2025 BOND STEERING COMMITTEE

Bond Steering Committee

Recommendation to the SISD Board of Trustees

January 14, 2025

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Agenda

- Bond Steering Committee
  - Overview & Purpose
  - Committee Make-Up
  - Meetings
- Process
  - Key Information Studied
  - Prioritization
  - Consensus
- Recommendation

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Purpose of the Bond Steering Committee

The purpose of the Bond Steering Committee is to be a **valuable voice** in the district planning process.

The Bond Steering Committee studied demographic projections, evaluated current and long-term facility needs, prioritized projects, went on tours, and considered the district's financial position.

The committee process concluded with the development of a potential May 2025 bond package that will be presented to you tonight.

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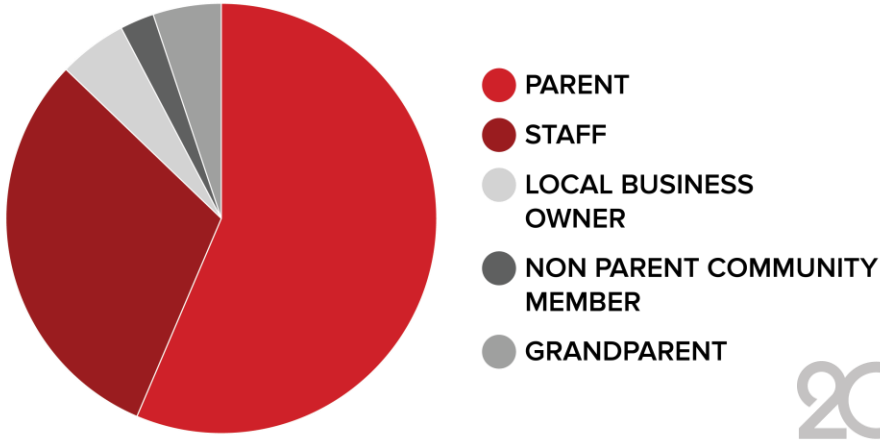
Committee Make-Up

- **62 Members** served on the Bond Steering Committee
- Members came from **diverse backgrounds and interests** - reflecting a cross section of our SISD community
- **16 Returning Members** from the 2022 Bond Steering Committee
- **Parents from all grade levels**



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Why I Joined the Bond Steering Committee

"To help our district provide the best possible opportunities for our students during this growth."

"I want to make sure Splendora ISD is a good steward of my tax dollars"

"I am passionate about keeping up with the growth in the community."

"To ensure my kids and all of SISD students have the best facilities for them to become productive citizens."

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Committee Meetings

The Bond Steering Committee met 6 times from August 2024 – December 2024

Meeting 1:
- Committee Charge & Process
- State of the District and Superintendent's Report
- Demographic Report & Overview of Needs
- Overview of Land & Facilities Committee and District Facility Assessment

Meeting 2:
- School Finance 101 & District Financial Overview
- Land and Facilities Committee Update
- Elementary, Junior High and Support Services Discussion

Meeting 3:
- Construction Cost vs. Total Project Cost
- Splendora HS Departments, CTE, Athletics and Fine Arts Presentations
- High School Current & Projected Enrollment

Meeting 4:
- Transportation Department Presentation
- Update on Capital Improvements Projects
- Presentation on Identified Projects and Costs

Meeting 5:
- Potential Projects Presentation
- Committee Discussion & Prioritization of Potential Projects
- Committee Prioritization Exercises

Meeting 6:
- Community Survey Results
- Review Results from Project Prioritization Exercises
- Bond Package Consideration
- Vote & Finalize Recommendation
- Prop & Ballot Language

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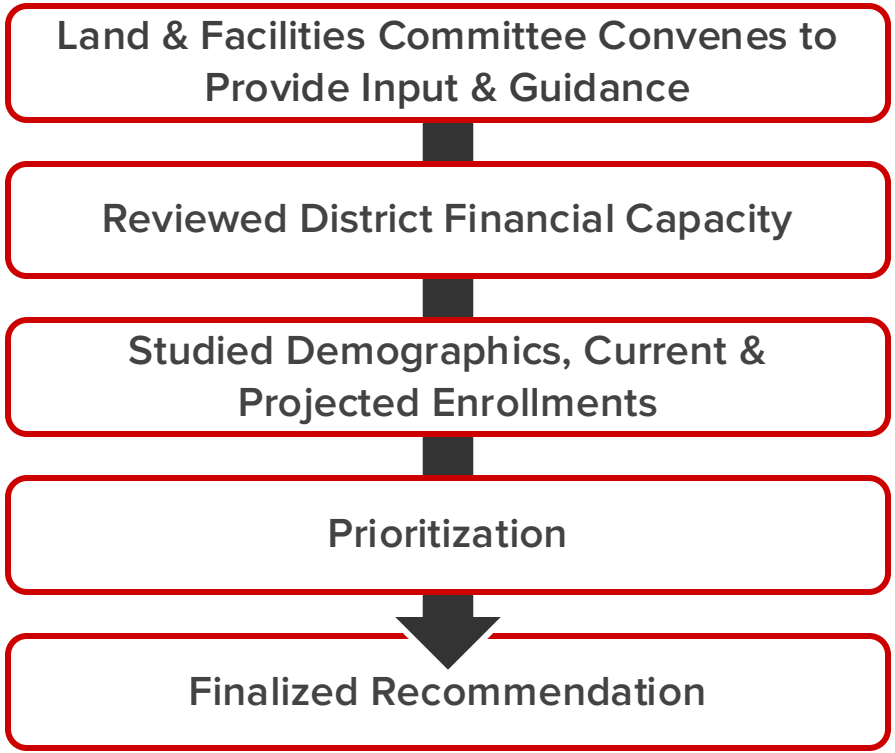

