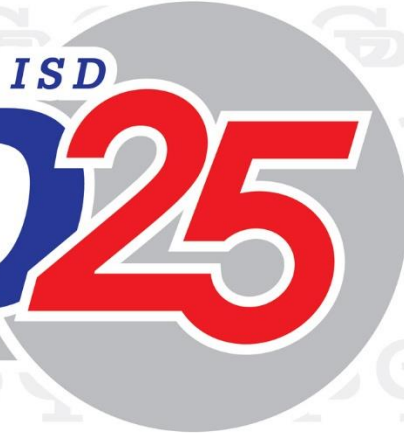


GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD

**BOND 25**



**DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS**  
SUPERINTENDENT



**DR. ISMAEL GONZALEZ III**  
ASST. SUPERINTENDENT FOR  
BUSINESS-FINANCE & OPERATIONS





# CELEBRATIONS

**5,000+**  
ENROLLED STUDENTS

**750**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**270**  
STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN DUAL-CREDIT COLLEGE COURSES (FALL 2024)

**182**  
STUDENTS COMPLETED DUAL-CREDIT COLLEGE COURSES (2023 - 2024)

**1,475**  
DUAL-CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED BY STUDENTS (2023 - 2024)

G-PISD STUDENTS CONTINUE TO **OUTPERFORM** THE STATE AND REGION IN THE MAJORITY OF ACADEMIC MEASURES AND CONTENT AREAS.

**H-E-B**  
**EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS**  
**STATE SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT WINNER**

**\$60** MILLION  
**IN TAXPAYERS SAVINGS**  
DUE TO STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF BOND DOLLARS (Last 10 years)



## GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD G-PISD STAFF RAISES

BEGINNING TEACHER SALARY  
**\$62,000**

**\$2,000**  
RETENTION STIPEND FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

**1%** INCREASE FROM THE MID-POINT FOR ALL TEACHERS, NURSES, LIBRARIANS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, CLERICAL/TECHNICAL, AUXILIARY STAFF & ADMINISTRATORS



COMPENSATION PLAN Effective 2024 - 2025 School Year



"We are incredibly grateful for our hard-working team!"  
— Dr. Michelle Cavazos  
Superintendent of Schools



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# CELEBRATIONS

## *Legislative Priority:* **FUND TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**





# WHY ARE WE HERE?

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALLED A  
BOND ELECTION FOR MAY 2025  
FOR \$205 MILLION**

District-Wide  
Facility  
Condition  
Assessments

Demographics  
and  
Enrollment  
Projections

Financial  
BOND  
Capacity  
Analysis

Bond  
Stakeholder  
Committee

Community  
Engagement  
via Survey

*-12 month process-*

*Provide Clear, Transparent  
Information So You Can:*

- *Be Well Informed*
- *Share What You've Learned*
- *Vote with Comfort*

# COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

December 2024 - January 2025 | 479 Respondents

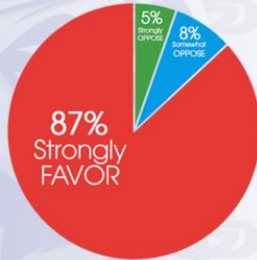
## Replacement Plan/ Maintenance Items



## Visual & Performing Arts Center



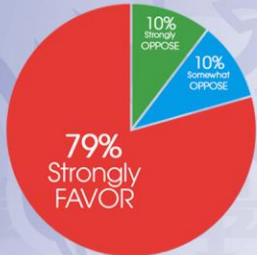
## Career & Technical Education Facility #2



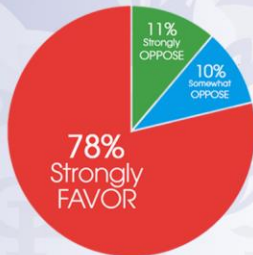
## Repurposing Existing T.M. Clark Facility



