

PORT NECHES GROVES ISD

BOND 2025 FAQ

What is a school district bond election?

School districts hold bond elections to seek approval from voters to sell bonds for the purpose of generating revenue to fund costs to build, renovate and equip school buildings.

Is PNGISD having a bond election?

On August 18, 2025, the PNGISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved an order calling for a \$75 million bond election to be held on November 4, 2025.

What is the bond election for?

The \$75-million-dollar bond is to complete needed capital improvement projects.

- New Transportation Center
- High School Auditorium Renovation
- New CTE Construction Science Classroom
- Interactive Classroom Panels (Grades 6-12)
- Multipurpose Covered Practice Facility
- Renovate Existing Transportation Building for High School Student Use
- New Multipurpose Facility Building
- New High School Competition Gym Floor
- New Student Services Center
- New Roofs at PNMS, GMS & HS
- New Boilers at High School
- Band Hall A/C & Heating Replacement

How can I learn more about the facility improvements that are part of the bond and/or ask questions about them?

You can contact the bond committee contact listed below for each project at any time. There will also be two community meetings that the public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the projects and ask any questions. All project contacts will be available at the community meetings.

Community Meeting Information

- Monday, September 8, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. – PNGISD Administration Building
- Monday, October 13, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. – PNGISD Administration Building

Facility Improvement Contacts

- New Transportation Center - Christy Smith – chsmith@pngisd.org, 409-722-4244
- High School Auditorium Renovation – Dr. Scott Ryan – sryan@pngisd.org, 409-729-7644
- New CTE Construction Science Classroom – Tanya Davis – tadavis@pngisd.org 409-729-7644
- Interactive Classroom Panels (Grades 6-12) – Dr. Crystal Werkheiser - cwerkheiser@pngisd.org, 409-722-4244
- Multipurpose Covered Practice Facility – Jeff Joseph – jjoseph@pngisd.org, 409-729-7644
- Renovation of Existing Transportation Building – Jeff Joseph - jjoseph@pngisd.org, 409-729-7644
- New Multipurpose Facility Building - Jeff Joseph - jjoseph@pngisd.org, 409-729-7644
- New High School Competition Gym Floor - Jeff Joseph - jjoseph@pngisd.org, 409-729-7644
- New Student Services Center – Brian Waguespack – bwaguespack@pngisd.org, 409-722-5924
- New Roofs at PNMS, GMS, & HS – Jeff Bergeron – jbergeron@pngisd.org, 409-722-4483
- New Boilers at High School - Jeff Bergeron – jbergeron@pngisd.org, 409-722-4483
- Band Hall A/C & Heating Replacement - Jeff Bergeron – jbergeron@pngisd.org, 409-722-4483
- All Bond Questions – Dr. Mike Gonzales – mgonzales@pngisd.org, 409-722-4244
- All Bond Questions – Julie Gauthier – gauthier@pngisd.org, 409-722-4244

What is the tax impact and cost of the bond program?

The structure of the district’s current debt allows for additional bonds to be issued with no tax rate increase.

If the bond passes, will the tax rate for our senior citizens, those 65 and older, be increased?

No, unless they are paying less than their tax ceiling (amount where their taxes are “frozen”). The State Property Tax Code allows for school property taxes on an individual homestead to be “frozen” at the age of 65. If you are 65 years of age or older and you have filed for the “Over 65 Homestead Exemption”, there is a ceiling on the amount of school taxes to be paid. The only exception is if improvements are made to the home. PNGISD only controls the school tax rate, not the appraised value of the house. As such, a tax increase from a new bond program cannot increase the applicable tax ceiling of a taxpayer that has qualified for the “Over 65 Homestead Exemption.”

If the bond passes, how long will the district carry the bonds?

The district’s current plan is to pay the bonds in 30 years.

If the bond passes, what are the preliminary project start dates?

There would be two bond sales for the projects. \$50 million of the project would start in January 2026, and \$25 million of the project would start in January 2027.

When is the last time PNGISD passed a bond?

PNGISD taxpayers approved a \$130 million dollar bond on November 5, 2019. The 2019 bond will be paid off on February 15, 2046. PNGISD taxpayers previously approved a \$127-million-dollar bond on May 12, 2007. The 2007 bond will be paid off on February 15, 2034.

