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Sharyland Independent School District Calls for May 2026 Bond Election to Address Campus Modernization, Safety, and Districtwide Needs

Mission, TX - During their February 4th meeting, the Sharyland ISD Board of Trustees voted to place a \$250 million bond proposal before voters in May 2026. The proposed bond program addresses aging facilities, safety and security, and modern learning spaces across the district. The bond recommendation is the result of a months-long planning process led by a Facility Planning Committee made up of parents, staff, students, and community members. The committee met six times between August and November 2025, with more than 100 community members serving on the committee and nearly 450 participants attending the final meeting.

Committee members reviewed enrollment and demographic trends, facility condition assessments, school finance and tax rate history, campus needs, project options, cost estimates, and tax impact scenarios. After evaluating multiple bond package options and using a structured voting process, the committee recommended the package that received the greatest overall support. The Board of Trustees reviewed the recommendation and voted to place it on the May 2026 ballot. The live stream of the February 4th meeting is available [HERE](#).

Superintendent Dr. Elaine Howard commented, "Tonight, our trustees responded unanimously in support of our community's request to call for a \$250 million bond election to address aging facilities, safety and security, and the modernization of learning spaces across the district. Our facilities planning committee started with a little over 100 parents, students, staff, and community members and culminated in almost 500 people. It was mesmerizing to watch them review data, tour campuses, engage in meaningful discussions, and ask all the right questions."



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The level of involvement of our students has been impressive! This committee courageously asked our school board to take the necessary steps to call for a monumental bond. The community of Sharyland ISD is making history; it is such a privilege to bear witness and be part of it. I am truly grateful and excited.”

Bond Package Overview

The proposed bond totals approximately **\$250 million** and includes three propositions:

- **Proposition A – General Facilities, Safety & Security, and Modernization:** Approximately **\$208.5 million**
- **Proposition B – Classroom Technology Devices:** Approximately **\$6.5 million**
- **Proposition C – District Aquatic Center:** Approximately **\$35 million**

Bond funds may only be used for voter-approved construction, renovations, safety improvements, technology, and infrastructure. Bond funds cannot be used for salaries, utilities, classroom supplies, or other daily operating expenses.

What’s Included in the Proposed Bond

The recommended bond package includes projects across the district, organized into four primary focus areas:

- **Academic Modernization:** Updating classrooms, labs, libraries, and learning spaces to support current teaching methods and student collaboration.
- **Safety and Security:** Improving campus entry points, building systems, lighting, and site features to support safe and secure learning environments.
- **Learning Beyond the Classroom:** Enhancing spaces that support fine arts, athletics, career programs, and hands-on learning experiences.
- **District Equity and Alignment:** Addressing facility needs across elementary, junior high, high school, and districtwide campuses to provide more consistent learning environments.

Summary of Major Projects

Elementary Schools and Districtwide Improvements | Secure entrance vestibules at elementary campuses, site lighting and access improvements, gym renovations, including air conditioning, classroom collaboration space modernization, library modernizations, and playground replacements and upgrades



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Sharyland High School | Renovation of the main academic building, classroom and collaboration space modernization, Career and Technical Education (CTE) updates, new auditorium and fine arts expansion, integrated cafeteria and multipurpose learning space, renovation of Fieldhouse spaces serving Sharyland High School and Pioneer High School, refresh entry façade, parking and circulation improvements, and improved connectivity between campus buildings to enhance safety and security

Pioneer High School | Classroom modernization with added collaboration spaces, fine arts, and multipurpose learning space additions

Junior High Schools (North and B.L. Gray) | Classroom modernization, collaboration spaces, and infrastructure and building system upgrades

Additional Districtwide Projects | Construction of a district aquatic center featuring an outdoor 50-meter competition pool, a diving pool, and supporting spaces for student programs, competitions, and community use, new marching band practice pads at high schools, and districtwide student and staff technology device refresh

Financial Overview and Tax Impact

School bonds function similarly to a home mortgage, with repayment typically spread over up to 30 years. Bond repayment is funded through the **Interest & Sinking (I&S)** portion of the school tax rate, which may only be used for voter-approved bond debt. The **Maintenance & Operations (M&O)** tax rate funds daily school operations and cannot be used for bond projects. Key financial facts include:

- Sharyland ISD's total tax rate has decreased by approximately **41.8 cents over the past 10 years**
- The district maintains a **AAA bond rating**, reflecting strong financial management

The proposed bond is estimated to increase Sharyland ISD's I&S tax rate by approximately **\$0.1958**. For a home with a **\$170,000 taxable value**, the estimated impact would be approximately **\$28 per month**. Homeowners with the **Over-65 Homestead Exemption** would see **no increase** in their Sharyland ISD tax bill.

Next Steps and Community Information

Sharyland ISD will continue providing factual information about the proposed bond through district communications and public meetings leading up to the May 2026 election. The district



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encourages residents to stay informed and learn more about the projects and planning process behind the proposal. Visit [Sharylandisdbond.org](https://sharylandisdbond.org) for more information or to request a presentation at your civic or community event.





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