

## 01. WHY ARE THERE MULTIPLE PROPOSITIONS IN A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION?

Effective September 2019, State law now requires school districts to submit separate propositions for bonds that will fund construction or improvements for certain listed projects, including “stadiums” (more than 1,000 seats), natatoriums, performing arts facilities, certain recreational facilities, teacher housing, or certain technology improvements. Projects that do not fall under one of the new “special” propositions may be submitted to the voters under a “general” proposition.

## 02. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE BALLOT FOR THE FREDERICKSBURG ISD BOND WILL INDICATE A TAX INCREASE, IS THIS ACCURATE?

Recent changes to state law now require all school district bond ballots to include the language “THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”, even when the district is not anticipating an I&S tax rate increase. However, with the rapid growth of the District’s tax base and the District’s conservative fiscal approach toward its outstanding debt, the District’s current bonding capacity would allow for the issuance of the proposed bonds without an increase to its interest and sinking fund tax rate.

## 03. CAN NON-DISTRICT RESIDENTS VOTE ON A FREDERICKSBURG ISD BOND?

No. Only registered voters residing within the District (irrespective of their residence in Gillespie, Blanco or Kendall Counties) are allowed to vote in a bond election.

## 04. CAN BOND ELECTIONS BE HELD DURING GENERAL ELECTIONS?

Bond elections can only be held on the first Saturday in May or the first Tuesday (after the first Monday) in November.

## 05. HOW MANY BOND REFERENDUMS (OR PROPOSITIONS) ARE ALLOWED ON THE SAME BALLOT?

There is no numerical limit to the number of propositions that can be placed on the ballot; however, any one project can only be placed on the ballot once.

## 06. HOW MUCH DISCRETION DOES THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAVE WITH BOND FUNDS BEYOND WHAT IT WAS ALLOCATED FOR?

The District estimates the cost of each project named in the proposition. If for any reason the scope of any project named in the proposition changes, the District will work with Bond Counsel (attorneys) to ensure that the funds are used in a manner that is consistent with the Bond proposition.

## 07. REGARDING ELECTION GUIDELINES, WHAT CAN BOND COMMITTEE MEMBERS DO TO MAKE CLEAR THEY ARE ACTING AS INDIVIDUALS, NOT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE?

The Committee members’ work is not advocacy --it is fact-finding and input sharing. During their meetings, in any publications they produce, or any other activities they take on as a Committee or in their respective roles as Committee members, they should not advocate for or against a proposition. However, on their own time separate and apart from the Committee, they are free to express opinions as long as they do not represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the District or the Bond Committee.