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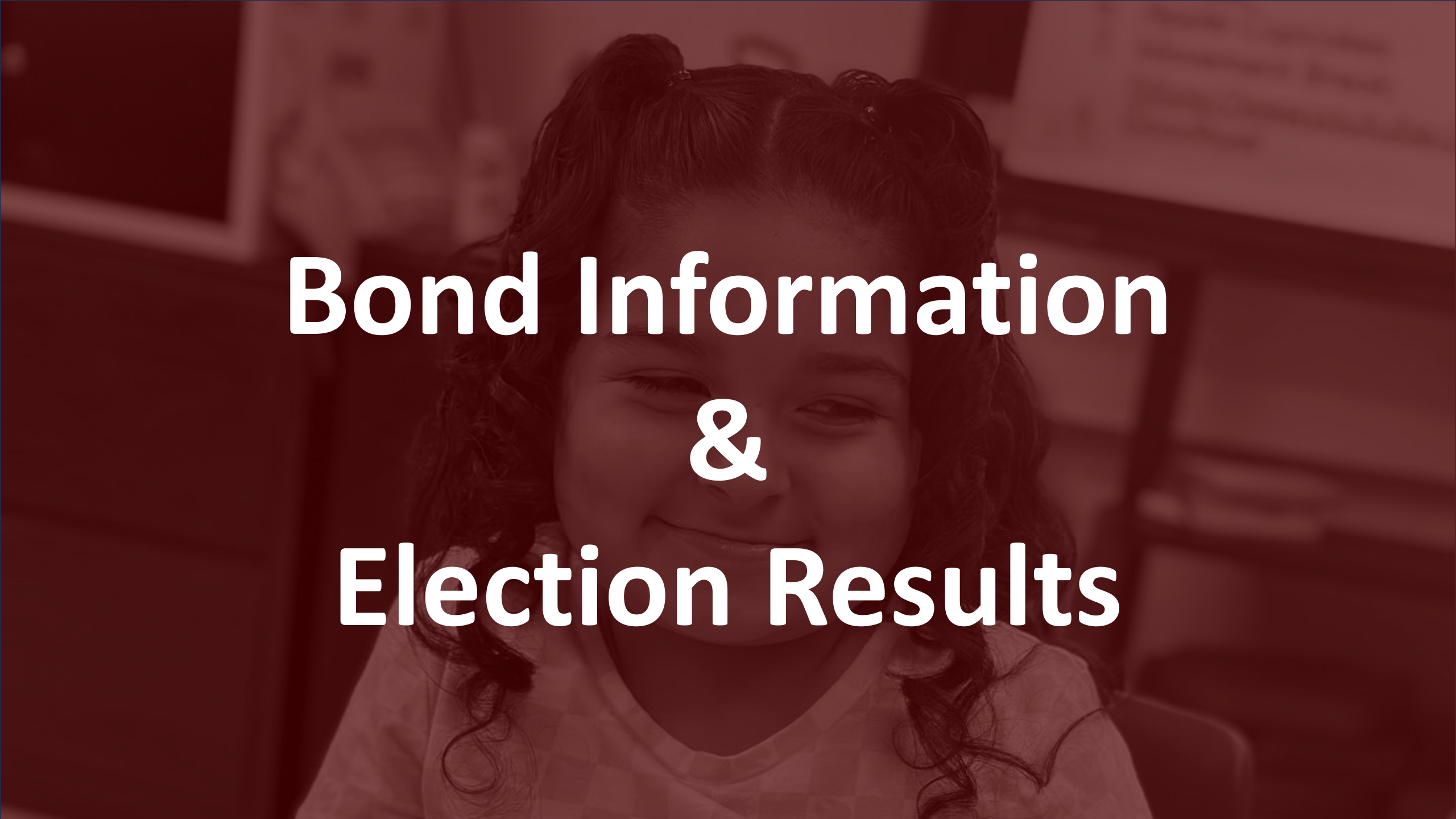


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Welcome Back!

Meeting #2 Recap

- ❖ School Finance 101
- ❖ Poteet ISD Budget
- ❖ Bonding Capacity

A young girl with curly hair in pigtails, smiling, is the background of the image. The image is overlaid with a dark red semi-transparent filter. Centered over the girl's face is the text "Bond Information & Election Results" in a large, white, sans-serif font.

