

MEETING #3 - JULY 7, 2025

BOND



ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

2025

Investing in the Journey



WELCOME

01 Q & A from last meeting

02 Review results

VOTER SURVEY

POTENTIAL PACKAGES

03 Review three potential options

04 Scope & Depth

PROVIDE INPUT

NEXT STEPS

05 Community meeting & input

PURPOSE

To prioritize facility needs related to safety/security, programmatic needs and replacement cycles that positively impact student learning and staff efficacy.



ROLE

- Review long-range facility plans
- Analyze financial implications
- Provide input on potential facility needs
- Review community input and make recommendations to the Superintendent

TIMELINE

- BAC meetings - Early June - Mid July
- Recommendations presented to the Board of Trustees for feedback - July 21, 2025
- Last date a Board can order a November Bond - August 18, 2025



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

From Meeting #2

Q&A FROM MEETING 2



2025 Important Dates

June 4

Special Called Board Meeting

Board of Trustees approves the Bond Advisory Committee Charter.

Advisory Committee Work

The committee studies needs and provides feedback for potential packages.

**June 11-
July 7**

**June 23-
25**

Community Survey

Survey administered and results compiled.

Community Input Meeting

Opportunity for the community to see needs and provide feedback.

July 10

**July 10-
16**

Online Community Input

Opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the presentation on the website.

Board Workshop

Recommendations are submitted to the Board for discussion.

July 21

**August
14**

Special Called Board Meeting

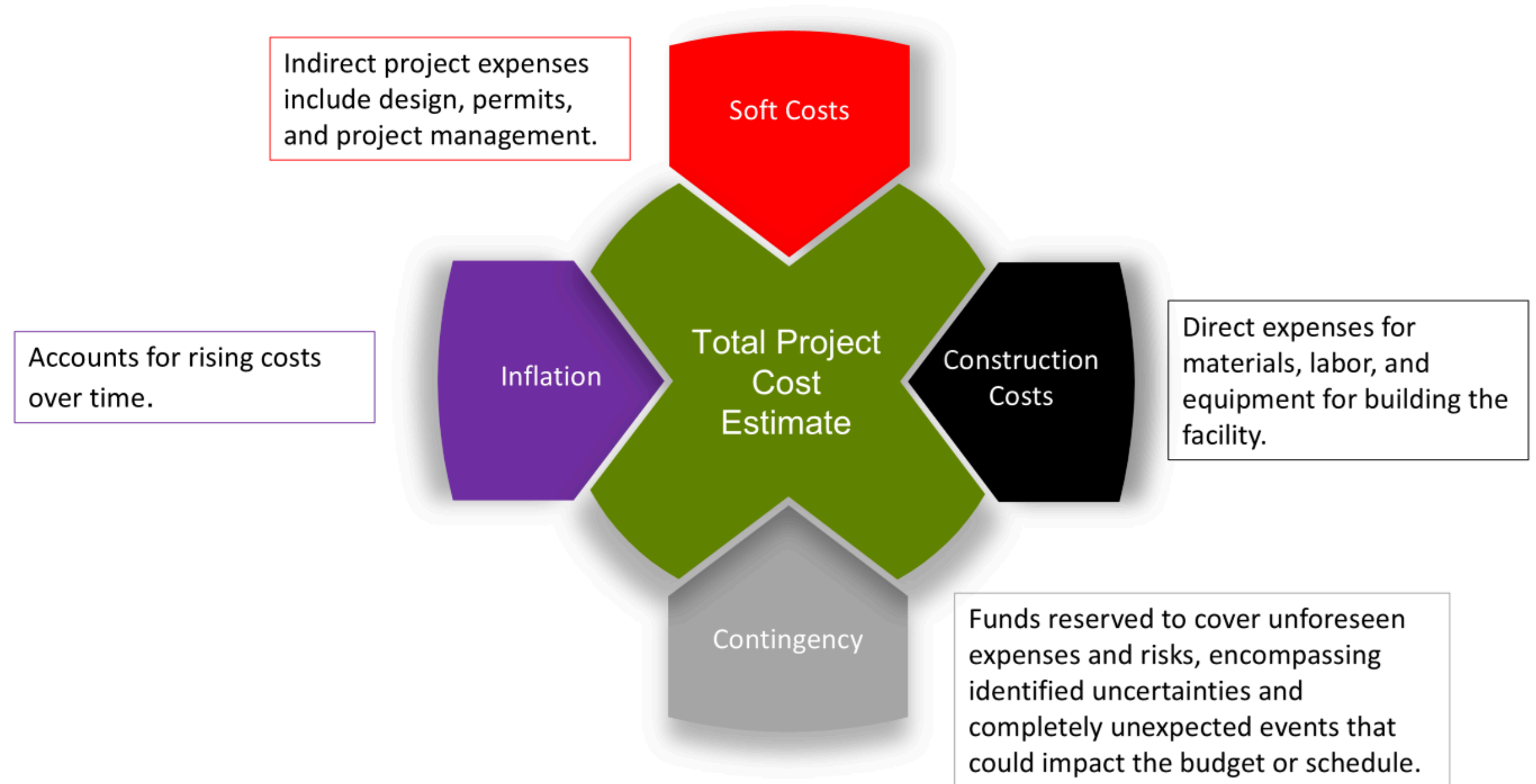
Potential special Board Meeting to call for election if needed.

Deadline

Last day to call for November 2025 elections.

**August
18**

Components of Total Project Cost Estimation





BELTON ISD SURVEY

June 23 - 25, 2025

N = 300 respondents

margin of error: $\pm 5.7\%$

49% cell phone / 1% landline / 50% text-to-web

**VOTER
SURVEY**



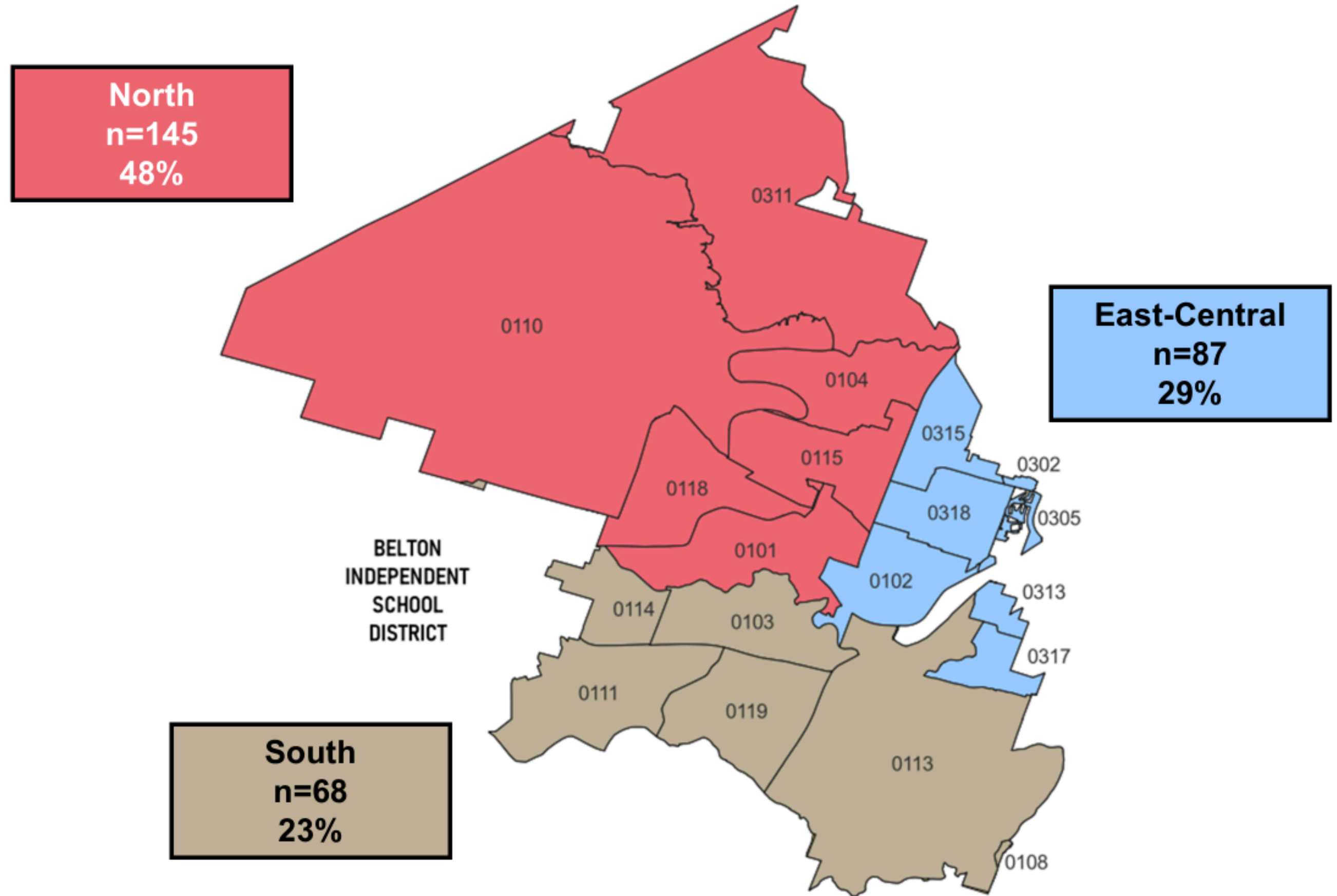
VOTER SURVEY

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To measure **initial** levels of support for various bond proposals, testing ballot language.
- 2 To test the favorability of potential bond projects and the impact of additional information about the bonds.
- 3 To measure **informed** levels of support for bond proposals, after respondents have learned more about them.