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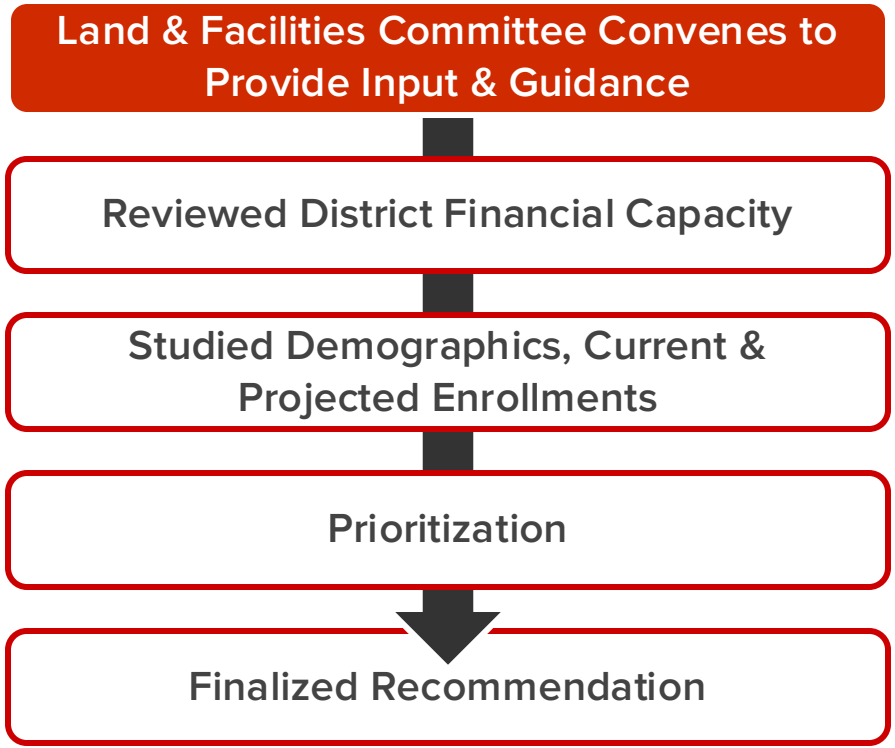

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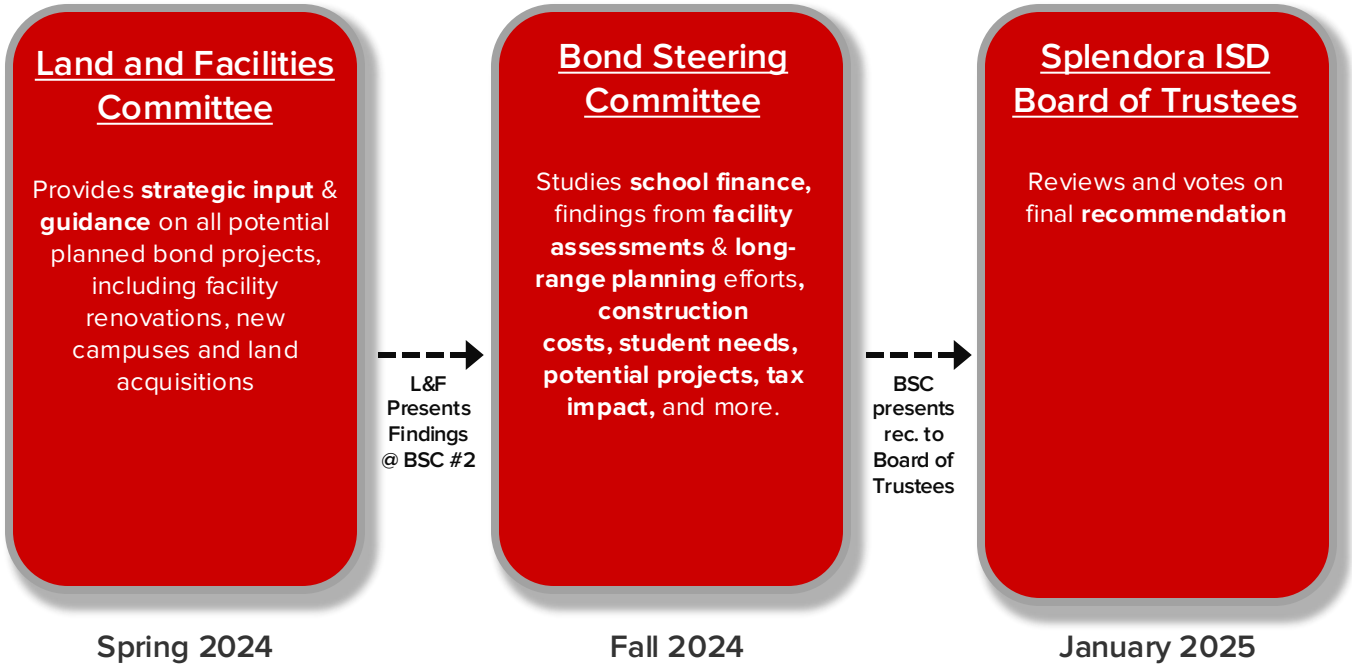
Roles & Responsibilities – L&F and BSC