## Natatorium / Aquatic Center



## Comprehensive Educational Center



## Reimbursement Resolution



"As part of recently-passed school bonds, G-PISD has adopted the practice of (offering) Reimbursement Resolutions for voter consideration. This allows a school district to reimburse its Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Fund for operational expenses like salaries, utilities, etc. This process allows local revenue to be "moved over" from the district's bond-only I&S Debt Service Fund to the M&O Fund. By law, it is a limited-time opportunity: A community can reimburse its district's operational budget through this process 18 months from the time an asset is completed. After that timeframe, no reimbursement resolution is possible. A future bond package would provide the opportunity to consider a reimbursement resolution for the Fieldhouse being constructed and attached to the bond-funded All-Purpose Practice Facility, and also for some additional construction costs due to inflation for construction of the new, bond-funded T.M. Clark Elementary School."

*Specifically related to school bonds ...*

### What has G-PISD **DONE WELL?**

- Praised Facilities & Infrastructure
- Appreciated Communication & Transparency
- Effective Financial Management
- Focused on Student Needs
- Strong Community Engagement

### What could G-PISD **IMPROVE?**

- Balance of Resource Allocation
- Continue Communication & Transparency
- Continue Long-Term (Facility) Planning
- Expand Community Outreach
- (Address) Tax & Budget Concerns



# \$205 MILLION

## Proposition A - \$75 Million

- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Additions and Renovations
- High School Additions and Renovations
- Safety & Security Upgrades
- Comprehensive Improvements (e.g. School Buses, Service Vehicles, Extra-Curricular Uniforms, Playground Improvements, Deferred Maintenance)

## Proposition B - \$50 Million

- Reimbursement Resolution for All-Purpose Practice Facility and George W. Harris Fieldhouse

## Proposition C - \$20 Million

- Technology 1:1 Classroom Device Rotation
- Technology Equipment Replacement/Rotation

## Proposition D - \$60 Million

- Visual & Performing Arts Academic Center



# PROPOSITION A: \$75 MILLION

PROJECT LIST	AMOUNT
High School Additions and Renovations	\$25,000,000
Career & Technical Education (CTE) Additions and Renovations	\$20,000,000
<i>New T.M. Clark Elementary School (Reimbursement Resolution)</i>	\$5,500,000
Deferred Maintenance	\$5,000,000
Parking Lot Improvements – High School Complex	\$5,000,000
Safety & Security – District Wide	\$2,500,000
Demolition of Aging Facilities/Structures	\$2,500,000
Elementary Playground Improvements	\$2,500,000
School/Activity Buses (5 Years)	\$2,000,000
Kitchen Equipment – Replacement (5 Years)	\$1,000,000
Service Vehicles/Maintenance Equipment (5 Years)	\$1,000,000
Fine Arts Equipment/Uniform Replacement (5 Years)	\$1,000,000
Athletics-Cheer Uniforms Replacement (5 Years)	\$750,000
School Resource Officer Vehicles and Equipment	\$750,000
Emergency Access Road Relating to NEW T.M. Clark Elementary School	\$500,000

*Renovations of original facilities, including library, gyms, locker rooms, restrooms, and common areas*

*Expand and modernize career-focused high wage/high demand programs*

*Construction Costs Increase*

*Essential Deferred Maintenance and Replacement Plan Items Eligible in BOND Program.*

*Funds used for repairing or replacing outdated infrastructure, upgrading aging equipment, and other related necessities.*

*Request from City of Portland for Additional SROs and Construction Progress*



# PROPOSITION B: \$50 MILLION

## *All-Purpose Practice Facility & George W. Harris Fieldhouse*

### Reimbursement Resolution

- \$22M: BOND 2020/2023 Approval
- \$50M: School Board Approved 2023, via Fund Balance

