

ECISD Bond Committee Meeting #7

November 18, 2021 – Q&A and Takeaways

1. Explain FCI – Facility Condition Index.

The Facility Condition Index (FCI) of a building (or campus) is calculated by dividing the anticipated total maintenance repair/replacement costs by the estimated replacement value of the facility.

- An industry-standard measure used to compare the relative condition of a group of facilities intended for use as a tool and not the sole determining factor in the decision-making process
- 1:1 Replacement (like-kind replacement; does not take into account the cost to build a new/larger, modern-day facility)
- The lower the FCI, the better the condition of the building (less funding will be required relative to the value of the facility)
- FCI of **60%** or above is considered high (facilities with a higher FCI should be further evaluated; these facilities may be candidates for replacement in the future)

$$\text{FCI} = \frac{\text{total cost of existing deficiencies}}{\text{current replacement value}}$$

2. Previous bond elections have been broken apart in several packages. Would voters have an option to choose the parts of the bond they want to vote for?

New law does require some elements of a bond be separate. However, much of what this bond proposal would ask for doesn't require separation.

3. Why did the community have a negative view of the school district?

This question was not directly posed to individuals that participated in the survey.

4. Has our survey company seen a change in support in the past from when a survey goes out, until a bond is voted on?

It does seem to trend. An issue that is permeating across the state is anti school board sentiment.

5. What was the total number of respondents to the survey?

400 people were called via telephone and 600 participated in an online survey.

- 6. Has our survey company seen districts with similar results and their bond pass?**
They have not, but they did go on to say that they cannot predict the outcome in our case.
- 7. Has our survey company seen school districts that are low performing academically, have successful bond referendums?**
Yes. They have seen this in school districts in large metropolitan areas that are primarily Democratic and diverse.
- 8. Can we email the survey to all committee members?**
Yes, this has been sent.
- 9. If we replace some of our facilities, will it cut down on future repairs?**
Yes.