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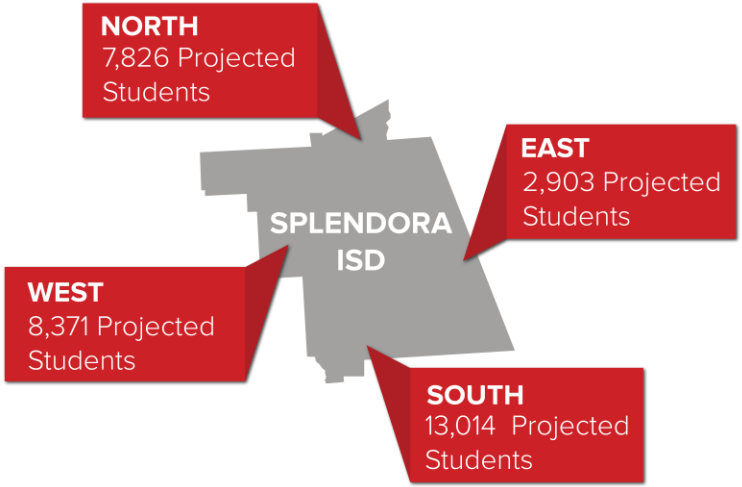
Enrollment Based on 30-Year Projected Buildout



17,592
LARGE DEVELOPABLE ACRES

3.50
PROJECTED HOMES PER ACRE

61,572
NEW HOMES AT TOTAL BUILDOUT

0.63
PROJECTED STUDENTS PER HOME

35
NEW CAMPUSES PROJECTED AT TOTAL BUILDOUT

308
AVERAGE NUMBER OF **CURRENT STUDENTS PER GRADE LEVEL**

3,181
PROJECTED NUMBER OF **TOTAL STUDENTS PER GRADE LEVEL** AT TOTAL BUILDOUT

38,790
PROJECTED NEW STUDENTS AT TOTAL BUILDOUT

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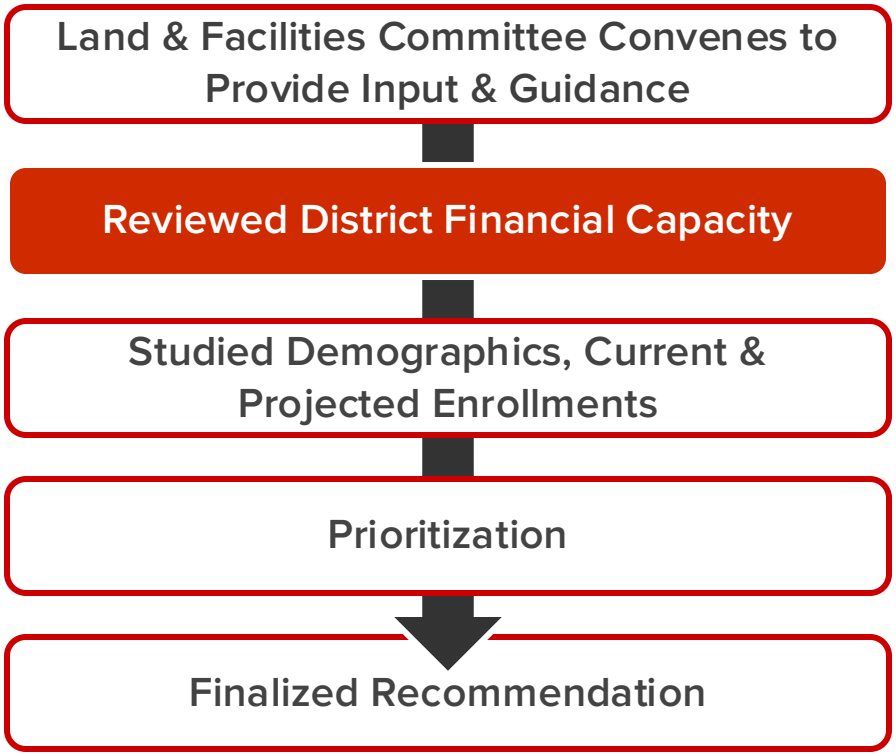