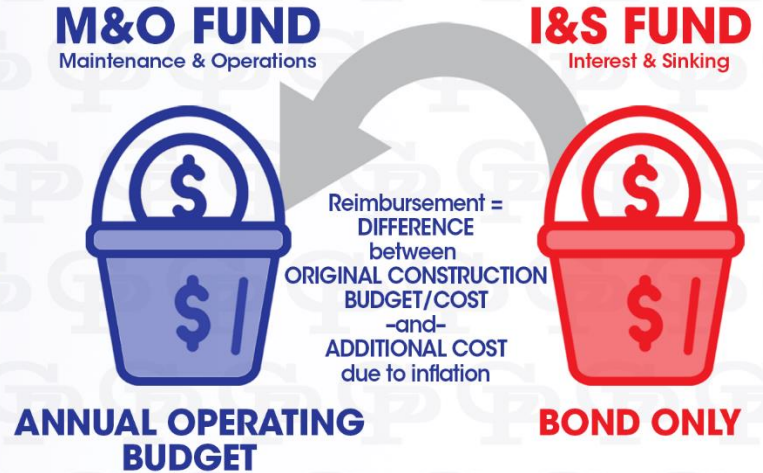
If approved, funds will be allocated to support district day to day operations.



## WHAT IS A "REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION?"

Projects that (1) have been, (2) are being, or (3) will be initially funded with existing Maintenance & Operations (M&O) dollars are eligible for reimbursement to the District when, and if, a Bond Election is passed.

There is a limited amount of time that any project may be eligible for reimbursement (18 months from the time the asset is completed).



# PROPOSITION C: \$20 MILLION

## Technology 1:1 Classroom Device Initiative

- 1:1 Student Devices (e.g. Chromebook, Laptops)
- Classroom/Computer Lab Computer Replacement
- Long-Term Financial Planning and Budgeting (10 Years)
- Consistent Access to Up-to-Date Technology
- Integration of Technology into Curriculum

## Technology Equipment Replacement/Rotation

- Avoiding Technological Obsolescence
- Operational Continuity and Efficiency
- Security and Compliance
- Network Infrastructure
- Telecommunications Systems
- Interactive Displays and AV Equipment



## Visual & Performing Arts Academic Center

- Enhanced Educational and Performance Opportunities
- Hands-on and Life Skills Learning
- Academic Spaces for Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- Strengthen College and Career Readiness
- Improved Overall School Infrastructure Projecting Growth
- Community Enrichment



*Potential Location*

## **WHAT ARE BONDS?**

- Bonds for school projects are similar to a mortgage on a home.
- To finance construction or capital projects, the district sells bonds to investors who will be paid principal and interest.

## **HOW DO BONDS WORK?**

- The sale of bonds begins with an election asking voters to authorize (a school district) to spend a specific, maximum amount.
- Voters are the residents within a school district's geographic boundaries.

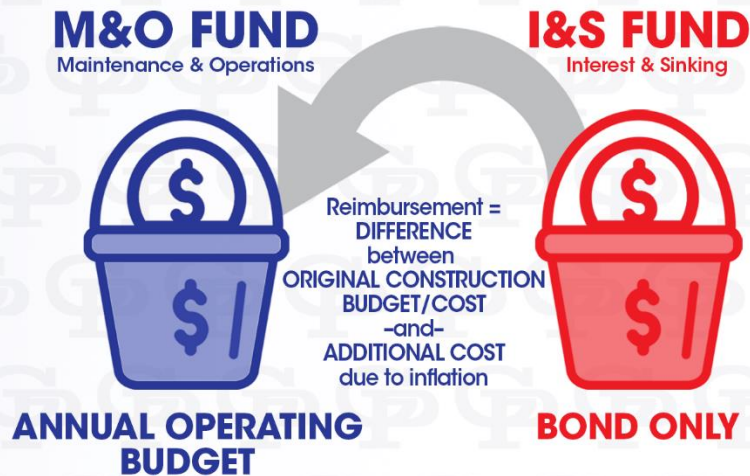
## **WHAT IS A BOND ELECTION?**

- An opportunity to vote on paying for the construction and renovation of school facilities using tax dollars that are paid to the district.

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# UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL FINANCE

G-PISD's budget is divided into two main funds, as established by the Texas School Finance System:



**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (M&O)**  
Revenue used for daily operations  
(Salaries, supplies, utilities, etc.)