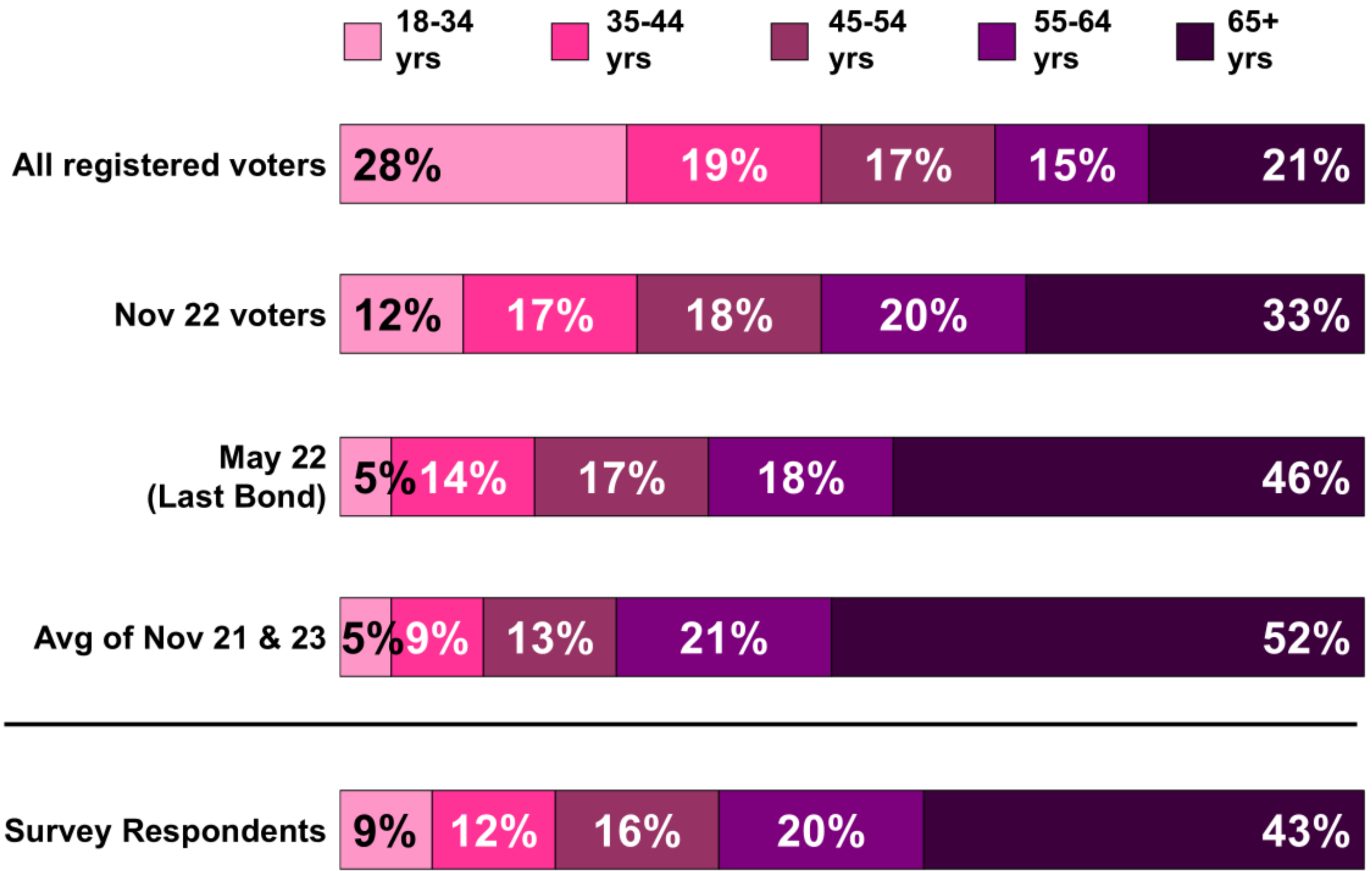
DISTRIBUTION OF INTERVIEWS BY REGION



COMPARISION OF VOTER FILE TO RESPONDENTS



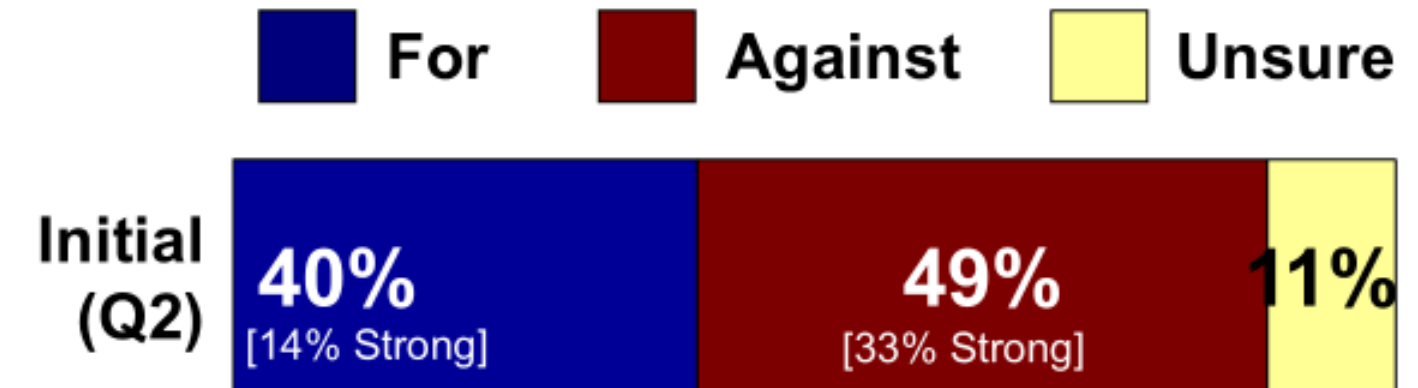
VOTER SURVEY



INITIAL VS. INFORMED BOND PROJECTS



Would you vote for or against Prop A, the issuance of \$143 million in bonds to construct, renovate and equip school facilities, resulting in a property tax increase?



40% Total For vs 49% Total Against
Extrapolates to:

44.9% For vs. 55.1% Against

+

14% Strongly For vs 33% Strongly Against
Extrapolates to:

29.8% For vs. 70.2% Against

Average Extrapolation:

37.4% Yes vs. 62.6% No

VOTER SURVEY

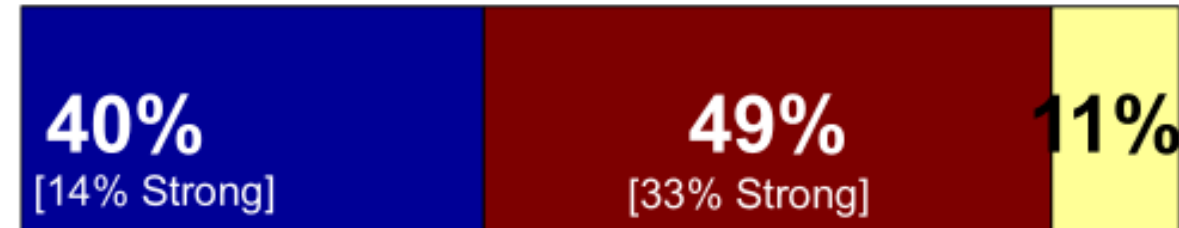
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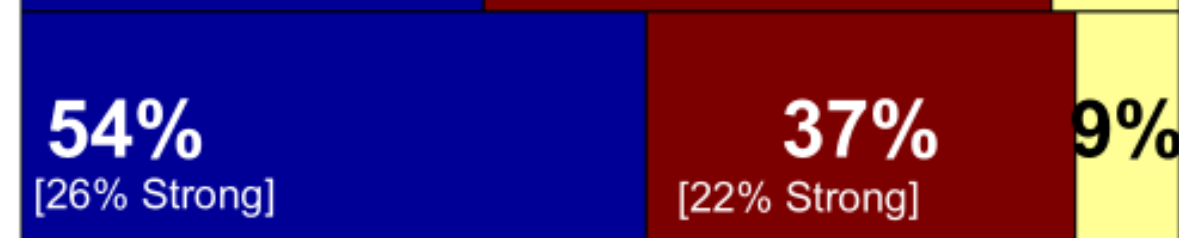
Initial
(Q2)



