



East Central ISD

Facilities Study Committee

Meeting #1 Notes | October 14, 2026

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ECISD OVERVIEW



Superintendent Roland Toscano welcomed the committee, explaining that 850 new students have enrolled in ECISD this year and that this committee will help develop a plan to continue addressing growth and ensuring there is a seat for every student. He introduced his board member in attendance, his leadership team, and consultants who will support the committee's work. Mr. Toscano shared many of the district's successes, including student academic achievement, financial ratings, state accountability grades, and college and career readiness.

COMMITTEE CHARGE & PROCESS



Huckabee's Lesley Weaver presented information about the committee's process, led an icebreaker, gave an overview of the committee's role, and asked committee members to share what it would mean to be a valued committee member. She also provided estimated timelines for school construction, demonstrating why planning needs to start early.

TAX INFORMATION



Committee members learned about the school district tax rate and the difference between the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) rate and Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate. They participated in an activity that helped them understand what types of expenditures are funded from each "bucket."

Assistant Superintendent Shane McKay gave an overview of the district's November 2026 election – Prop A – which would add additional revenue to the M&O portion of the tax rate. The additional revenue – approximately \$8.47 million annually – would fund teacher pay, student services, and safety personnel. He explained that this is different than a bond election, which might be recommended by this committee to address the need for additional schools in the future.

BOND HISTORY



Executive Director of Support Services Stevie Gonzales shared data about bond elections in East Central ISD. Most recently, voters have supported bond propositions in May 2016, November 2022, and May 2025. Those bonds have funded design and construction of five new elementary schools, a new middle school, a new high school, Performing Arts Center, and renovations and updates across the district.



FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the end of each meeting, members are invited to give feedback. A summary of the Meeting #1 responses are below.

1. THING YOU LEARNED?

- Bond basics and school finance: what a bond is and a better understanding of the difference between M&O and I&S funding
- Cost of waiting: delaying projects can increase costs, including the observation that previous delays resulted in taxpayers paying more for the same projects
- Consequences if Prop A doesn't pass in November
- Greater awareness: misconceptions about voting and not understanding the importance of becoming informed about a bond.
- Bond projects have been completed on time and on budget

1. THING YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT?

- Voter education: How to get information to voters, educate the community, and explain the ballot more clearly
- Additional clarity around M&O vs. I&S
- District growth and what the future could look like if a bond doesn't pass
- Campus-level expenses, improvements, and what it would take to create an "ideal campus"
- Future projects and long-range planning.
- Staffing implications if Prop A doesn't pass

1. QUESTION YOU STILL HAVE?

- What could happen to students if more teaching positions are eliminated
- How local businesses can support schools
- What role fundraising or the foundation can legally play in funding special projects
- How committee members can provide thoughtful input
- What the long-range plan is



From the Committee ...

What Does it Mean to be a Valued Committee Member?

Stay Open Minded
Be Committed
Share Information

Use Our Voices -
Each Is Important
Agree to Disagree

Work with Intentionality
Represent All
Communities
Maintain Transparency



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Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2026