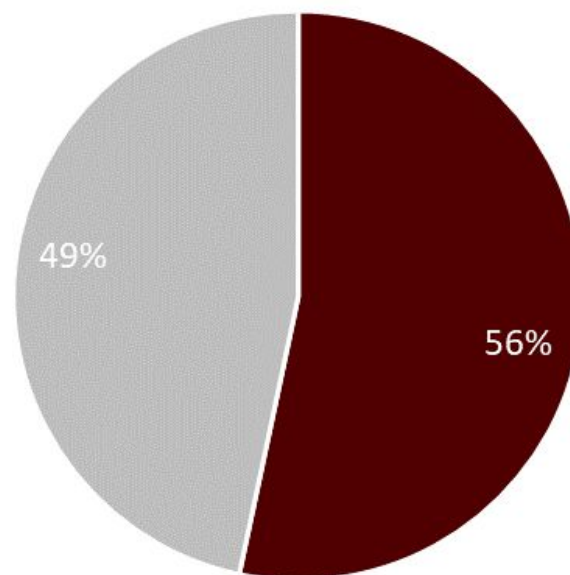
Bond Information & Election Results

Nov 2023 Bond Elections - Statewide Results

November 2023 Bond Election

139 Bond Propositions

School Buildings, Technology, Buses, Athletic Facilities, Natatorium,
Performing Arts, Multi-Purpose Center, Housing

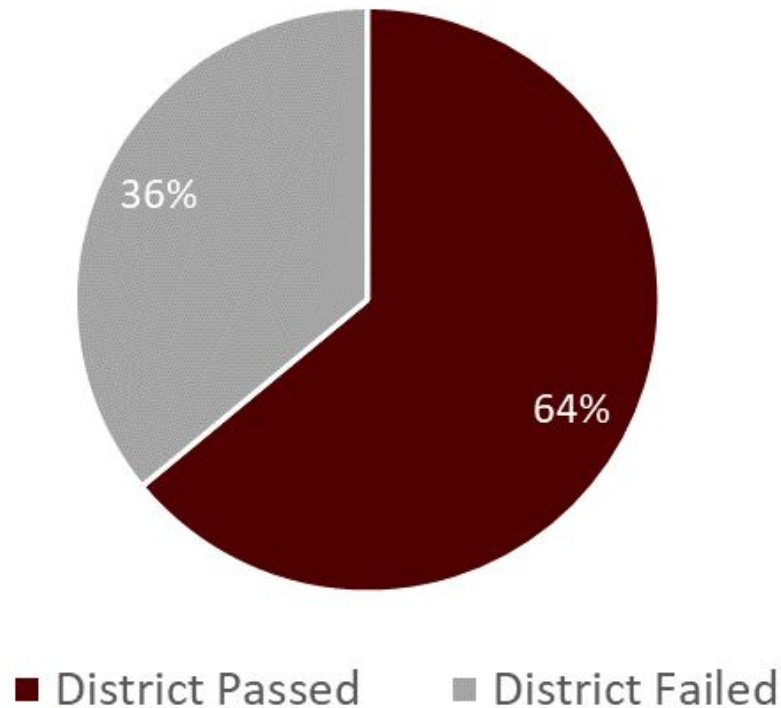


■ Propositions Passed

■ Propositions Failed

Nov 2023 Bond Elections - Statewide Results

November 2023 Bond Election
78 School Districts



Nov 2023 Bond Elections - Local Results

School District	Purpose/Description	Bond Amount	Results
Gonzales ISD	School Building Athletic Facilities	95,080,000	Prop A  B 
Utopia ISD	School Building	58,000,000	Prop A 
Bandera ISD	School Building	40,000,000	Prop A 
Schulenburg ISD	School Building Athletic Facilities	19,500,000	Prop A  B 
Karnes City ISD	School Building	15,000,000	Prop A 
Devine ISD	School Building	11,255,000	Prop A 
Three Rivers ISD	School Building Athletic Facilities Technology	9,200,000	Prop A  B  C 

Ballot Requirements: Separate, Standalone Propositions

Senate Bill 30 requires separate propositions for:

- Stadium with seating for more than 1,000
- Natatorium
- Recreational facility other than a gym, playground or play area
- Performing Arts Facility
- Housing for teachers
- Technology equipment other than security or infrastructure

This includes “the construction, acquisition, or equipment of ...”