Avg.
Extrp.
For

37.4%

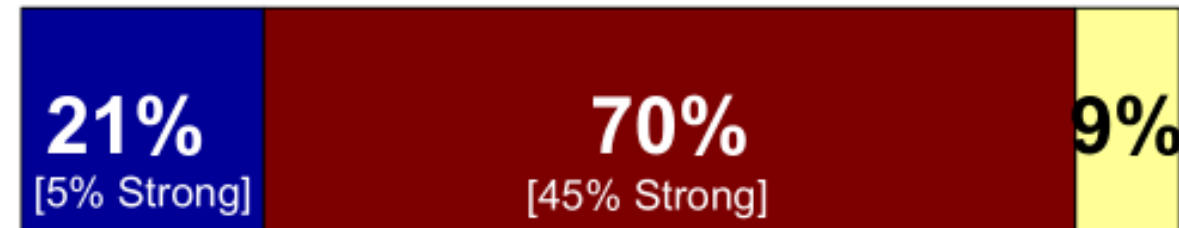
Informed
(Q30)



56.8%

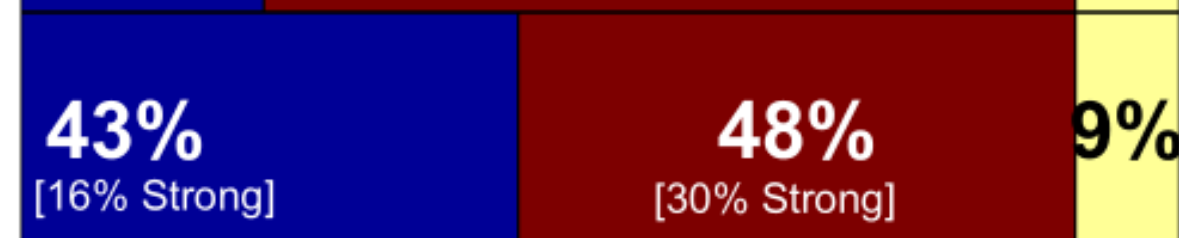
Would you vote for or against Prop B, the issuance of \$41 million in bonds for improvements to Bronco Field and Tiger Field, resulting in a property tax increase?

Initial
(Q3)



16.5%

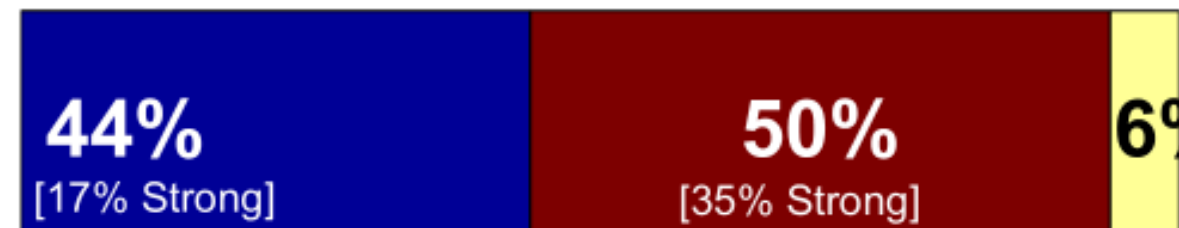
Informed
(Q31)



41.0%

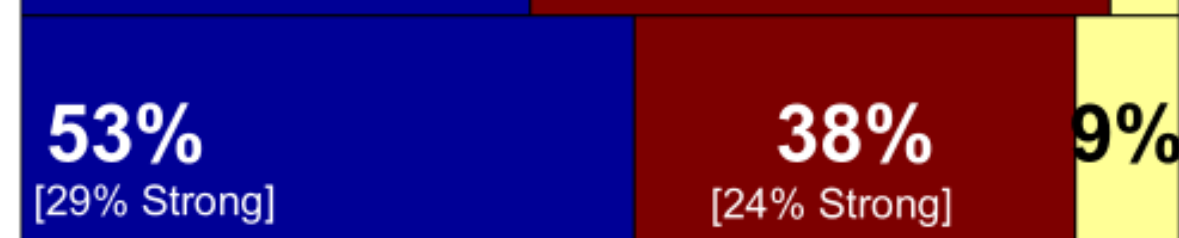
Would you vote for or against Prop C, the issuance of \$9 million in bonds for the purchase of electronic learning devices, resulting in a property tax increase?

Initial
(Q4)



39.8%

Informed
(Q32)



56.5%

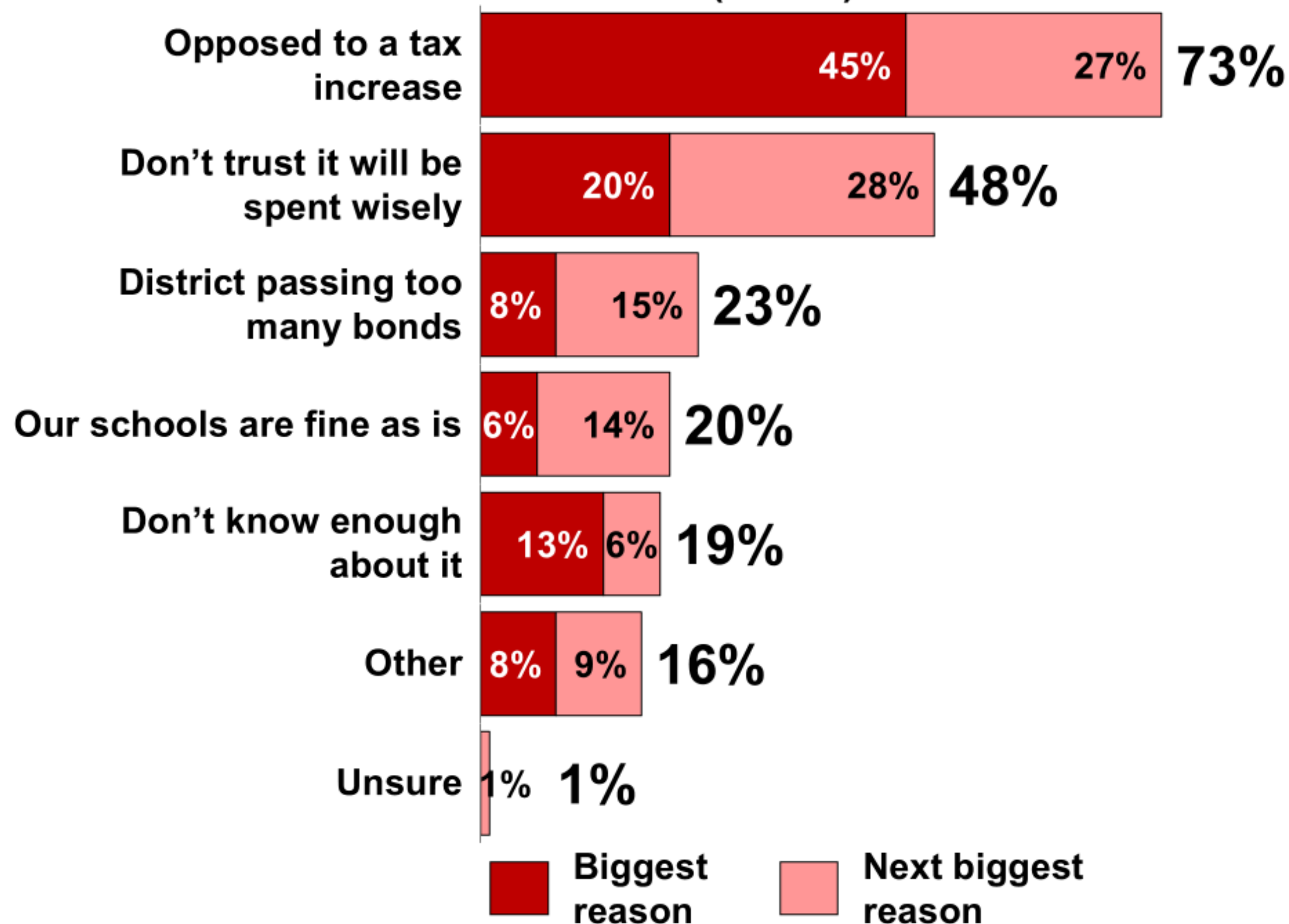


VOTER SURVEY

WHY AGAINST

Q5. And, which one of the following is the biggest reason you would vote against Prop A, bonds to construct, renovate and equip school facilities?

