine the appropriate time to begin planning for a third high school.

4. Will traffic issues at Decker Prairie Elementary be addressed?

TISD will visit with Montgomery County officials for possible solutions to this concern.

5. Will Wildwood Elementary have a crosswalk installed to Wildwood Subdivision?

Installing any crosswalk near any campus would be a Harris County decision.

6. With the proposed expansion, will TMHS finally have a pool built onsite?

The facility study currently underway will determine whether a recommendation is needed to build a pool in the southern part of the district.

7. Will the county make the necessary road improvements to increase traffic safety for busses and car riders, walkers and cyclists?

Road improvements would be a Harris County decision.

8. What are the plans for updating older facilities on the north side?  
TISD continually strives to maintain and update facilities as needed. At this time, we do not see a need for any immediate campus renovations.
9. What are the plans for updating the current athletic facilities, specifically baseball and softball, at Tomball High School? What funds have been allocated to this in past bonds?  
This is a topic that can be reviewed during the facility study currently underway.

Comments:

1. At Wildwood, driving in at drop off Hayden Lakes, Oakcrest and Oakcrest at Wildwood are asked to drive past the school U-turn and then drive in. When exiting, parents U-turn at the stop sign. Both are an accident waiting to happen. This needs to be considered when adding new schools and corrected at established schools if possible.
2. Please email a copy of the slides.
3. Re: TMHS expansion—the school has outgrown itself(Fine Arts, cafeteria, locker rooms, additional classrooms, ag barn is full).
4. Share plan for TMHS expansion.
5. We would very much like to see a new high school built on the east end of the district near Creekside, if there are any large enough plots of land left.
6. Please contemplate how roads and communities feed into the overall design of our campuses.
7. Hufsmith Road between Creekside and THS is not safe for volume of travel.
8. Please add more busses. Kids start late to accommodate busses.
9. We need more school parking.

10. The tract of land west of Timber Creek Elementary is currently planned for commercial development. TISD should purchase this for more parking and a land buffer.
11. It is unkind that children on the south side have to travel to TISD natatorium for practice. TMHS needs a pool
12. It seems like the county sits on their hands until a death has occurred from a bad traffic accident. Let's be proactive and correct traffic control issues now.
13. Right now in Hayden Lakes, we have one bus for 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Fifth graders from Oakcrest should not be riding with 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Tomball Memorial.
14. Turf baseball and softball fields are needed. They have consistent usage and could be a possible revenue stream (playoffs).
15. Covered batting cages are needed.
16. Locker rooms for baseball and softball between the fields are needed.