Ballot Requirement: Property Tax Language

House Bill 3 Requirement (2019)

All school bond ballots must include language that states:

“THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”

This is regardless of the district’s ability to fund the debt
at the same I&S rate.

November 7 Election Results

Texas homeowners and businesses will get a tax cut after voters approve Proposition 4

The \$18 billion property tax-cut package is aimed squarely at lowering school district property taxes, which make up the lion's share of a Texas landowner's property tax bill.

BY JOSHUA FECHTER AND KAREN BROOKS HARPER NOV. 7, 2023 16 HOURS AGO SHARE REPUBLISH



The Mueller neighborhood in East Austin on Oct. 7, 2023. John Jordan/The Texas Tribune

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Texas homeowners and businesses will get potentially thousands of dollars cut from their property tax bills in the coming years after voters Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that changes how public schools are funded.

"Fighting for property tax reform is something Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and I have been doing together for almost 20 years in the making," the bill's author, Houston Republican Sen. Paul Bettencourt, said in an emailed statement. "To have all of

Texas Voters Approved Prop 4

- Provides Property Tax Relief
- Increases Homestead Exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000

Proposition 4: Authorizing property tax cuts

Proposition 4 would allow the state to implement this year the historic property tax cuts the Legislature [approved in July](#).

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For✓	2,118,086	83.4%
Against	420,537	16.6%

100% of precincts reporting

November 7

Other Election Results

Texas Voters

Approved 13 of the 14

Constitutional

Amendments

Proposition 1: Limiting regulations on farming

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to protect people's and businesses' right to farm, ranch, produce timber or manage wildlife on land they own or lease.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	2,022,396	79.0%
Against	536,734	21.0%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 2: Tax breaks for child care centers

Proposition 2 would allow counties and cities to lower property taxes on child care centers that are owned or rented and have at least 20% of enrolled children receiving subsidized child care. [Read more here.](#)

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,626,303	64.8%
Against	884,196	35.2%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 3: Barring an individual wealth tax

Proposition 3 would prohibit an individual wealth or net worth tax — in other words, a tax on the value of one's assets minus liabilities.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,709,653	67.9%
Against	808,980	32.1%

100% of precincts reporting

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Proposition 5: Research at Texas public universities

Proposition 5 would expand funding for research grants for Texas public universities. [Read more here.](#)

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,619,618	64.3%
Against	897,405	35.7%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 6: Funding for water projects

Proposition 6 would create a Texas water fund to provide grants and low-interest loans for badly needed water projects across the state.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,966,508	77.6%
Against	566,241	22.4%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 7: Funding for electricity plants

Proposition 7 would create a \$5 billion state energy fund to provide loans or grants to companies to build or upgrade electricity generating plants.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,641,453	64.9%
Against	886,991	35.1%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 8: Expanding high-speed internet

Proposition 8 would allow for the creation of a \$1.5 billion state fund to expand high-speed internet across Texas. The fund would expire in 10 years.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,747,713	69.4%
Against	768,928	30.6%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 9: Cost-of-living increase for teachers

Proposition 9 authorizes the first permanent cost-of-living adjustments for retired teachers in nearly two decades, as approved by the Legislature earlier this year. [Read more here.](#)

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	2,141,913	83.7%
Against	416,191	16.3%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 10: Tax breaks for medical manufacturers

Proposition 10 would allow the state to exempt medical or biomedical equipment manufacturers from paying property taxes on their inventory and equipment used in the manufacturing process.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,368,072	55.0%
Against	1,119,878	45.0%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 11: El Paso County parks

Proposition 11 would add El Paso County to the list of counties that allow their conservation reclamation districts to issue bonds to develop or finance parks and recreational facilities.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,524,137	63.3%
Against	882,008	36.7%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 12: Abolishing the Galveston County treasurer's office

Proposition 12 would abolish the Galveston County treasurer's office effective Jan. 1. The amendment would only be implemented if a majority of statewide voters approve the measure and if voters in Galveston County also approved it.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,210,650	52.9%
Against	1,076,247	47.1%