Specific Information regarding New Boilers at the High School

Boiler Replacement – Longevity 15-20 years

High School Kitchen – 2002 (23 years)

1. Past Extended Lifetime
2. Several Pumps and Motors Replaced
Return Pumps (2) Blower Motors (2)
3. New Burner needed soon
4. Storage tank is good (2018)

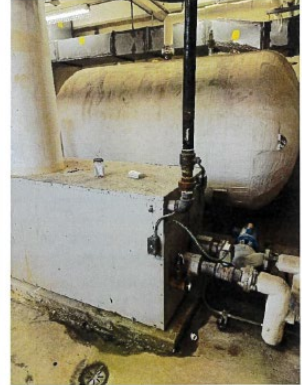
Field House – 2006 (20 years)

1. At the End of Lifetime
2. Several Pumps and Motors replaced
Return Pumps (3) Blower Motors (3)
3. New Burner needed soon
4. Storage tank is good (2018)

Comp Gym, Auxiliary Gym, Girl's Gym – 1997 (28 years)

1. Past Extended Lifetime
2. Several Pumps and Motors Replaced
Return Pumps (3) Blower Motors (3)
3. Replaced Gas Valve
4. Need New Storage Tank
5. Need New Burners

Boilers (HS) & Field House & Kitchen & Gyms

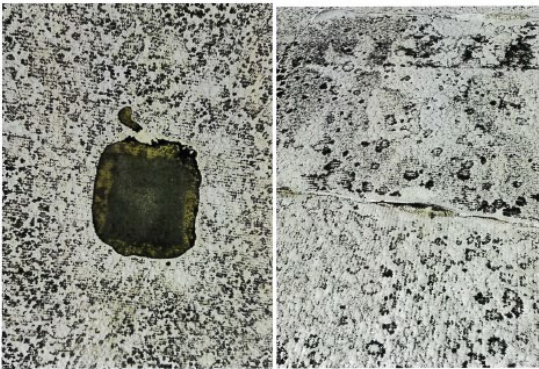


Specific Information regarding New Roofs at PNMS, GMS, & HS

Port Neches Middle School & Groves Middle School Roofs 2008-2009 (16-17 yrs)

1. Roofing is out of Warranty
2. Single Ply roofing product
3. Seams on Flat surfaces are beginning to separate
4. Roofing product has lost its firmness and Flexibility
5. Roofing has serious sagging along parapet walls, flat surface, and vents.
6. High winds have caused material to be removed from parapet walls.
7. Long fasteners that secure insulation board and losing their attachment and backing out.

Port Neches Middle School

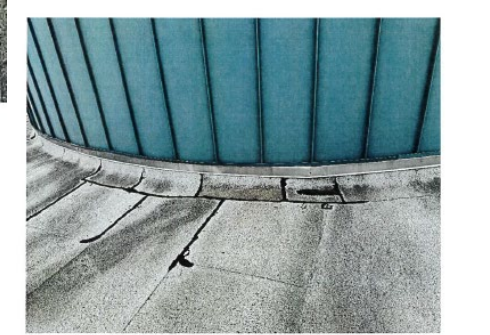
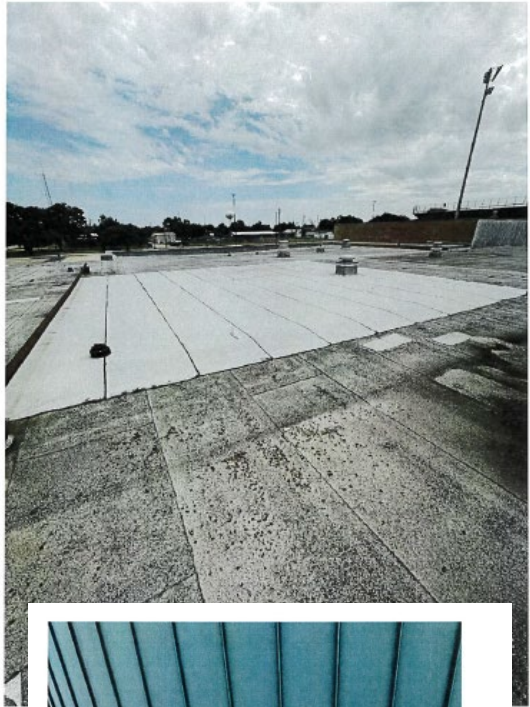


Groves Middle School



High School Roof - 2002 (23 years)

1. Roofing has exceeded its lifetime (20 years)
2. Patching roofs to control leaks are common
3. Re-Roofing certain compromised areas has happened on several occasions.
4. Top Ply of roofing is Losing its granules.
5. Most parapet flashings need to be replaced
6. Roofing Material in an unrepairable state.

