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The Tarkington ISD Board of Trustees has called for a Bond Election in the amount of \$59 million to cover the following projects:

District

- Electrical upgrades across all campuses
- Roof leak repairs across all campuses
- HVAC upgrades as needed across all campuses

Tarkington Early Childhood – Built in 1957

- Secure front entry
- New flooring and updates throughout

Tarkington Elementary – Current Building Built in 1971

BRAND NEW CAMPUS

Tarkington Middle School – Built in 1974

- Band Hall update
- Renovate kitchen and serving areas
- Increase dining capacity
- ADA compliant entrance
- Security upgrades
- Science lab renovations
- Auditorium renovation
- New flooring and ceiling tiles throughout
- Covered walkway

Tarkington High School – Built in 2005

- Career & Technical Education Wing (culinary arts lab, robotics lab and flex classroom)
- Ag Program addition and renovation
- Band Hall addition and renovation
- Science lab upgrades

The bond package was developed and recommended by the Future Forward Committee. This group represents a cross-section of the TISD community including local citizens, civic and

business leaders, parents and school staff. The Committee studied facility assessments, demographics, enrollment projections, district financial information, and toured campuses. Over several months, members met to assess and prioritize key areas of focus including potential new facilities, as well as maintenance and renovations to existing campuses, before making their recommendation.

The average valued homestead in the District will see a financial impact of approximately \$16.56 per month. There will be no financial impact on the homestead of taxpayers aged 65 years and older who have applied for and received the "Age 65 or Older Exemption." Due to the recently increased homestead exemption, homesteads with an appraised value of \$100,000 or less will not pay any school taxes to Tarkington ISD.

Election Day is set for Saturday, May 4, and early voting runs from April 22 through April 30. The last day to register to vote is Thursday, April 4. You must be 18 years of age by Election Day to vote in the Bond Election. However, persons that are at least 17 years and 10 months old may register to vote.

More information will be posted and available soon through the District's website. If anyone has any questions or wants more information regarding the bond program, they may visit the TISD website at tarkingtonisd.net or call the District's Administration Office at 281-592-8781.