100% of precincts reporting

Proposition 13: Retirement age for judges

Proposition 13 would raise the mandatory retirement age for state judges from 75 to 79. It would also allow the Legislature to set a lower retirement age, though not less than 75.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
Against	1,564,688	62.7%
For	931,115	37.3%

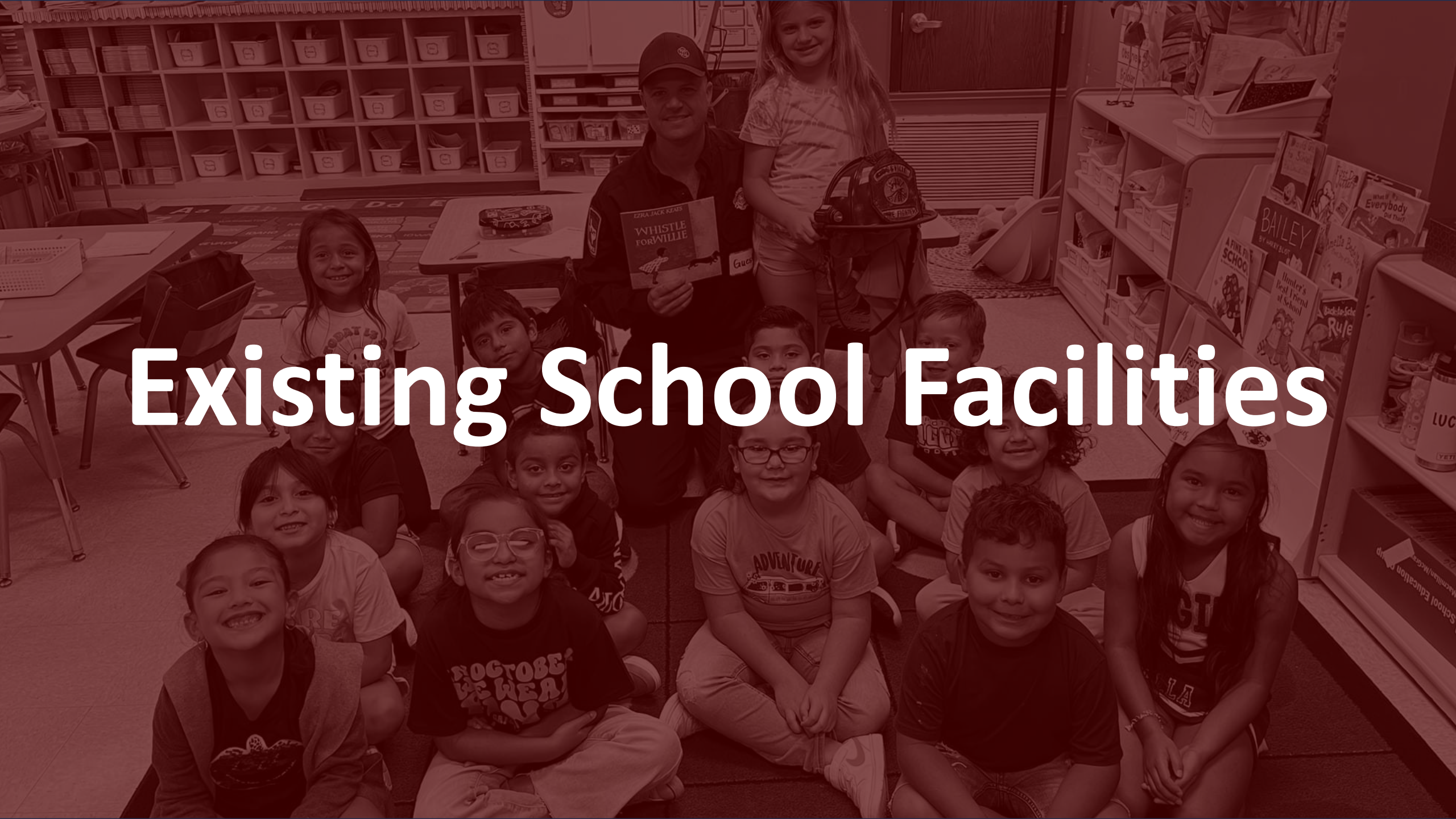
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Proposition 14: \$1 billion for state parks

Proposition 14 would take up to \$1 billion from the state's budget surplus to create a Centennial Parks Conservation Fund to buy land to create and improve state parks.