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Key Information Studied: District Finances

Splendora ISD's Current Tax Rate

M&O TAX RATE		I&S TAX RATE		TOTAL TAX RATE
$0.7552	+	$0.50	=	$1.2552

Bonding Capacity / Expectations

- $40 – 50 million of additional bonded indebtedness can be incurred annually
- Can be funded without a tax rate increase
- 30-year max term

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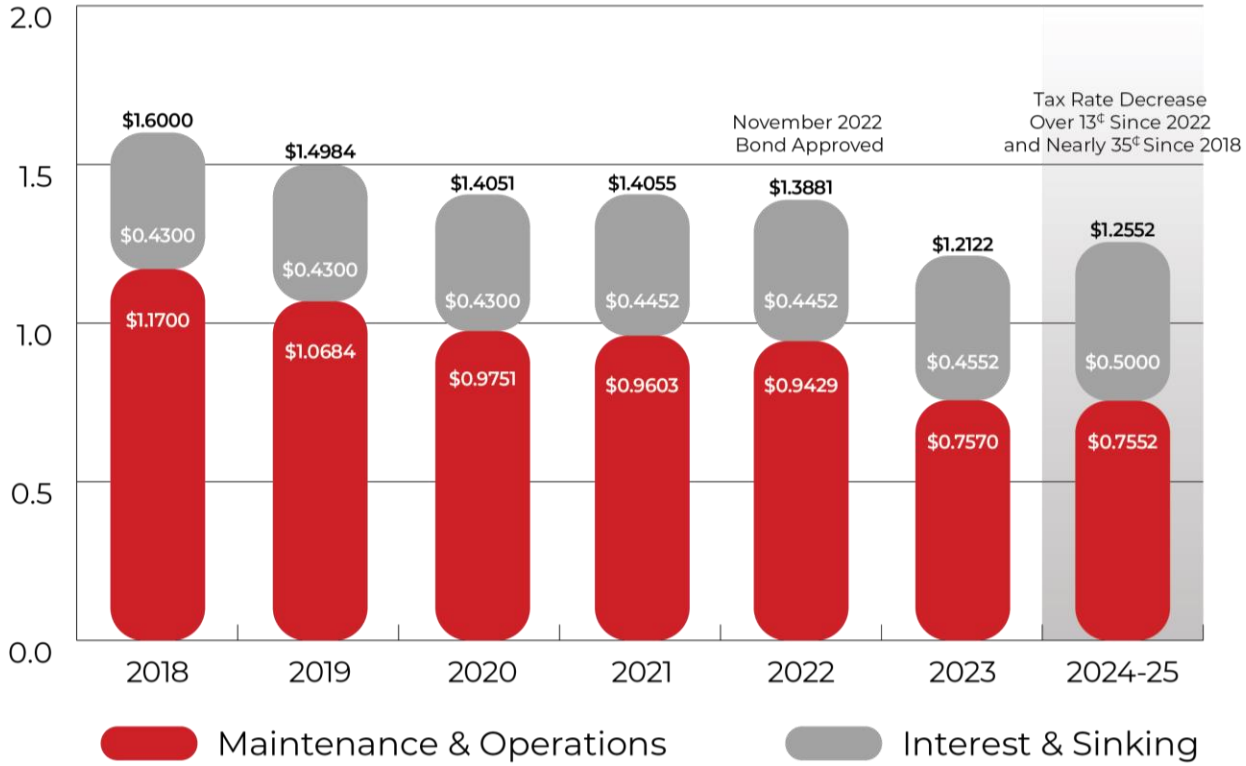

Splendora ISD's overall tax rate has **DECREASED by over 13 cents since 2022 and nearly 35 cents since 2019**

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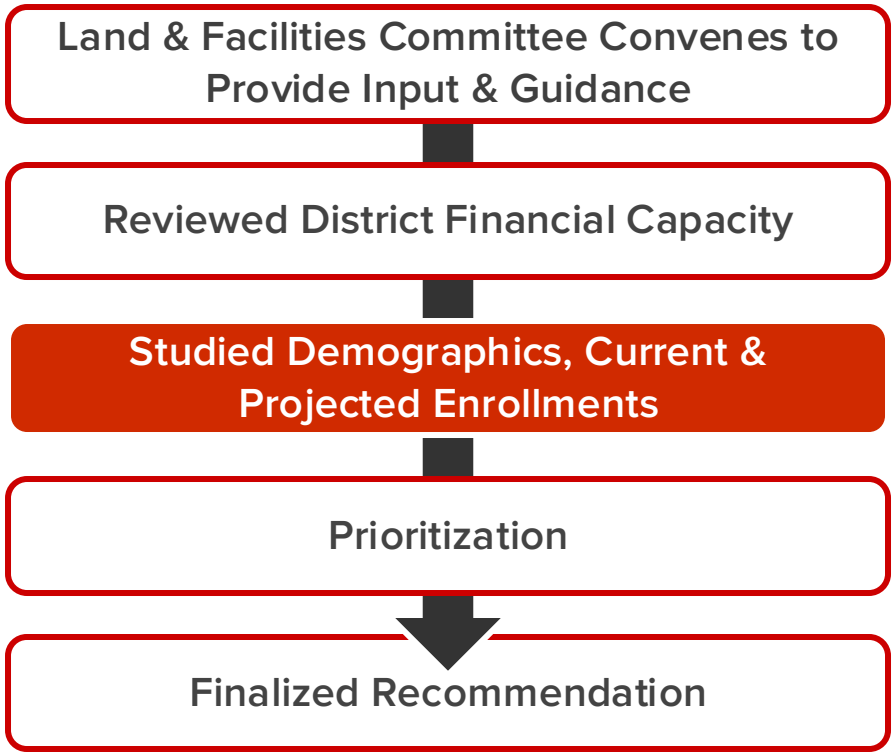