(n=147)





VOTER SURVEY

BOND PROJECTS

		Total Favor	Total Oppose	No diff / Unsure	Net Impact
Q6	This bond would allow for renovations to modernize Sparta and Lakewood Elementary Schools, which are each nearly 40 years old. This would be the next step in a Long Range Master Plan to bring the district's older schools to the same standard as its newer schools in order to provide all students with the same instructional opportunities.	68%	27%	5%	+40%
Q7	The district's Alternative Education Program is located in an old converted band hall from the 70s, which was not designed for this purpose, as there are an inadequate number of restrooms and specialized instructional spaces. This bond would allow for renovations to create more appropriate spaces for the Alternative Education Program.	60%	32%	8%	+27%
Q8	(Ver Y: The district transports 4,500 students to and from school each day, which is roughly one-third of the student population.) The district has outgrown its Transportation Facility which was built 25 years ago, as it does not have enough parking, office space or training and meeting rooms for the over 100 transportation employees. The bond could allow for renovations to the facility to better meet the needs of the district.	60%	35%	5%	+25%
Q9	The bond could allow for improvements to campus safety and security such as upgraded surveillance cameras, lighting, fire alarms, and perimeter fencing at elementary playgrounds.	76%	20%	5%	+56%
Q10	This bond would allow for life cycle replacements to essential school building infrastructure such as H-VAC, roofing, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems at schools where they are beyond their useful life, to keep schools functional as they age.	70%	26%	4%	+44%
Q11	Classroom furniture needs to be replaced about every ten years or so (Ver Y: after 10,000 hours of use by hundreds of students), and currently 12 campuses have furniture beyond their useful life. The bond could allow for new, modern furniture to serve the next decade of students.	60%	36%	4%	+24%
Q12	There are several facilities in the district where asphalt and pavement have never been resurfaced or updated. This bond would allow for fixing cracks, potholes, and drainage issues in sidewalks, roadways, and parking lots.	71%	25%	4%	+46%
Q13	The gym at Joe Pirtle Elementary School is detached from the main building, presenting challenges with safety and inclement weather as students walk outside to get to and from the gym. The bond would allow for a new, attached gym at Pirtle as the next step in the district's long-range plan to bring all elementary schools to this standard.	52%	42%	6%	+10%
Q14	The orchestra program at Belton Middle School is held in a regular classroom which does not have proper storage or acoustics for the program. The bond would allow for construction of a new band hall at Belton Middle School and re-purposing the old band hall for orchestra, bringing fine arts spaces at Belton Middle School to the same standard as the district's other middle schools.	65%	31%	5%	+34%



VOTER SURVEY

BOND PROJECTS

		Total Favor	Total Oppose	No diff / Unsure	Net Impact
Q15	Belton Middle School does not have a weight room, so students walk to the high school to use that facility, resulting in supervision challenges and lost training time. The bond could allow for construction of a weight room at Belton Middle School, bringing it to the same standard as the district's other middle schools.	55%	41%	4%	+14%
Q16	There is not adequate space at New Tech High School for all CTE programs, and high school students walk to the adjacent Early Childhood Pre-K School to use the gym for some programs. The bond could allow for renovating underutilized spaces at New Tech to meet all CTE needs and keep students on campus.	58%	38%	5%	+20%
Q17	Bronco Field at Lake Belton High School is not a varsity competition field, as there is no visitor seating and inadequate home seating, restrooms, concessions and parking. This means students at Lake Belton must use Tiger Field at Belton High for their varsity games. The bond would allow for improvements to Bronco Field to make it suitable for varsity games, giving each high school their own home stadium.	50%	46%	4%	+4%
Q18	Tiger Field has not had a major investment in over a decade and many components are at the end of their useful life. The bond could allow for a new score board, bleacher upgrades and updated restroom and concession areas. It would also replace worn out turf, upgrade LED lighting and add perimeter fencing, all of which will enhance player and spectator safety.	53%	43%	4%	+10%
Q19	Currently, Tiger Field does not have a visitor locker room, requiring visiting teams and the Lake Belton players who use Tiger Field to walk around spectators and traffic to use the locker room at the high school, creating safety challenges. The bond would allow for adding a visitor locker room to Tiger Field to enhance player safety. It would also allow for moving the band back to the home side.	59%	37%	3%	+22%
Q20	The district evaluated the option of building a shared stadium for both high schools at a neutral site, however making improvements at Tiger and Bronco Fields will cost less money, so Prop B addresses the district's needs in a cost effective way.	58%	35%	7%	+23%
Q21	Technology has become a vital element to instruction. Belton ISD has over 13,750 students and the devices they use need to be updated on a regular basis. The bond would allow for replacing worn out devices to ensure all students continue to have access to the tools they need.	63%	34%	4%	+29%
Q22	Bonds are often used by school districts to purchase technology devices and will be paid off before the new devices would need to be replaced.	61%	33%	6%	+28%



VOTER SURVEY

OTHER MESSAGES

		Total Favor	Total Oppose	No diff / Unsure	Net Impact
Q23	Inflation has consistently driven up construction costs and delaying these projects will be more expensive as costs continue to rise. Passing a bond now will save taxpayers money over the long run.	61%	30%	9%	+31%
Q24	School districts receive virtually zero state funding for building schools or making major renovations, and instead must use voter-approved bonds which help pay for large projects that get paid back over time like a mortgage.	56%	33%	12%	+23%
Q25	Upgrades and renovations made possible by the bond would improve heating, cooling, and other energy costs in the campus, leading to greater efficiencies and financial savings for the district.	71%	23%	6%	+48%
Q26	Belton ISD has a AA bond rating as a result of its excellent fiscal management. This saved taxpayers millions of dollars in the most recent bond sale and will result in more savings with this next bond proposal.	67%	23%	10%	+44%
Q27	Existing state law freezes property taxes paid by homeowners 65 years of age or older. Seniors who file their exemption would not have to pay any additional taxes associated with these bonds.	73%	20%	7%	+54%
Q28	Next year, homeowners will get a tax cut of \$38 per month when voters approve an increase in the homestead exemption. If the bonds pass then the average home could instead get a reduction of between \$35 to \$37 per month.	67%	24%	9%	+43%
Q29	By state law, all bonds must be spent on capital improvements and none of the bond funds can be used to increase teacher pay.	55%	33%	12%	+22%



VOTER SURVEY

PROP A ELEMENT MATRIX

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PROP B ELEMENT MATRIX

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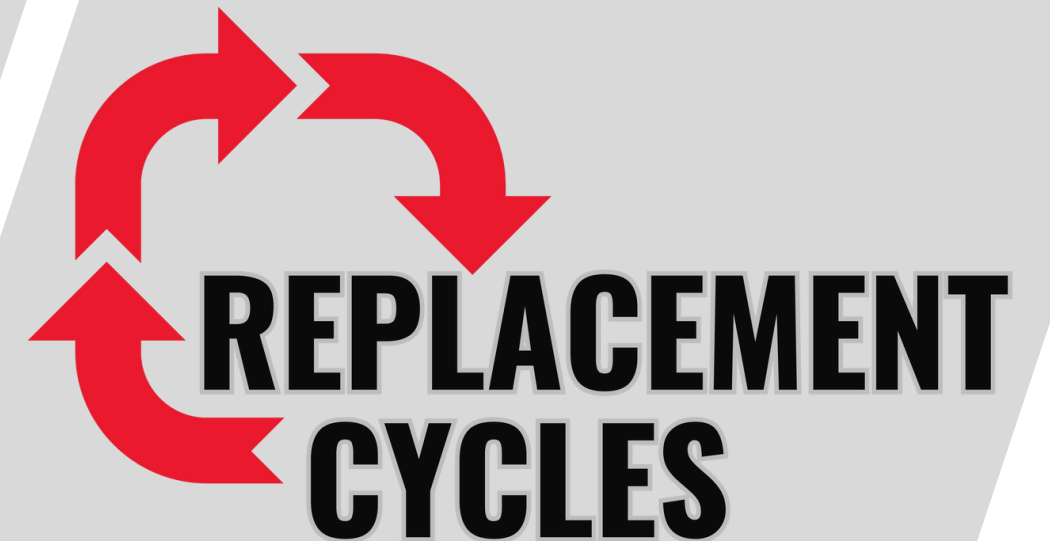
KEY FINDINGS

- 1 Initially, a majority of respondents would vote against Props A, B, and C. Support is lowest among non-parents and the most likely voters.
- 2 Despite initial levels of opposition, a majority of respondents favor all of the individual projects and elements included in Props A, B, and C.
- 3 After learning more about them, a majority of respondents would support Prop A (general bonds) and Prop C (technology bonds) while a plurality are still against Prop B (stadium bonds).
- 4 The most appealing elements of Prop A are: the senior tax freeze, safety and security improvements, and saving money (from construction cost escalation) by acting now.
- 5 The election outcome will depend on what and how much information voters receive, and who turns out to vote.

Average Extrapolated For Percentages								
Initial Ballots					Informed Ballots			
Total Sample	Parents	Non-Parents	Voted in recent "CE"		Total Sample	Parents	Non-Parents	Voted in recent "CE"
37.4%	52.5%	32.8%	34.5%	PROP A	56.8%	63.4%	54.1%	53.8%
16.5%	27.3%	13.6%	16.1%	PROP B	41.0%	51.1%	37.6%	40.1%
39.8%	57.7%	34.7%	35.3%	PROP C	56.5%	64.8%	53.3%	54.5%

LEARNING SPACES

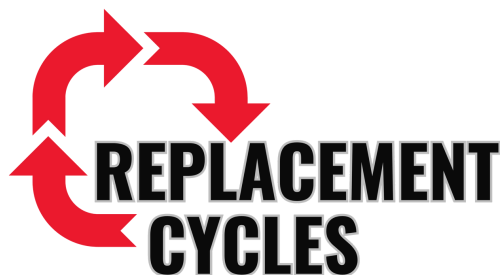
POTENTIAL PACKAGES



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

***Would you recommend this option
to the Board for consideration?***

WHY OR WHY NOT?



