



Issue Paper #10: Community Values and Perceptions

1. Background

At Meeting #2 the Bond Advisory Committee will be presented with the overall list of school facility project needs to consider as Bond Program packages are developed. This list is well in excess of what could reasonably be expected to put before District voters in any upcoming election. Therefore, steps will need to be taken to prioritize which projects are ultimately included in a bond package.

In order to begin the steps needed to identify alternative bond packages, staff would like to get a sense of the BAC's perceptions and priorities of what a future bond should address. At Meeting #2 we will be break into smaller groups to discuss the following topics related to Community Values and Perceptions:

- What are your perceptions of Hillsboro School District facilities and what are the key issues you believe a future bond program should address?
- Recognizing that there will be limits to the size of a future bond program, identify a broad set of project selection criteria and to provide direction on prioritization of these factors so they can be used to develop bond program alternatives.

Staff will work with BAC members in small discussion groups to respond to these topics. Following the small group discussion, each group will have an opportunity to report their conclusions back to the full BAC.

The attached describes the approach for the small group discussions. If you have an opportunity prior to the November 16th BAC meeting, please review the topics and note any additional items you would like to raise during the small group discussions.



Bond Advisory Committee Small Group Discussion on Community Values and Perceptions

This small group exercise is intended to identify your opinions regarding critical community values related to Hillsboro School District's facilities, and to get your perspective on key community issues that should be considered and addressed as a part of a future bond package. Staff will be present to work with each small group to identify responses and collect comments. At the end of the small group discussions we will save 25 minutes to have a report-back to the full committee from each group on their specific comments and ideas.

Following Meeting #2, staff will take your responses and use them to begin to identify and prioritize projects to include in bond project program packages. It's expected that at BAC Meeting #3 up to three (3) packages will be presented to and discussed with the Committee. We will use Meeting #3 to review and refine program options to develop bond packages that can be shared at a Community Open House in late January.

Perception of School Facility Needs (15 minutes)

What is your perception of Hillsboro School District facility needs and what are the key issues you believe a future bond program should address?

Some examples could include:

- We just passed a capital bond program (2006) – we don't need any more new facilities.
- We need to recognize that housing growth is occurring and the District needs to be prepared with school facilities to accommodate expected enrollment growth.
- Any capital bond program should not increase the current tax rate that District businesses and residents are currently paying.
- A modest increase in the current tax rate would be acceptable if it resulted in a more comprehensive bond package.
- Any capital bond program should have projects that make some level of improvement at all schools.
- Other...



Bond Project Selection Criteria (15 minutes)

Recognizing that there will be limits to the size of a future bond program, this exercise is intended to both identify a broad set of project selection criteria and to provide direction on prioritization of these factors so they can be used to develop bond program alternatives for the Bond Advisory Committee to consider.

Please review and consider the following list and add other criteria that you believe should be included. Recognizing that each factor is important and will likely be considered in some manner as the project list is developed, please identify your **top 4 priorities** that you believe should be considered as the Bond Program is developed.

Criterion	Priority (1 – 4)
Respond to New Growth (New Facilities)	
Expand Existing Facilities	
Maintain What We Have	
Geographic Distribution of Projects	
Equity Between Old and New Facilities	
Replace Old Facilities	
Replace Portables	
Improve Safety and Security	
New Technology	
Improve Learning Environment / Reduce Class Size	

BAC Report Back (25 minutes)