

ECISD Bond Committee Meeting #8

December 16, 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. Will there be a Bond Oversight Committee, similar to that of the TRE.

Yes, there will be one in place.

3. Can the high school option be put as a separate item/bond and standalone?

Yes, this is certainly a possibility.

4. Can the dollar amount of \$175M for building repairs in Priority 1 and 2 be modified?

Yes, certain things can be addressed in both Priorities 1 and 2.

Key Takeaways

- The bond amount will need to be well below 700M to pass.
- If we educate the public, specifically the senior citizens and teachers of ECISD, the bond will pass no matter the amount.
- Some issues have been overlooked. The idea was raised regarding turning Ector MS into a high school and build two new middle schools.
- We cannot afford for this bond to fail. Whatever number the committee comes up with needs to improve education/academics across the district.
- The recommendation is that the number begin with a “3.”
- Building repairs, a CTE facility, and a new high school need to be included in the package.
- The committee should be strategic and “push the envelope” in this referendum. We don’t want to put in the time, effort, and work on this bond and wish it would’ve been larger.
- Do not go out for a bond above 4M. We should make necessary building repairs, upgrade technology and build a new CTE Center.
- The work done thus far does not even compare to that of what will happen next.
- The district will arrange a meeting and present the bond package to the committee members to feel confident in the proposal before it’s presented to the Board of Trustees in January.
- The committee must go to work to change schools in ECISD. A “CPTA” should be formed for every campus in the district to show children the community cares. We want to change what is happening in ECISD.