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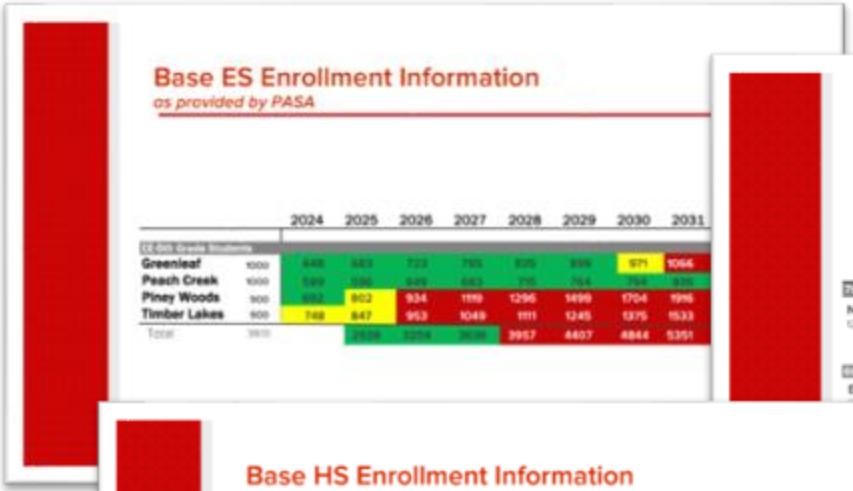
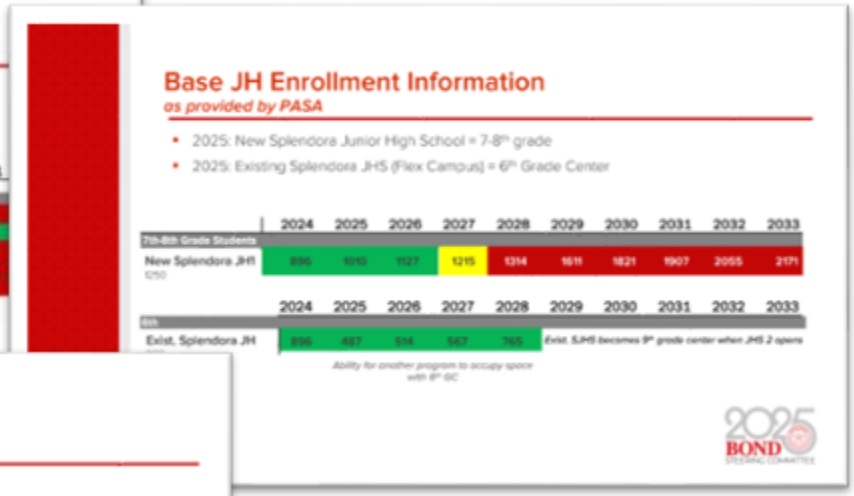
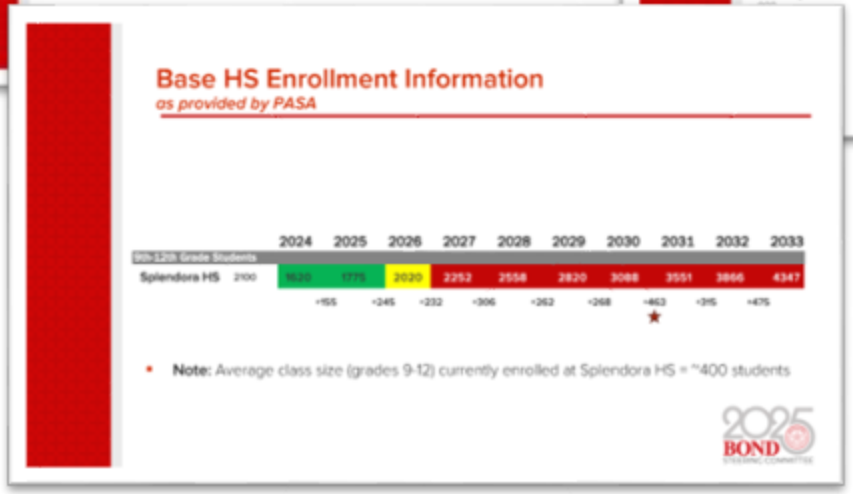
Enrollment Projections







