

FUTURE FORWARD COMMITTEE

TARKINGTON ISD

In March of 2023, the Tarkington ISD Future Forward Committee was formed to develop a five year strategic plan to include core values, mission, priorities, and plan for the future of TISD. The committee consists of parents, students, community members, local business owners, as well as TISD staff and administrators, and was well attended with a total of 110 members.

TISD families, community members, employees, and past Future Forward Committee members were all asked to come and connect with us as our next set of meetings began in September of 2023. Everyone who signed up was allowed to attend.



PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS



- PROPOSITION A:**
- \$29.2-36.2M** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS
 - \$5.45-7.4M** H.S./AG RENOVATIONS & CTE ADDITIONS
 - \$4.6-7.4M** MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS & RENO.
 - \$3.95-5.7M** DISTRICT RENOVATIONS
 - \$2.35-3.6M** EARLY CHILDHOOD RENOVATIONS
 - \$1.6-2.2M** BAND HALL & AUDITORIUM EXP. & RENO.
 - \$450-650K** SAFETY & SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS
- PROPOSITION B:**
- \$39.5-45M** NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DELAYING THE BOND

Delaying the bond program makes the District vulnerable to inflationary construction costs, which are predicted to increase the total cost of the proposed bond projects by an additional estimated 10% or up to \$9 million in the next year and an additional 10% each subsequent year.

DELAYING THE BOND >>> **\$9 MILLION** PROJECTED TO INCREASE COSTS EACH YEAR

TARKINGTON ISD BOND

MAY 2025

VOTE EARLY APRIL 22-29

ELECTION DAY MAY 3

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PROPOSED: \$39.5-45M (PROP B)

Proposition B includes a new, 900 student Elementary School, approximately 110,000 square feet.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVOS.

PROPOSED: \$29.2-36.2M (PROP A)

Proposition A will provide major interior renovations to the existing Elementary campus. The existing Elementary School, built in 1971, has had building additions for increased classroom capacity, but the building's core was designed for only 300 students. The campus currently has a functional capacity of 775 students and spring enrollment was 769 students.

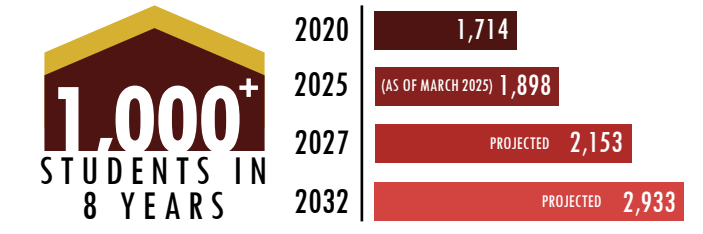
SAVINGS: LESS PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

A portable classroom can cost up to \$225,000 including delivery, utilities, ramps, and sidewalks. Funds for these buildings would be taken from the school's maintenance and operations budget, leaving less money for classroom materials and instruction. Passing the May 2025 bond could save TISD millions on portable classrooms.

On Monday, January 27, 2025, the TISD Board of Trustees called a new election for the May ballot with two Propositions to target six key areas:

- Proposition A:** (Yes or No)
- Renovations to the existing Elementary
 - Additions to the Middle School and district-wide renovations
 - High School CTE expansion/Ag renovations
 - Early Childhood renovations
 - Band Hall and Auditorium expansion and renovations
 - Safety and security enhancements
- Proposition B:** (Yes or No)
- New Elementary School

TISD IS GROWING



The 2025 bond would address student growth in TISD which currently serves 1,910 students. Demographic reports show that the school district is anticipated to grow by approximately another 1,000 students in the next eight years.

TISD is already at or near peak, projected enrollment at two campuses. With 96 residential lots currently under development, and 2021 seeing a record number of home sales, this growth will impact the district over the next 12 years. The last TISD bond was passed in 2003.



MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE EARLY

EARLY VOTING

5 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

- JACK HARTEL ADMIN BUILDING**
318 San Jacinto St., Liberty
- HARDIN CITY HALL**
142 CR 2010, Liberty
- CLEVELAND CIVIC CENTER**
210 Peach Ave., Cleveland
- THE SANCTUARY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
100 E. Hanson St., Cleveland
- DAYTON COMMUNITY CENTER**
801 S. Cleveland St., Dayton

EARLY VOTING APRIL 22 - 29			ELECTION DAY MAY 3			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22	APRIL 23	APRIL 24	APRIL 25	APRIL 26
		9AM - 6PM	9AM - 6PM	9AM - 6PM	9AM - 6PM	7AM - 7PM
APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29	APRIL 30	MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3
1PM - 7PM	7AM - 7PM	7AM - 7PM	7AM - 7PM			ELECTION DAY 7AM - 7PM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS:
TARKINGTONISD.NET/BOND-2025

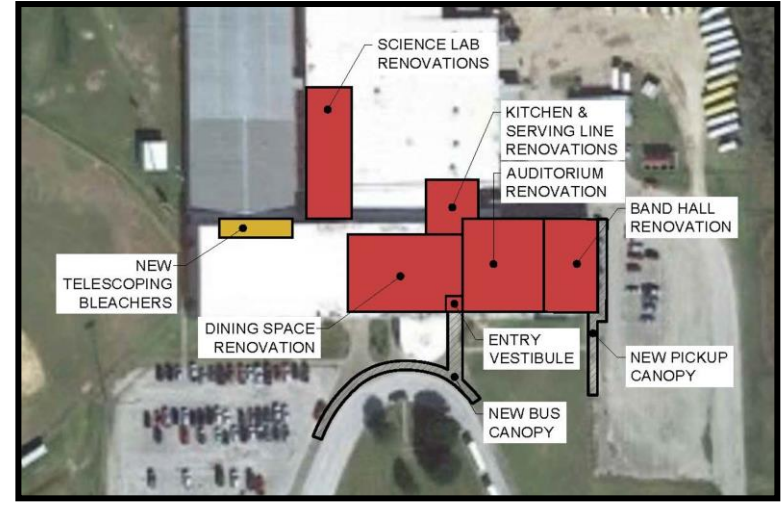



MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONS

PROPOSED: \$4.6-7.4M (PROP A)

Tarkington Middle School was originally constructed as a high school in 1974, 51 years ago, to replace the original 1957 building which was converted for other use. Current enrollment at the Middle School is approximately 416 students.

Some of the items that will be addressed as a part of the May bond proposition A are kitchen and cafeteria renovations, a new main entrance canopy and covered walkways, roof leak repairs, science lab renovations, new ceiling tiles and energy-efficient LED lighting, HVAC upgrades, paint, flooring, telescoping bleachers in the gym, and vestibule and interior signage upgrades to meet ADA standards.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VIEW THE PRINTABLE BOND INFORMATION PACKET, VISIT:

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DISTRICT RENOVATIONS

(PROP A) PROPOSED: \$3.95-5.7M

Prop A also includes district-wide renovations such as wastewater treatment plant, purchase of buses and land acquisition.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Tarkington ISD currently owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment Plant, built in 1974, that treats wastewater from all campuses and facilities in the district. Both from a capacity and equipment life standpoint, the facility is reaching the end of its useful lifespan. Considering the anticipated growth of the district, it is projected that the inflows to the plan will double in the next 20 years, significantly surpassing its current capacity of 32,000 gallons per day. Equipment such as blowers, pumps, and ancillary facilities are nearing the end of their lifecycles. The procurement of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant will reduce operational/maintenance costs for the district and provide additional capacity for future growth.

