

2012

HOUSTON SCHOOLS BOND



Informational Overview

August 2012



Provide New Campuses for 20 High Schools

- Austin
- Bellaire
- Davis
- DeBakey
- Eastwood
- Furr
- High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
- Jordan
- Lamar
- Lee
- Madison
- Milby
- North Early College
- Sam Houston
- Sharpstown
- South Early College
- Sterling
- Washington
- Worthing
- Yates



Partial Replacements or Renovations of 8 High Schools

PARTIALLY REPLACE:

- Waltrip
- Young Men's College Prep Academy
- Westbury
- Young Women's College Prep Academy

RENOVATE:

- Jones
- Kashmere
- Scarborough
- Sharpstown International



Convert 5 Elementary Schools into K-8 Campuses

- Garden Oaks Montessori
- Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion School at Gordon
- Pilgrim Academy
- Wharton Dual Language School
- Wilson Montessori



3 New Elementary Campuses; Completion of 2 Middle Schools

BUILD NEW CAMPUSES:

- Askew
- Parker
- Relief school on the west side

REPLACE/COMPLETE:

- Grady (new addition to complete new campus)
- Dowling (new campus)

Additional Projects

Rebuilt campuses funded by property sales, bond surplus:

- Condit Elementary
- The High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

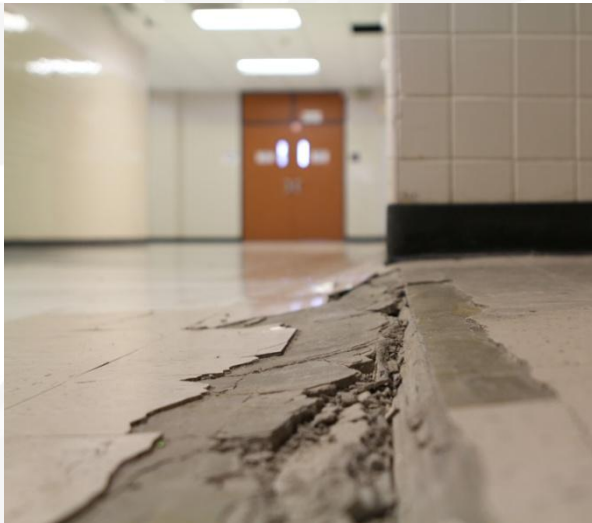


District-wide Projects Would Improve ALL Schools

- Update classroom technology at all campuses
- Bring all middle school restroom facilities up to current standards
- Improve the district's athletic/multi-purpose facilities
- Upgrade safety and security



A Look Inside a Campus Recommended for Replacement



Among the types of deficiencies identified by Parsons:

- Fire alarm system
- Security system
- Exterior windows
- Concrete flooring
- Plumbing fixtures
- Water system
- Lighting and branch wiring
- Roadways
- Track, athletic fields



Tax impact and oversight



Property Tax Increase of \$0.0485 to Be Gradually Phased in

2014	2017
\$14.41 a year	\$69.91 a year

- Beginning in 2014, a property tax rate increase would be gradually phased in.
- **The projected annual impact on the average HISD homeowner would be \$70 a year in 2017.**
- Based on the 2012 tax rate, HISD would still have the lowest property tax rate of any school district in Harris County.



No Tax Impact for Homeowners 65 and Older



- Taxes of those 65 and older with a homestead exemption would not be affected.
- Taxes of those receiving the 65 and older homestead exemption are frozen at their present rate for as long as they maintain their homestead.



How Can Bond Funds Be Spent?

- Proceeds from a bond issue can only be used for the costs associated with:
 - Construction and renovation of facilities
 - The acquisition of land
 - The purchase of capital items such as equipment
- Bond proceeds cannot be used to pay teacher salaries.



How Will Spending Be Monitored?

- Oversight of the HISD bond program is multi-layered to ensure transparency and checks and balances:
 - Bond Oversight Committee
 - Bond Program Website
 - Project Advisory Teams at every campus
 - Construction Audit Group
 - Bid Evaluation and Accounting



Voting Information



- Voter registration is open – the deadline to register is Oct. 9, 2012.
- Early voting begins Oct. 22 and ends Nov. 2.
- **The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.**



Voting Information

- The bond measure will appear under “Propositions.”
- The names of schools will not be listed.
- **Remember to fully complete your Election Day ballot. The HISD bond proposition will be the final item.**



For More Information

Houstonisd.org/2012bond

HISD Proposed 2012 BOND REFERENDUM

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Overview
Thirty-eight schools across Houston, including 28 high schools, would be rebuilt, renovated, or renewed under a recommended bond package.
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FAQ
What should Houston voters know about the HISD's \$1.89 billion bond proposal? Submit your own questions about the 2012 bond proposal.
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Project Proposals
The proposal calls for \$1.64 billion to be spent on improvements at 37 schools with another \$252.74 million for projects across the district.
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2007 Bond Overview
The HISD is delivering on promises made as part of the 2007 bond. HISD is determined to fulfill all commitments made to voters in 2007.
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BOND QUESTION CARD
Sus preguntas sobre el programa de bonos

Have a question about the 2012 Houston Schools Bond? Write it below:
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How would you like to receive information?
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☐ Email/Correo electrónico: _____

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Bond question cards

You may also email questions to bondinfo@houstonisd.org