LEARNING SPACES

OPTION 1:

TOTAL COST = \$194,189,988

Tax Rate = 1.5 cent increase



Prop A-1

General

\$143.6M

Prop B

Athletics

\$41.4M

Prop C

Technology

\$9.2M



**SAFETY &
SECURITY**



**PROGRAM
NEEDS**



**REPLACEMENT
CYCLES**

LEARNING SPACES

**All costs and tax rate information are estimates as of July 2025*

PROP A

General

OPTION 1,2,3

SAFETY & SECURITY COST

\$11,725,552

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☒	Update exterior lighting	\$1,078,945
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PROP A

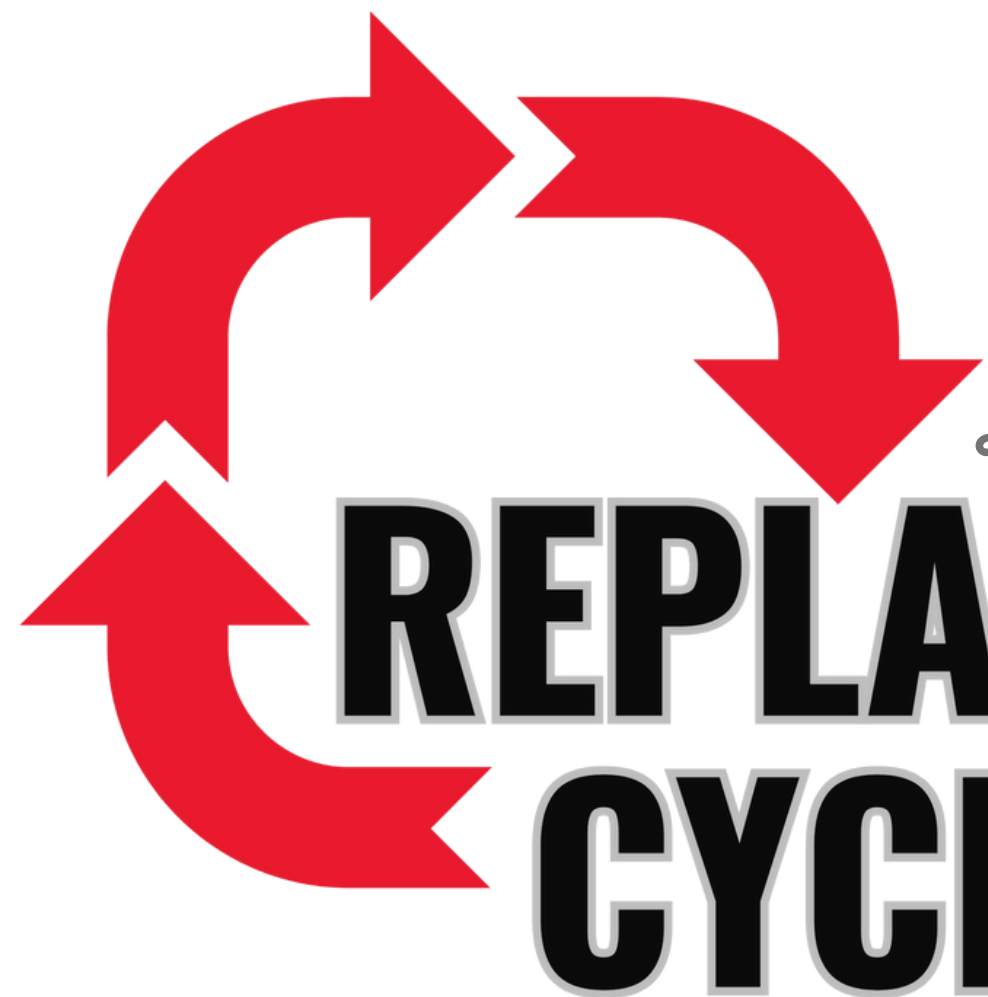
General

OPTION 1,2,3

REPLACEMENT CYCLES COST

\$37,474,537

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REPLACEMENT CYCLES

Learning Spaces

☒	HVAC systems	\$5,845,229
☒	Roofing	\$11,385,919
☒	Asphalt and paving	\$7,118,709
☒	Classroom furniture	\$11,124,681
☒	Technology infrastructure	\$2,000,000

PROP A

General

OPTION 1

PROGRAM NEEDS COST

\$94,382,430

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☒	Sparta Elementary	\$23,313,301	☒	BHS CTE phase 2	\$15,931,239
☒	Lakewood Elementary	\$18,717,048	☒	DAEP	\$2,609,612
☒	Belton Middle School	\$19,375,798	☒	New Tech CTE	\$1,843,776+
☒	Natatorium Updates	\$2,425,697	☒	Transporation	\$5,592,085

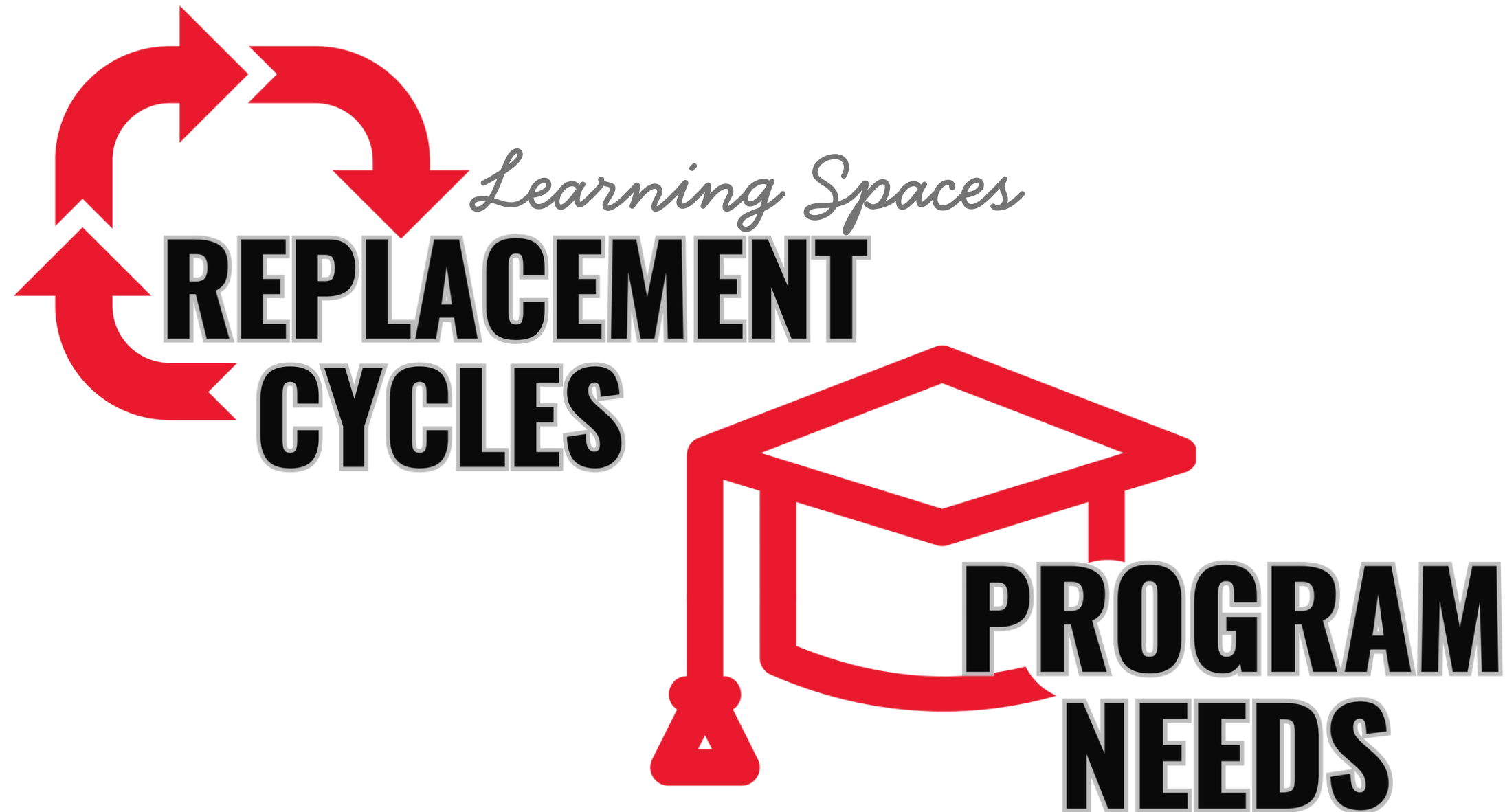
PROP B

Athletics

OPTION 1,2,3

ATHLETICS COST
\$41,407,469

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☒	Tiger Field renovation	\$20,232,195
☒	Bronco Field expansion	\$21,175,324