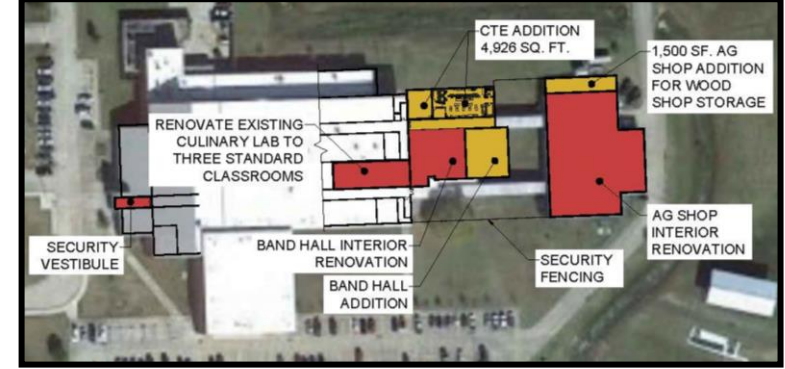
HIGH SCHOOL: CTE EXP./AG RENO.

PROPOSED: \$5.45-7.4M (PROP A)

TISD is excited to offer students Career and Technical Education courses which help them gain essential skills and knowledge for professions in a rapidly growing industry. An additional 287 required seats are needed due to the growth in this program at THS. The May bond proposition A includes an Ag Shop addition and renovations plus additional classrooms to be used for Robotics, Culinary Arts and a flex space.

Existing labs and classrooms do not meet current standards for square footage, ventilation, safety features, and storage as they are currently 19 years old. In addition, some equipment and tools are broken or outdated leaving them unusable.

The existing Ag Shop was built with standard power but has been modernized with new equipment that has more power requirements that the original design did not provide, including: 3-phase, 240-volt panels, drops, receptacles and transformers.



EARLY CHILDHOOD RENOVATIONS

PROPOSED: \$2.35-3.6M (PROP A)

The Early Childhood Center, built as a high school in 1957, is the oldest school building in the district, currently serving 191 Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

The May bond will address issues such as gym and restroom upgrades, new paint, flooring and ceiling tiles, roof leak repairs, a security vestibule, HVAC, electrical and plumbing upgrades, interior signage and door hardware to meet ADA requirements, along with other needed repairs.

BAND/AUDITORIUM EXPANSION & RENOVATION

PROPOSED: \$1.6-2.2M (PROP A)

Proposition A includes renovations, upgrades and expansion to the High School Band Hall such as increased rehearsal space, practice rooms and additional storage space for instruments and equipment.

Also covered by this bond are renovations and upgrades to the Middle School Band Hall and Auditorium. This would allow for soundproofing, new carpet, upgrades to the sound system and lighting, and stage repairs in these spaces.

ESTIMATED IMPACT

The state does not provide sufficient funds to school districts to make repairs or build new educational facilities, leaving them to rely on voter approval to issue bonds.

ZERO TAX IMPACT

FOR AGES 65 AND OLDER OVER THEIR FROZEN AMOUNT

Homeowners ages 65 and over will not see an increase over their frozen dollar amount due to the passage of the Tarkington ISD Bond if they have filed for and received their over 65 Homestead Exemption through the Liberty County Central Appraisal District.

Since 2019, state law requires all bond propositions for any school district to have the phrase "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE" on all ballot language for bond propositions. Homeowners age 65 and older who have filed for and received the Over 65 exemption will not see an increase over their frozen dollar amount. Check your most recent Notice of Assessed Value Change to see if you will be impacted.

PROJECTED FINANCIAL IMPACT TO HOMESTEADS				
HOMESTEAD ASSESSED VALUE	HOMESTEAD TAXABLE VALUE	PROPOSED TAX RATE	2025 VS 2024 ANNUAL TAX DIFF	2025 VS 2024 MONTHLY TAX DIFF
\$150,000	\$50,000	\$1.0625	\$66.15	\$5.51
\$250,000	\$150,000	\$1.0625	\$198.45	\$16.54
\$350,000	\$250,000	\$1.0625	\$330.75	\$27.56

SAFETY & SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

PROPOSED: \$450-650K (PROP A)

Prop A includes new door hardware for secure entrances and new security vestibules at every campus. Safety and security has been a top priority for the board and district when considering the 2025 bond proposition.

The district's safety and security needs have been calculated to be approximately \$500 per student. The Texas legislature just provided schools with additional funding for safety and security, but it was earmarked for certain purposes and comes out to \$10 per student. This bond covers remaining items not funded by the state.