Choices	Total Votes	% Votes
For	1,925,767	76.5%
Against	591,128	23.5%

100% of precincts reporting

A group of approximately 15 children and one adult are posed in a classroom. The adult, a man in a dark shirt and cap, stands in the center holding a book titled "WHISTLE FOR WILLIE". A young girl stands behind him holding a fire helmet. The children are sitting on the floor in front of him. The background shows classroom shelves with books and supplies. The entire image has a reddish-brown tint.

Existing School Facilities

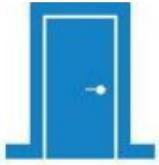
What we *must* do...

- ❖ Comply with House Bill 3 laws for schools
- ❖ Confirm Safety and Security (TSSSC)
- ❖ Comply with American Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ❖ Understand latest TEA requirements for educational and support spaces in schools



TEA Safety & Security

§61.1031. School Safety Requirements



Exterior doors, exterior classroom doors, and portable doors should operate as intended, are required to remain closed, locked, and latched and allow for emergency egress from the inside (while remaining locked).



Windowed doors on the ground level or windows that are adjacent to or near a door and are large enough to allow someone to enter if broken must be reinforced with entry-resistant film unless within a secured area.



Exterior door sweeps must be conducted weekly to certify that all doors are properly closed, locked, and latched.



The school system must perform maintenance checks twice annually to ensure that the facility components within the rule function properly and as intended.



Disclaimer: Fencing not required but is offered to provide some operational flexibilities.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires schools to provide accessible and inclusive learning spaces for students, parents, and employees who have a physical or mental impairment or disability of any level of severity. Some key aspects for designing accessible facilities include:

- Exterior accessways to building entrances
- Accessible restrooms
- Ramps, doorways, and hallways for students with wheelchairs and other mobility aids
- Accessible and automatic entrance doors
- Non-slip flooring to reduce the risk of falls
- Adequate lighting
- Clear and visible signage, with Braille labels

SCHOOL ADA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Please carefully assess each category's checklist items and mark "Yes" or "No" based on your observations and knowledge of the school's practices. Your thorough evaluation will contribute to enhancing accessibility and inclusivity for all members of our school community.

Category	Checklist Item	Yes	No
Physical Accessibility	Are ramps and pathways easily navigable for wheelchair users?	☒	☐
	Are restrooms equipped with accessible facilities?	☒	☐
	Is there designated accessible parking available?	☒	☐
	Are elevators and lifts functional and properly marked?	☐	☒
Communication and Information	Are classroom entrances and doorways wide enough for wheelchairs?	☒	☐
	Is the school website accessible with screen readers?	☒	☐
	Are printed materials available in alternative formats?	☐	☒

continued....



TEA Compliant Learning Spaces

- ❖ Qualitative/Quantitative Methods of Compliance
Level of flexibility at campus must be selected by district to assess minimum aggregate SF. ie:
 - Flexibility Level 1-2 at ES: 36 SF/student
 - Flexibility Level 3-4 at ES: 42 SF/student
- ❖ Classroom of 24 students, at ES Flex level 1&2 would need $24 \times 36 \text{ SF} = 864 \text{ SF}$
- ❖ Special Education: Specialized classrooms shall be a minimum of 45 SF per student



TEA Compliant Support Spaces

- ❖ Cafeteria/Cafetorium : Recommended 12 SF for ES, and 15 SF for older, per Student
- ❖ Gymnasium : Primary gym or physical education space shall have a minimum of 3,000 SF at the elementary school level, 4,800 SF at the middle school level, and 7,500 SF at the high school level
- ❖ Library minimum SF: 101-500 students: 1,400 SF plus an additional 4 SF for each student in excess of 100; 501-2,000 students, a minimum of 3,000 SF plus an additional 3 SF for each student in excess of 500
 - Example: HS current enrollment - 503 Students, then library must be 3015 SF min.