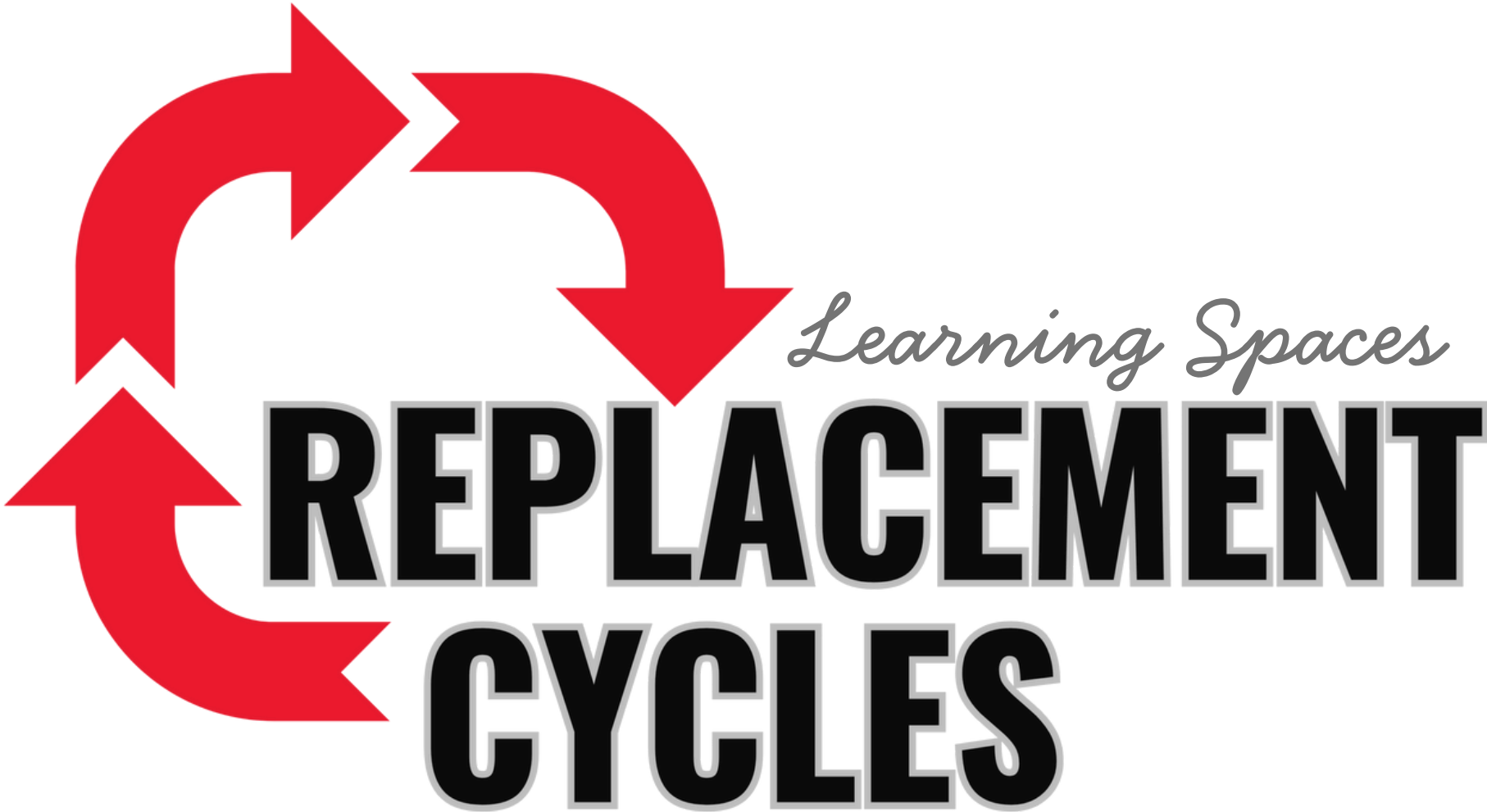
PROP C

Technology

OPTION 1, 2

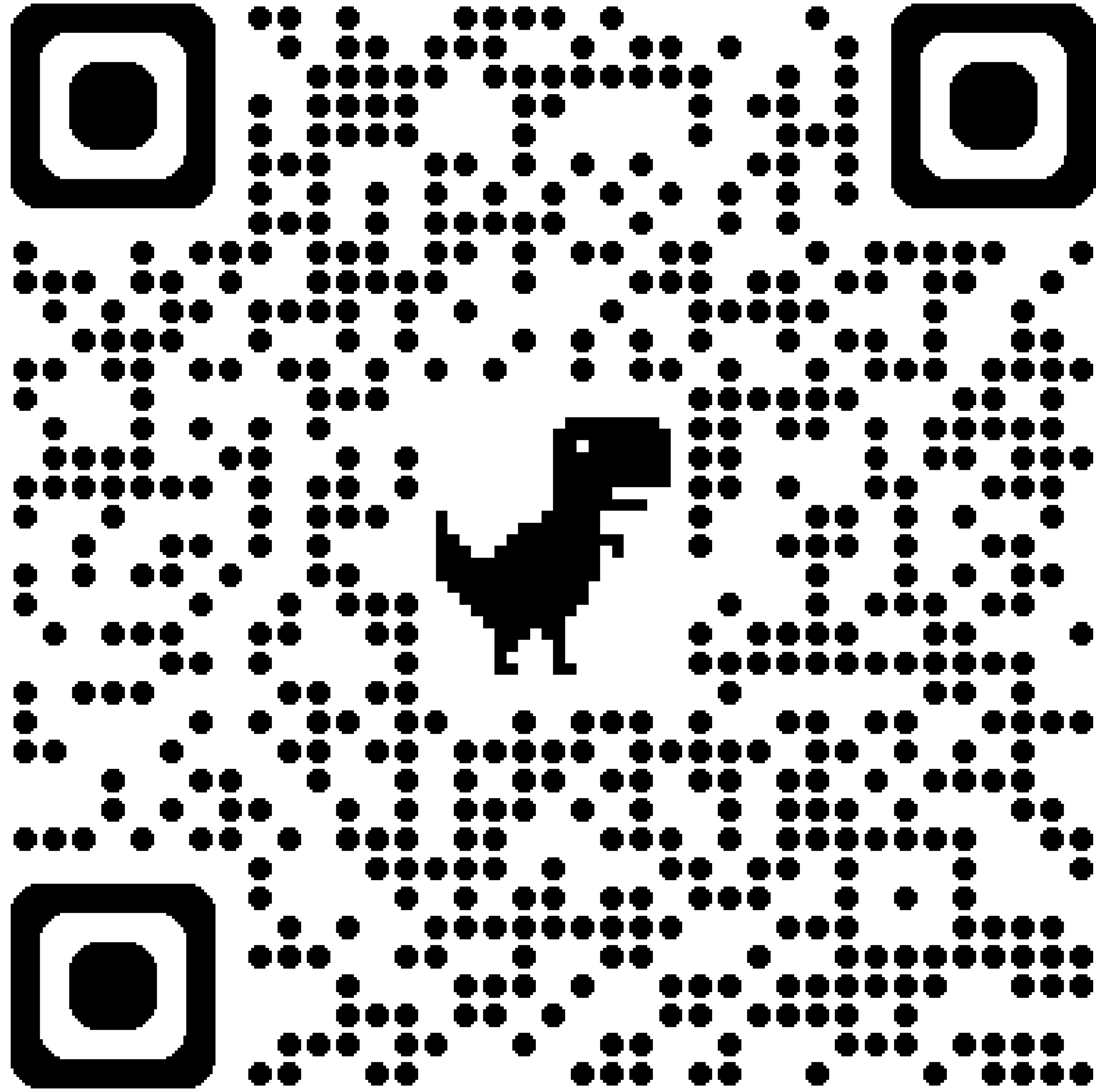
TECHNOLOGY COST
\$9,200,000

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☒	Technology devices	\$9,200,000
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OPTION 1 FEEDBACK



OPTION 2:

TOTAL COST EST. = \$178,756,272

Tax Rate = .5 cent increase



Prop A-2

General

\$128.2M

Prop B

Athletics

\$41.4M

NO CHANGE

Prop C

Technology

\$9.2M

NO CHANGE



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PROP A

General

OPTION 1,2,3

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PROP A

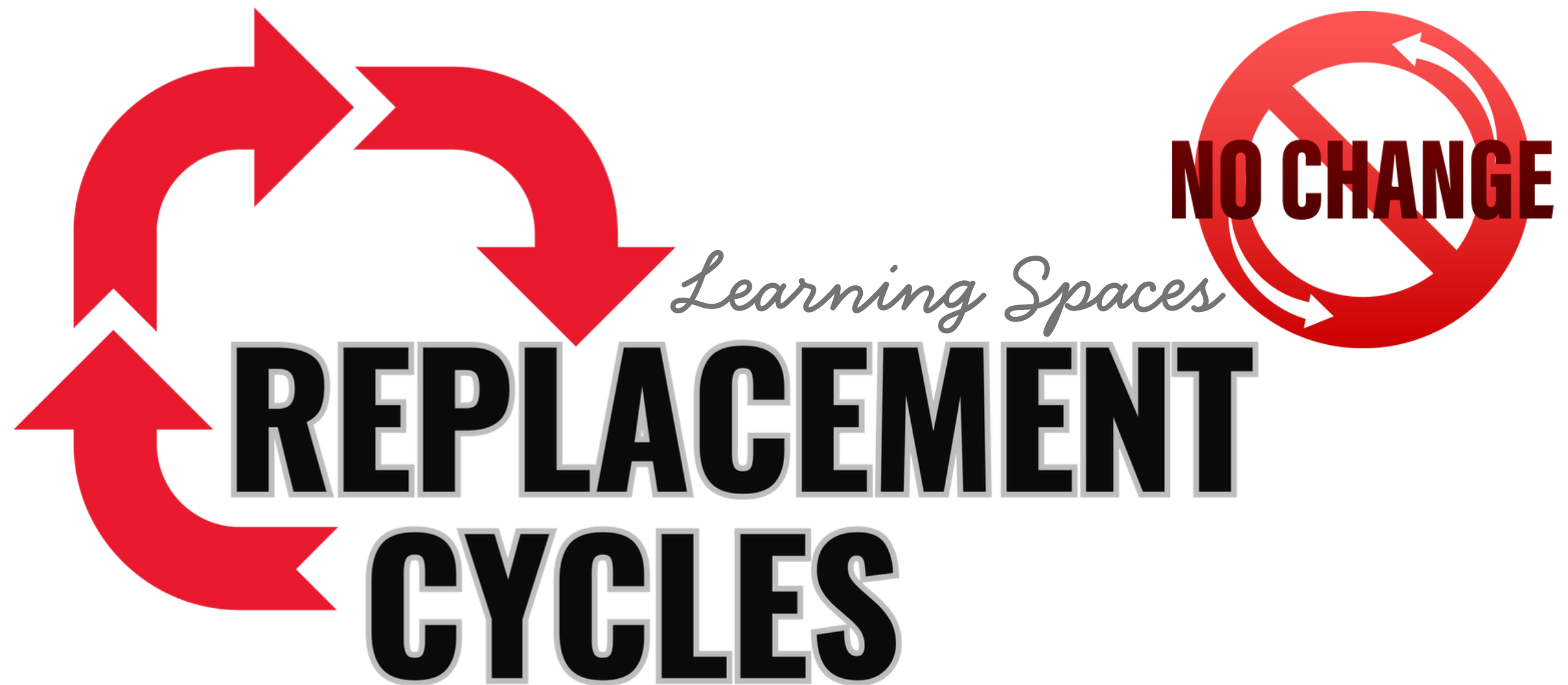
General

OPTION 1,2,3

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PROP A

General

OPTION 2

PROGRAM NEEDS COST

\$78,948,714

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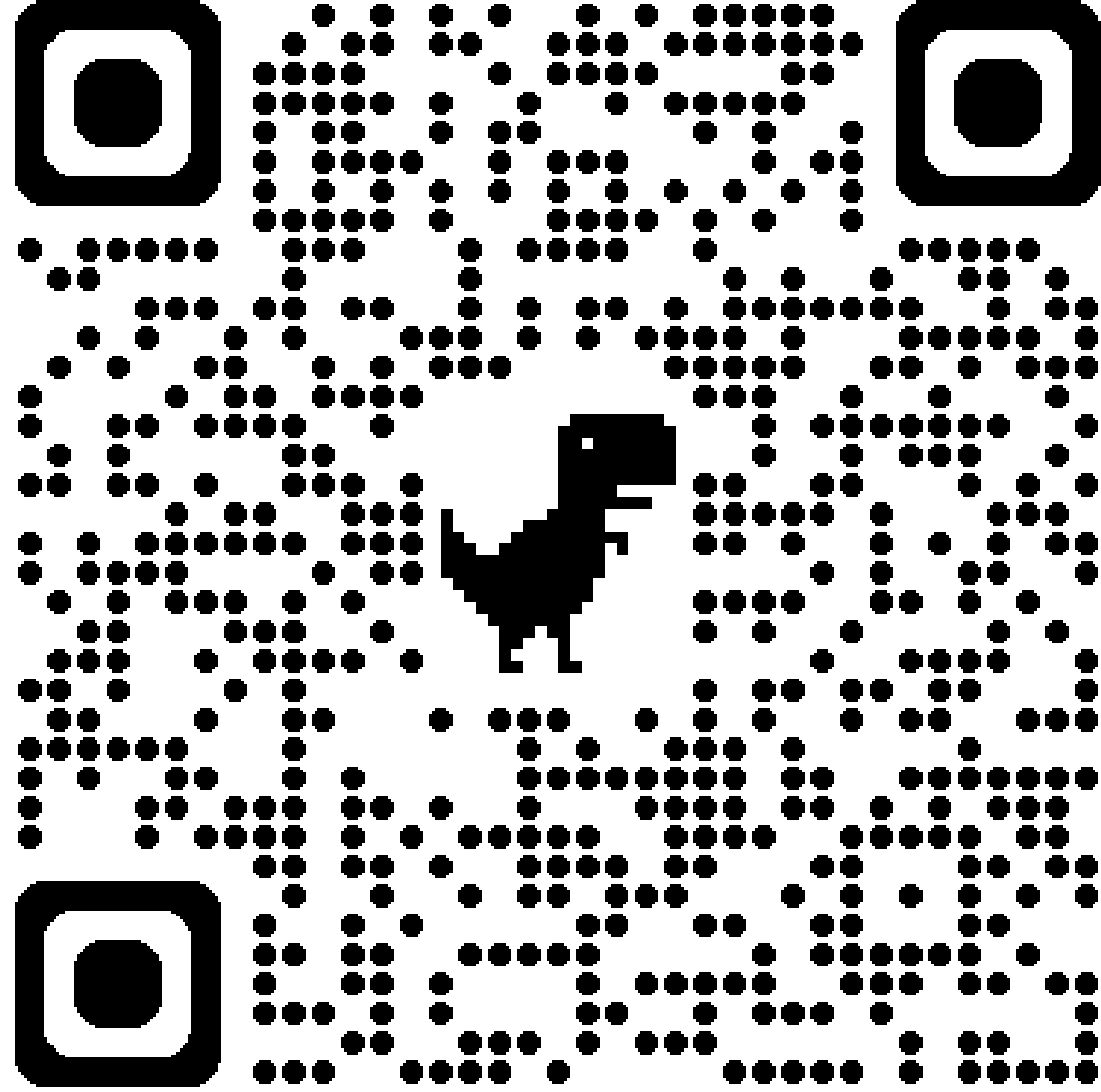


Learning Spaces

PROGRAM NEEDS

☒	Sparta Elementary	\$18,115,301	☒	BHS CTE phase 2	\$15,931,239
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☒	Belton Middle School	\$15,477,750		New Tech CTE	\$1,843,776
	Joe Pirtle Elementary	\$4,493,892	☒	Transportation	\$5,592,085
☒	Natatorium updates	\$2,425,679			

OPTION 2 FEEDBACK



OPTION 3:

TOTAL COST EST. = \$126,663,519

Tax Rate = no increase



Prop A-3

General

\$79.3M

Prop B

Athletics

\$41.4M

NO CHANGE

Prop C-3

Technology

\$6M



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PROP A

General

OPTION 1,2,3

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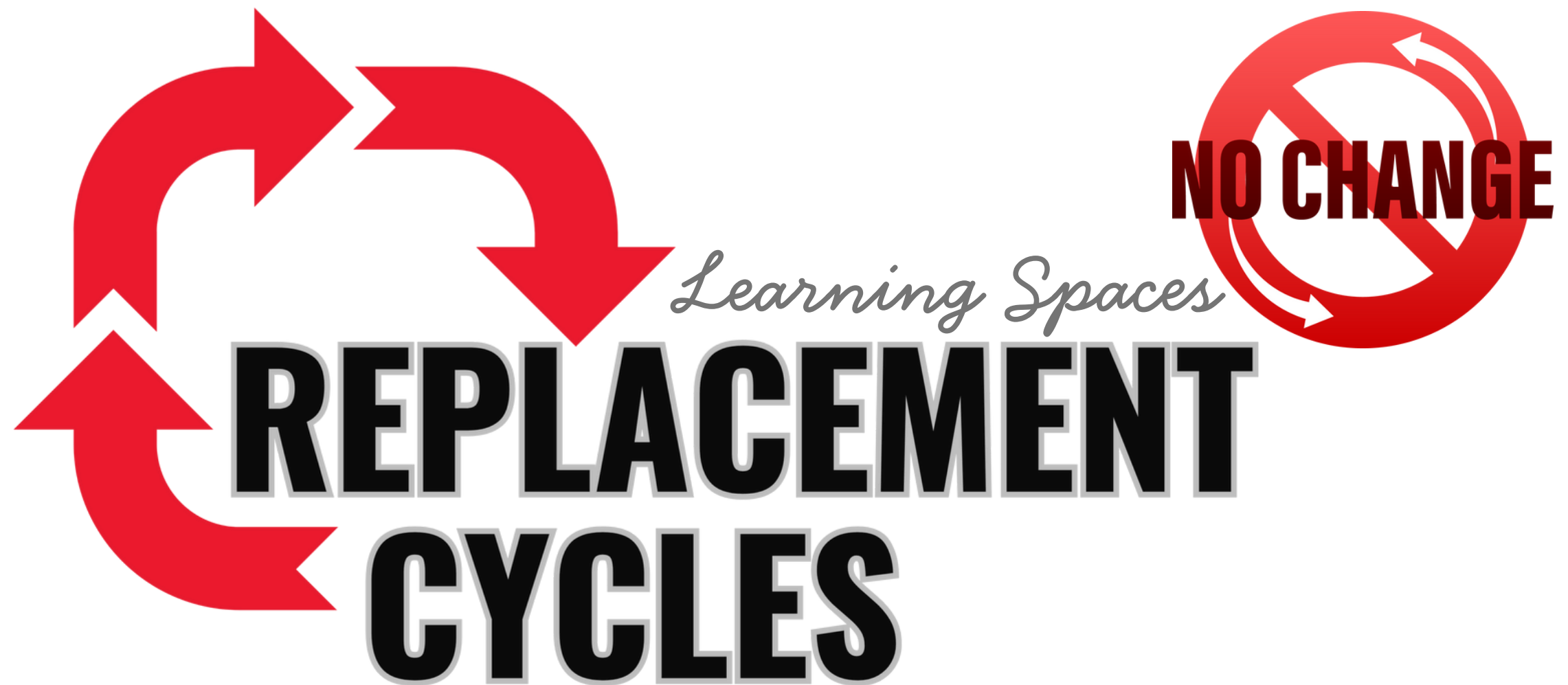
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PROP A