**INTEREST & SINKING (I&S Debt Service)**  
"BOND-ONLY" Revenue  
(Solely to repay School Bonds)

## FACTS about the **INTEREST & SINKING (I&S Dept Service) FUND**

- Bond funds can be used for construction and capital improvements to facilities and to buy furniture, equipment and/or to purchase land.
- Revenue collected for the I&S fund cannot be used for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) expenses. (However, reimbursement to the M&O fund is possible w/voter approval of a school bond for some eligible projects considered "reimbursement resolutions.")
- I&S revenue cannot be used to make recapture payments to the State of Texas. Those payment must be made from only the M&O fund.



# UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL FINANCE

When you pay taxes, your tax dollars are split between these two funds:

**M&O FUND**  
Maintenance & Operations



**ANNUAL OPERATING  
BUDGET**



**I&S FUND**  
Interest & Sinking



**BOND ONLY**



**TOTAL TAX RATE**  
Per \$100 Valuation





## INTEREST & SINKING (I&S) DEBT SERVICE FUND *(ONLY SCHOOL BONDS)*

**\$.90**

**\$.10**



### The Debt Service Fund:

- is not subject to RECAPTURE
- generates full property value taxes on Chapter 313 Limitation Agreements
- can only be accessed by taxpayer voter approval for new bond issuances
- may be used to “prepay” callable existing bonds prior to maturity
- enables each dollar leveraged in a bond, \$0.90 cents is supported by the business, commercial, and industrial sectors of G-PISD’s Tax Base. Residents subsidize the remaining \$0.10 cents



# GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD TOTAL TAX RATE HISTORY





# PREVIOUS AND CURRENT INITIATIVES

INVESTMENT => \$400 MILLION

100% of BOND Projects Completed/Initiated/In Progress



\$117,000,000

2015 BOND

- ✓ NEW W.C. Andrews Elementary School
- ✓ NEW Middle School Campus
- ✓ High School Classroom Additions
- ✓ New Career & Technical Education (CTE) Facility
- ✓ Land Acquisition



\$107,740,000

2020 BOND

- ✓ Early Childhood Center
- ✓ Agriscience Facility
- ✓ SFA & TMC Playgrounds
- ✓ MS Athletics Complex
- ✓ HS Phase II HVAC Project
- All-Purpose Practice Facility
- Replacement Plan (i.e. Fine Arts, Equipment, Uniforms, School Buses, Student Technology Devices, etc.)



\$175,800,000

2023 BOND

- T.M. Clark Elementary School
- High School Cafeteria Additions & Renovations
- High School Fine Arts Upgrades, including new Band Hall
- ✓ Baseball & Softball Replacement Fields
- ✓ SFA Cafeteria Renovations
- Experiential Learning at four (4) Elementary Campuses
- Operations & Family Resource Center



Capital/Deferred Projects

- ✓ SFA Roof Replacement
- ✓ SFA HVAC Upgrades
- ✓ HS Perimeter Fencing
- ✓ HS Roof Replacement
- ✓ HS Canopy Project
- ✓ HS Tennis Court Canopy Project
- ✓ Central Administration Roof Replacement
- ✓ Ray Akins Stadium Turf Replacement
- ✓ MS Athletic Storage & Concession Stand

## MAJOR TAKEAWAYS SO FAR

- District Completed a 12 month Long-Range Capital Planning Process which included Facility Condition Assessments for all Facilities
- Gregory-Portland ISD Continues to Grow (5,000+ students)
- Academic Measures Outperform the State and Region
- All BOND 2020 & 2023 Projects are Completed or In Progress
- District Total Tax-Rate Continues to Compress (*from \$1.35 in 2017 to \$1.10 in 2024*)
- Board of Trustees Called BOND Election for \$205 Million separated into four propositions (A, B, C, D)
- 90% of BONDS PASSED will be paid from Business and Industry





*QUESTIONS/FEEDBACK*



EARLY VOTING  
APRIL 22 – 29

ELECTION DAY  
MAY 3, 2025

VOTING LOCATION  
**PORTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD

# BOND 25