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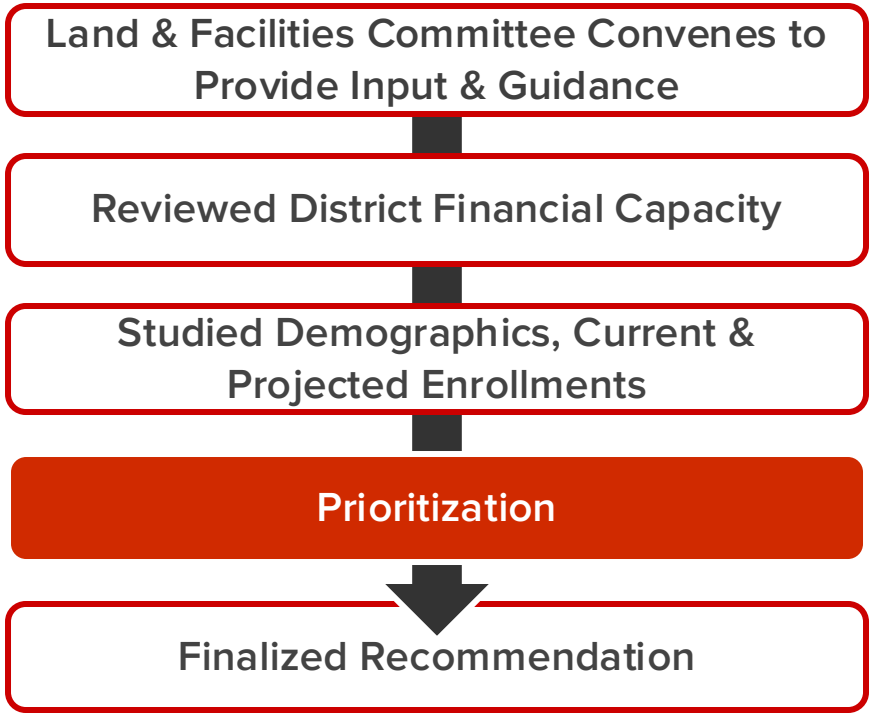

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What Drives the Need for Bonds?

Growth

- Splendora ISD student population anticipated to **triple** in the next 10 years

Aging Facilities

- Peach Creek ES built in **1965** (59 years old)
- Junior High School building built in **1994** (30 years old)

Evolving Needs

- Increased student in interest in **CTE, Ag, Athletics, Fine Arts**

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Committee Identified Priorities

1. Addressing space needed for existing student programs (Ag/CTE, Fine Arts, Athletics)

2. Addressing Enrollment Growth Through New Schools and/or Additions

3. Addressing Capital Improvements to Existing Facilities

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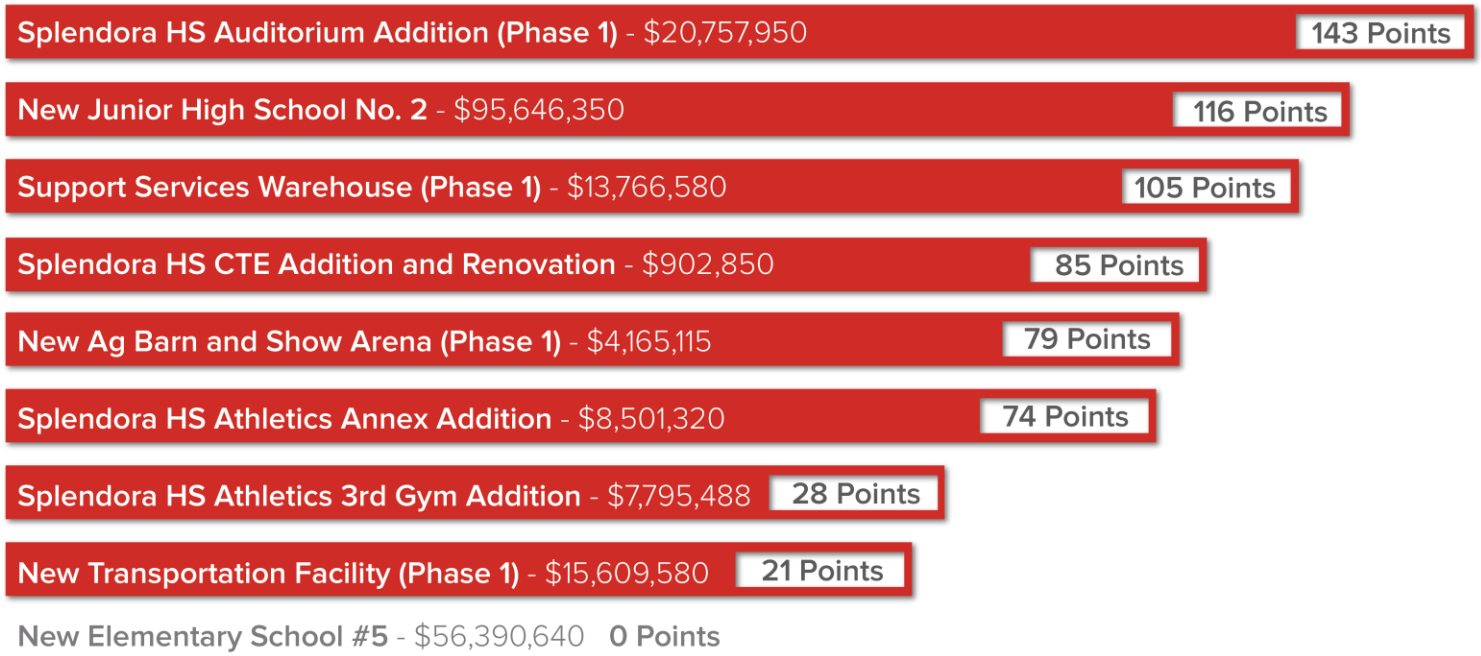