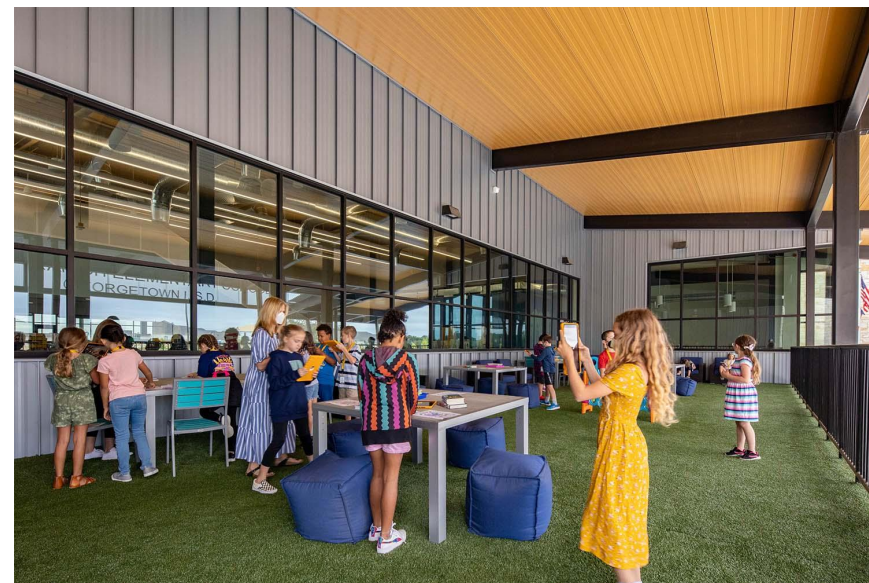
What we *need* to do...

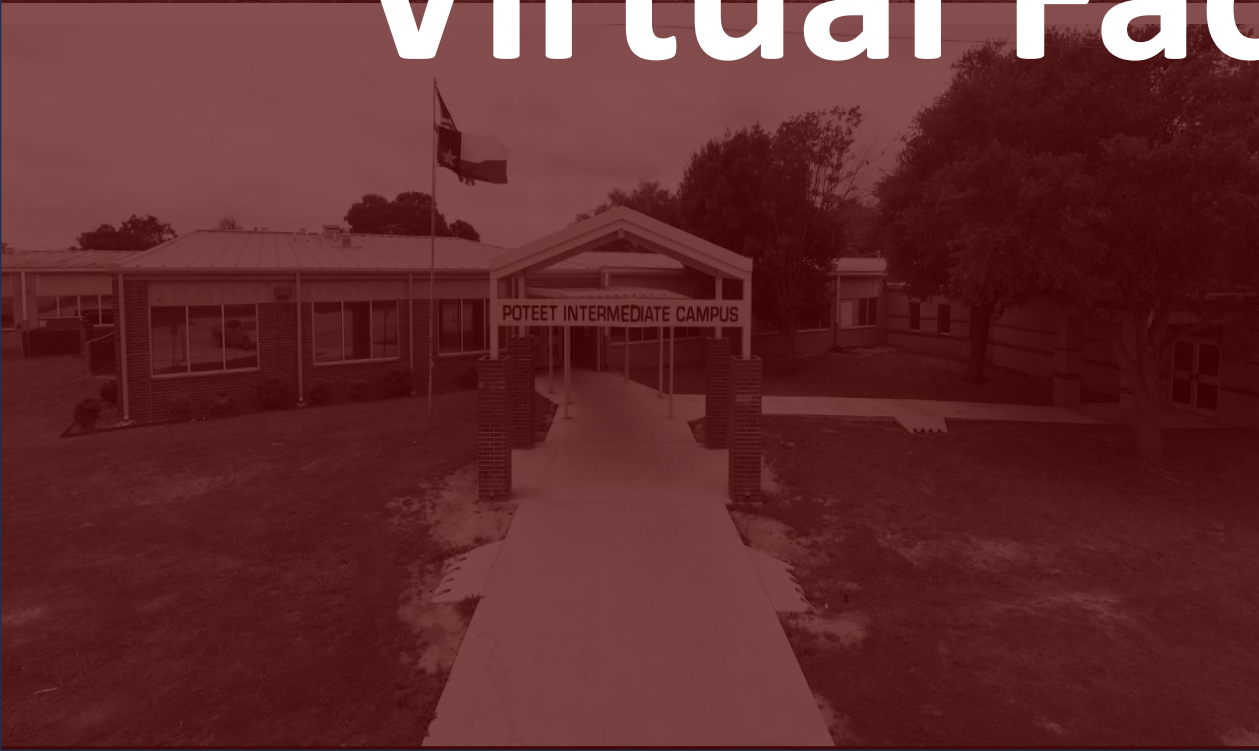
- ❖ Address needs for additional classroom space
- ❖ Solve cafeteria space challenges for ES & PIC
- ❖ Solve the logistical and security challenges of students traveling between buildings
- ❖ Make existing spaces fully functional
- ❖ Replace roofs in several schools



What we *could* do...