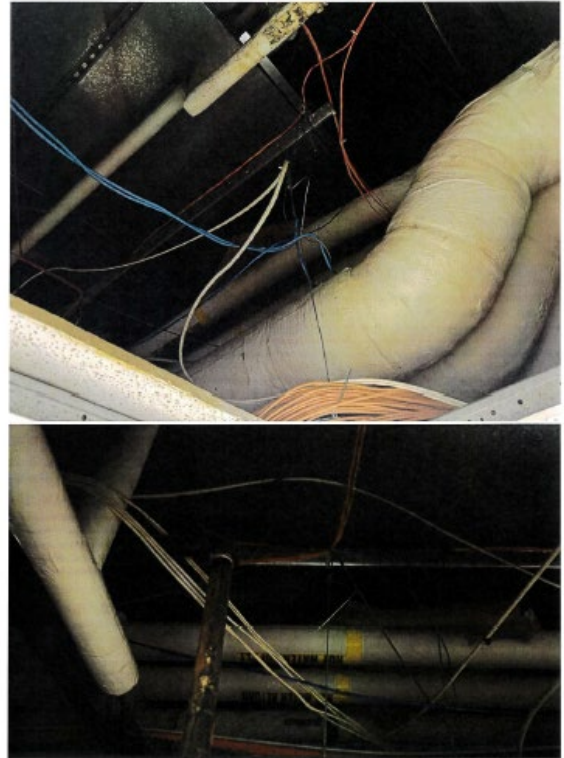


Specific Information regarding the Band Hall A/C Heating replacement

High School Band Hall & 25 Ton Unit

Band Hall A/C – Heat Unit Longevity 12-15 years

1. Long Past Lifetime 1997 (28 years)
2. Chill Water & Hot water Coils perform poorly
3. Without removal Coil can not be cleaned or replaced. Poor Location for Maintenance.
4. Maintains High Static pressure which results in clogged drains. Needs constant maintenance.
5. Constantly maintains low efficacy which results in not reaching desired levels.
6. Replaced Actuators several times (3).



Will the New Student Services Building be a demo of the existing one and a complete replacement?

Yes, it is more cost effective to demolish the current one and build a new one on the open land to the side of the current building.

What other groups will the New Student Services Building house?

Alternative Education Services, District Registration Services, District Homebound Services, Deaf Coop Services.

What additional benefits will the new transportation center provide to drivers and staff that the current facility does not support?

The new center will be built to accommodate the size of today's buses, allowing proper indoor maintenance and repair, which the current bays cannot support. Staff will have a functional workspace designed for efficiency, including updated shop facilities, storage, and training space. Break areas and restrooms will provide a professional and comfortable environment for drivers and mechanics.

Is there a way to show expected cost savings or value with the new covered parking for the fleet?

Covered parking extends the life of buses by reducing exposure to the elements that can cause paint, upholstery, and mechanical components to deteriorate faster. By protecting the buses from the elements, the district can expect lower repair and maintenance costs over time. Buses that are sheltered from weather also experience fewer start-up issues in extreme temperatures, which can reduce downtime and keep routes more reliable for families.

Will there be a concrete slab at the new transportation center for safer walking surfaces for employees?

Yes, the transportation center will include a concrete slab and paved surfaces. This will improve safety for staff when walking to and from buses, especially in wet conditions.

When will the bond election be held?

The general election will be November 4, 2025. Early voting will begin Monday, October 20, 2025 and will end on Friday, October 31, 2025.

How soon do I have to register to vote in order to vote in the November 5th election? Where do I go to register to vote?

The last day to register to vote in the November 4th election is Monday, October 6, 2025. If you would like to register to vote, you may pick up a voter registration card at the post office or you can register online by going to www.votetexas.gov

Where and when can I vote?

You can early vote for the bond election at any early voting location in Jefferson County. The locations available in Groves and Port Neches are listed below.

Early Voting Dates and Times

Groves Activity Building 6150 39 th Street Groves, TX 77619	Hebert Library 2025 Merriman St. Port Neches, TX 77651
Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 24 th	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 26 th	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 27 th – Friday, October 31 st	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 4th

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hebert Library

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