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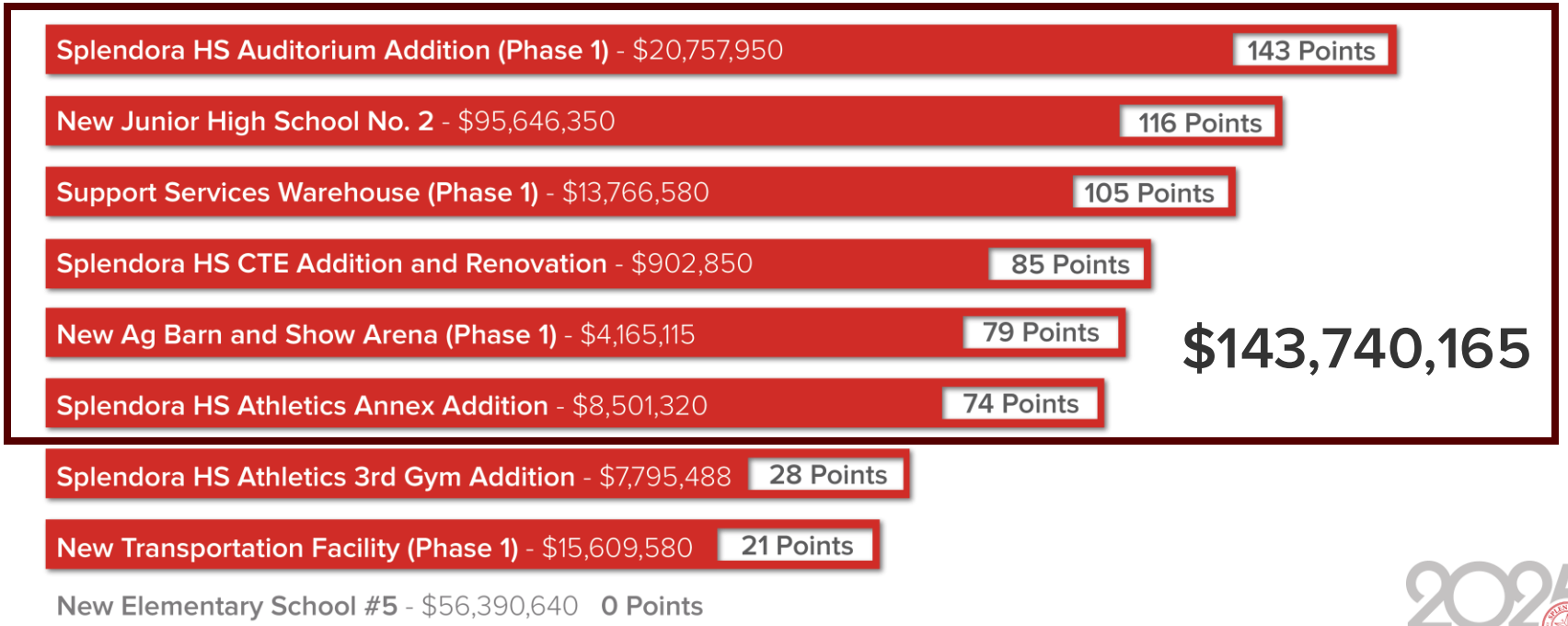