- ❖ Build/renovate spaces for collaborative and innovative learning
- ❖ Create more community shared spaces
- ❖ Refresh aged finishes in selected areas of schools
- ❖ Address grading and drainage in areas around schools
- ❖ Create secured outdoor area for learning and gathering
- ❖ Provide furniture that allows for flexibility and maximization of space





Virtual Facilities Tour

Elementary School

Donisha Miller

- ❖ Exterior doors – age, fit, and hardware
- ❖ Fencing
- ❖ Restrooms – need major upgrading and toilets in Pre-K rooms
- ❖ ADA issues
- ❖ Leaks in closets, halls, at windows, and at roof transitions
- ❖ Too many lunch periods
- ❖ Logistical issues – school is not connected to cafeteria and gym
- ❖ Adequate classrooms for Pre-K learning with-in proximity to each other
- ❖ Lack of storage
- ❖ Interior finishes, lighting, and ceilings need to be renovated

Intermediate School

Kelly Murray

- ❖ Additional fencing
- ❖ ADA issues
- ❖ Restrooms – need minor upgrading
- ❖ Leaks at roof to interior
- ❖ Lack of storage
- ❖ Logistical issues – not connected to cafeteria, gym, and special programs
- ❖ Larger classes coming in next year and not enough classroom space
- ❖ Cafeteria kitchen and kitchen storage too small
- ❖ Displaced special programs
- ❖ Probable need to provide more toilet fixtures
- ❖ Interior finishes and ceilings need to be renovated

Junior High School

Deidra Carnes

- ❖ ADA issues
- ❖ Restrooms – need upgrading and plumbing work
- ❖ Classroom space is maxed out
- ❖ Lack of smaller office/educational support spaces
- ❖ Not enough storage
- ❖ Not enough seating in Gymnasium to have games/be functional
- ❖ Leaks at roof and some exterior walls
- ❖ Fencing/Courtyard space for overflow and outdoor learning
- ❖ Front entrance and approach
- ❖ Traffic flow challenges
- ❖ Parking lot flooding

High School

Tina Talley

- ❖ Restrooms need to be redesigned/replaced
- ❖ Lack of smaller offices/educational support spaces
- ❖ Lack of storage
- ❖ Cosmetology program needs more space/sinks
- ❖ Culinary Kitchen not big enough and needs new equipment
- ❖ Construction/Welding connection needed
- ❖ Fencing - Outdoor learning spaces

Reflect and Share

**What was your biggest takeaway
from the information shared?**

Discuss at your table | Share with the group

<<10:00>>



Questions & Answers



A photograph of three children sitting on a grassy area, likely at a craft fair or school event. The child in the center is a young boy with blonde hair, wearing sunglasses with a beaded frame and a dark t-shirt with a graphic. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. To his left is another boy with dark hair, looking down at something in his hands. To the right is a girl with dark hair, looking down at a large, heart-shaped object she is holding. The background shows other people and a large number '0' on a sign. The entire image has a reddish-brown tint.

WRAP UP

Bond Steering Committee Webpage

**Find previous committee
meeting presentations at
[poteetisd.org/public-info/
bond-steering-committee](https://poteetisd.org/public-info/bond-steering-committee)**



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Before you leave, please scan the QR code and tell us:

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What are
three things
you learned?

2

What are two
questions you
still have?

1

What is one
thing you
want to learn
more about?



Next Meeting...

Wednesday, Dec. 6
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
PLC Library

A background photograph of a group of children in a schoolyard. Several children in the foreground are holding large white signs with black letters that spell out 'VICTORY'. One child on the left is wearing a cowboy hat. In the background, a woman is taking a photo with her phone. The entire image has a semi-transparent dark red overlay.

THANK YOU!



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