General

OPTION 3

PROGRAM NEEDS COST

\$30,055,961

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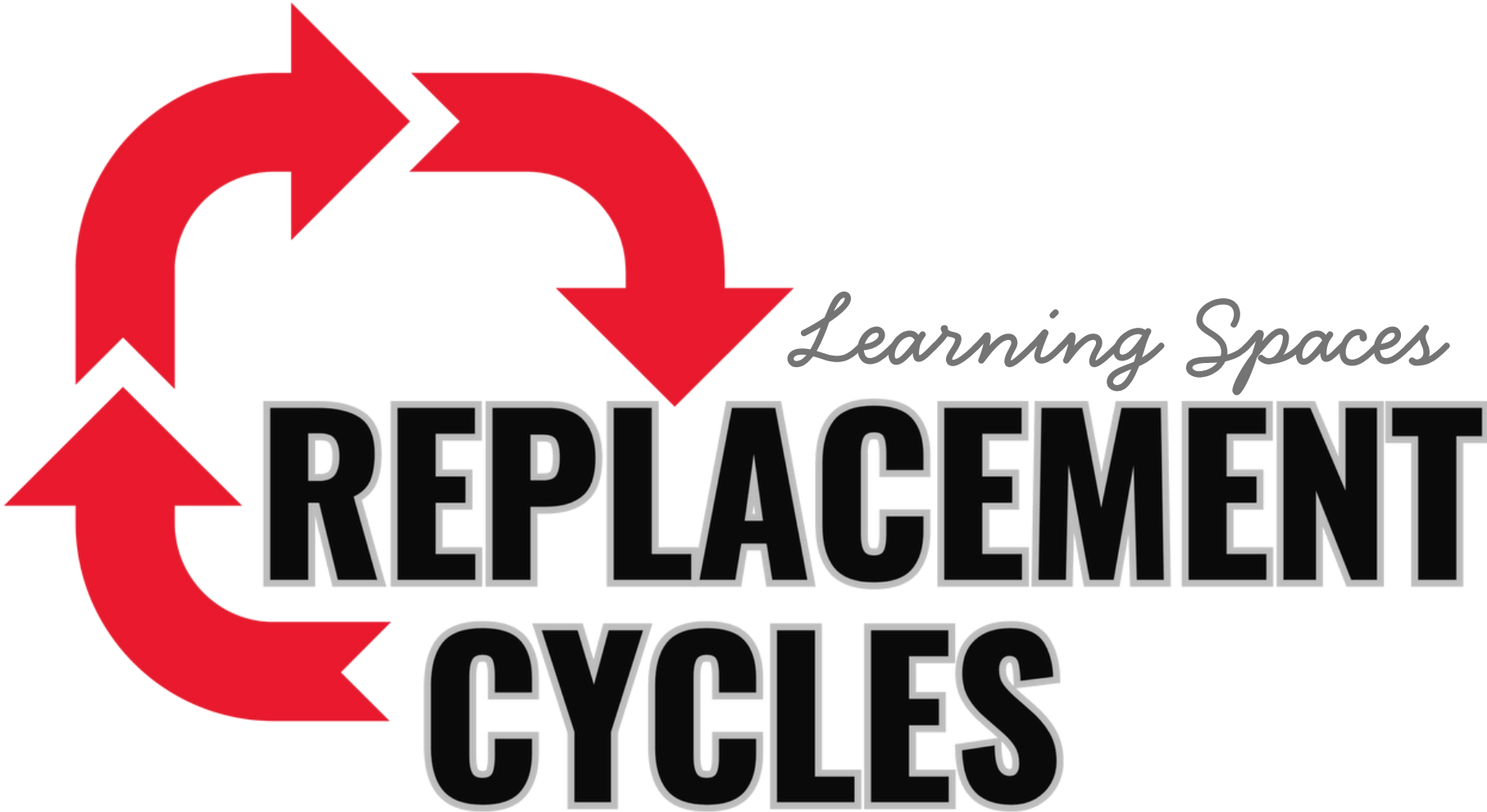
PROP C

Technology

OPTION 3

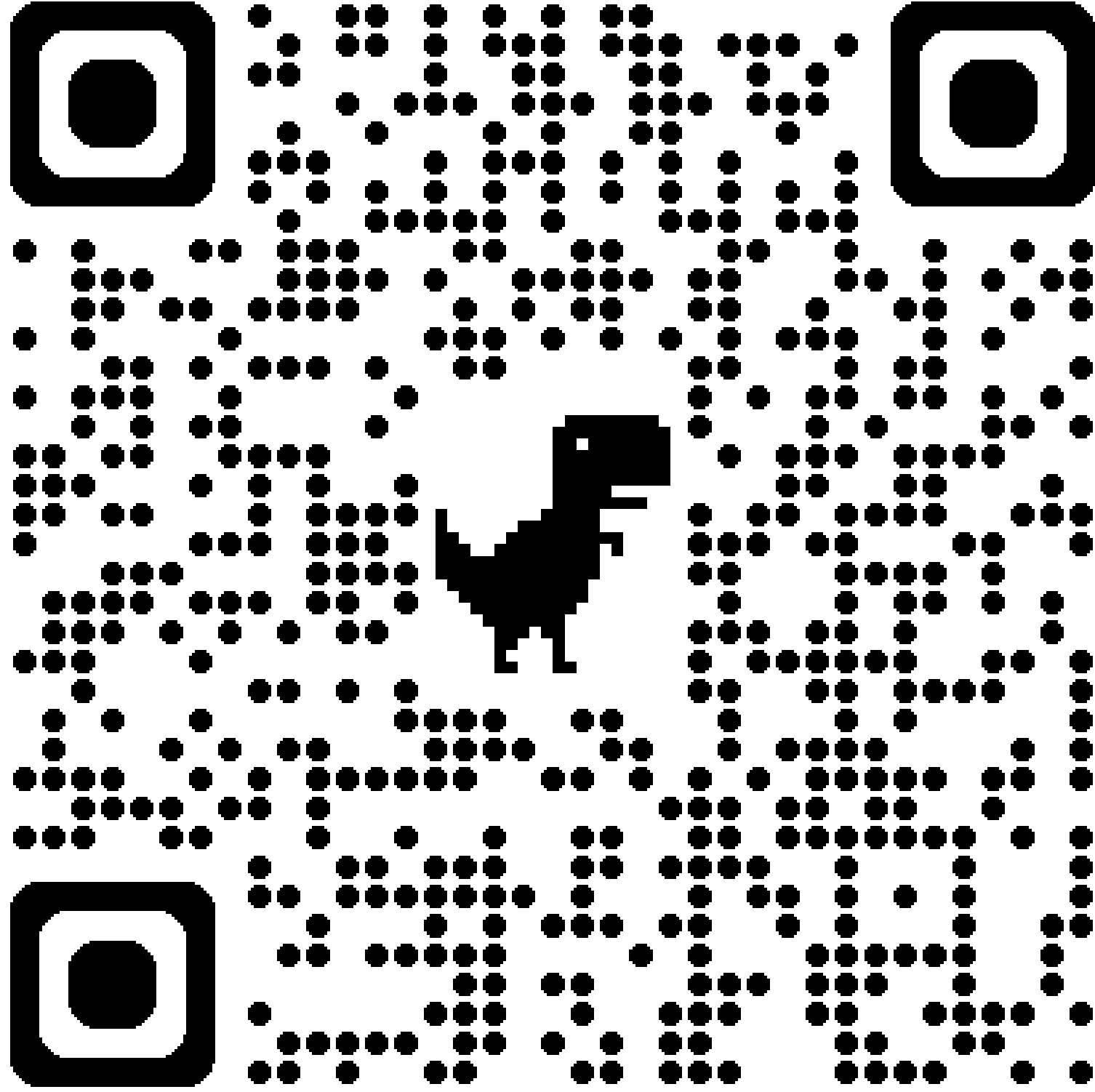
TECHNOLOGY COST
\$6,000,000

**All costs and tax rate
information are estimates
as of July 2025*



☒	Technology devices	\$6,000,000
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OPTION 3 FEEDBACK



NEXT STEPS



QUESTIONS

NOTE CARDS AT YOUR TABLE

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COMMUNITY MEETING & INPUT

BOARD WORKSHOP

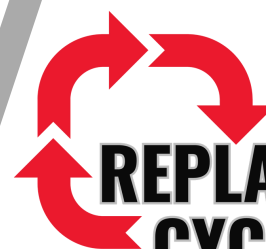
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**SAFETY &
SECURITY**



**PROGRAM
NEEDS**



**REPLACEMENT
CYCLES**

LEARNING SPACES

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Investing in the Journey