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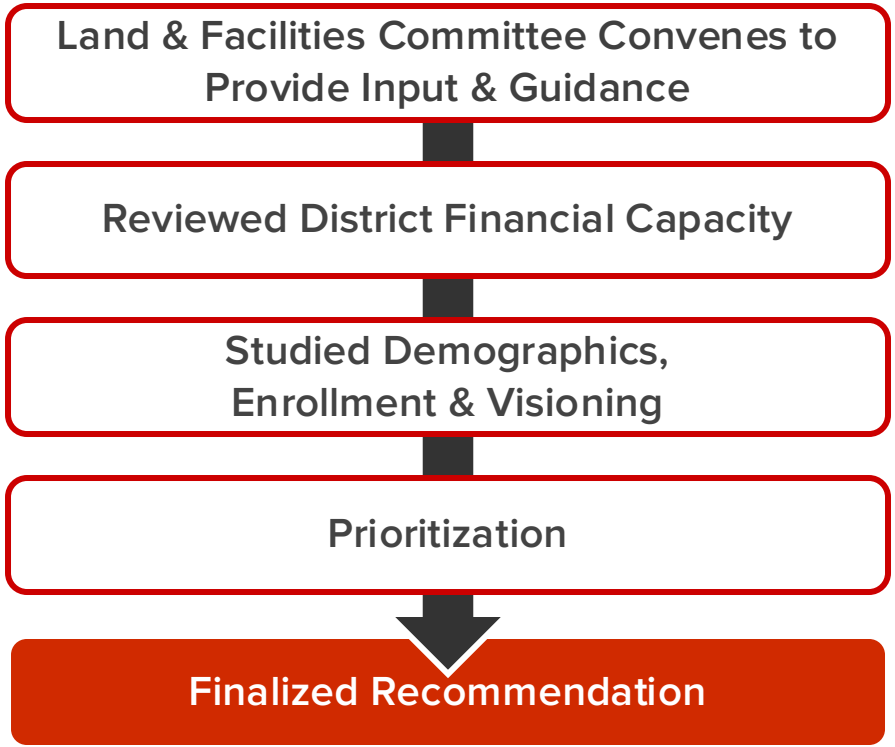

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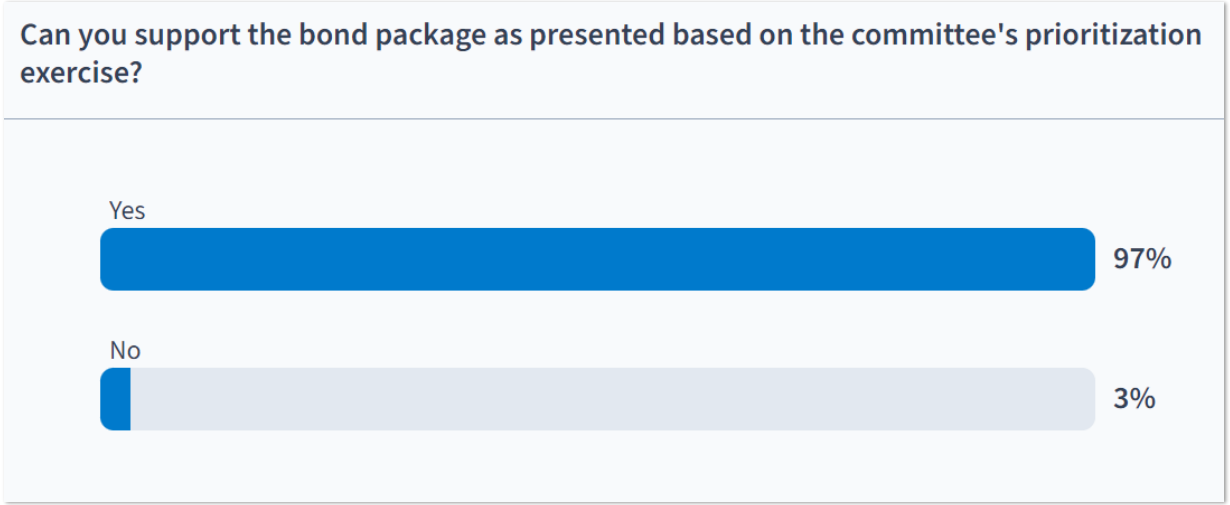
Finalizing Recommendation

Committee Voting:

The committee reviewed the results of the project prioritization exercise and voted on a final proposal.



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Recommendation

May 2025 Splendora ISD Bond

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It is the Bond Steering Committee's recommendation that the school board consider calling a bond election for $150,000,000 to be on the May 3, 2025 ballot.

Recommended Projects

- **Splendora HS Auditorium & Band Hall Addition**
  650-seat auditorium and support spaces, band hall and practice rooms
- **Junior High School No. 2**
  190,000 SF, 1250 student capacity, demolition of existing buildings on East Campus
- **District-Wide Support Services Facility (Phase 1)**
  Warehouse space for Child Nutrition, Purchasing, Custodial, IT
- **Splendora HS Autobody Expansion & Health Science Renovation**
  1,100 SF addition to Autobody shop space, 2,200 SF renovation to Health Science classroom and lab
- **Livestock Facility and Show Arena (Phase 1)**
  Hog pens and show arena – to include bleachers, restrooms, concession
- **Splendora HS Athletics Annex Expansion**
  11,900 SF addition for weight room expansion, training room, coaches' office, baseball and soccer
- **Land for Future School Sites**
- **Other District Improvements**

Estimated Tax Impact

- In compliance with state law (86th Legislature, HB3, 2019), **all bond propositions in Texas must include the following statement on the ballot: "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."**

  However, if approved by voters, this bond will not increase your district property tax *rate*.

- Voters will see this legally-required statement in the official ballot language, even when there is NO tax rate increase proposed in connection with the bond election.

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Questions

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