



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HISD

BOND 2024





**Investing in Students
at Every Campus**



No tax increase

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As the Houston Independent School District (HISD) marks its centennial, it also recognizes district changes and the structural, safety, and capacity issues of its campuses.

The district has proposed a bond designed to:

- Meet the mandates of HB3 to secure schools and classrooms, improve air and water quality, and expand campuses to reduce overcrowding.
- Invest in school facilities and student technology.
- Invest in early childhood education and Career and Technical Education.

Due to the regional economy and financial controls within the District, funds can be borrowed at lower rates. This will allow the district to address the structural, safety, and capacity issues across the district without raising taxes on HISD residents.

HISD is considering a comprehensive plan that encompasses the following projects:

1. Safety and Security Upgrades

2. HVAC Updates

3. CTE Centers

4. Pre-K Centers

5. Technology Upgrades

6. Campus Renovations/Rebuilds/Expansions

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SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES / HVAC UPDATES

CTE / PREKINDERGARTEN / TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

CAMPUS RENOVATIONS/REBUILDS/EXPANSIONS

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1. SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES

In 2023, the Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 3, mandating safety improvements for school districts across the state. HISD has conducted a safety audit and identified areas for enhancing campus safety and security measures:

- Enhance security infrastructure and technology at every campus.

Additionally, many older HISD buildings were constructed before lead standards were enacted or updated. The District plans the following action:

- Identify and address campuses with lead levels that require attention and do remediation.



2. HVAC UPGDATES

HISD plans to update campus air conditioning and heating systems to provide clean and cool air in hot weather and warm air in cold weather.

Investments are planned for every campus. Bond funds will be used to:



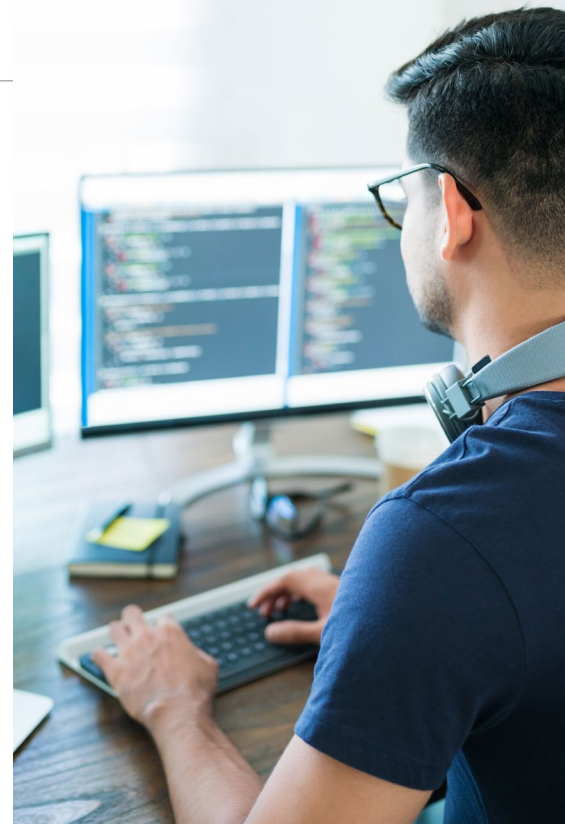
Update HVAC systems to regulate temperatures in hot and cold weather.



Conduct tests to ensure school environments meet current environmental standards.

3. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS

HISD will upgrade the Barbara Jordan Career Center in the North Division, enhance CTE offerings at every high school, and construct three new Career Centers for the West, Central, and South divisions.



4. PREKINDERGARTEN (PRE-K) CENTERS

Bond funds will be used to increase Pre-K capacity in neighborhoods with projected population growth and add seats in all four District Divisions.



5. TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

Many of HISD's technology systems and assets are reaching or have passed their expected use dates. The District plans to address technology security requirements, expand student technology access, and improve campus broadband services at schools.

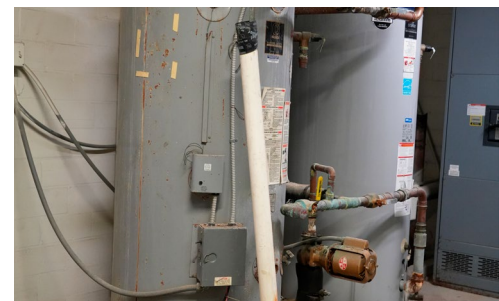
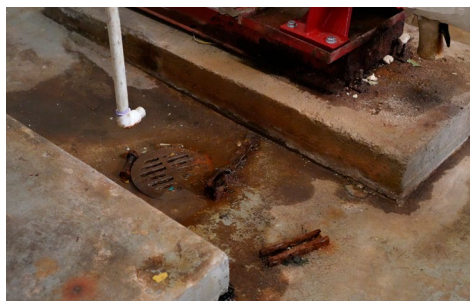
- Secure student data through technology security updates
- Expand broadband access
- Provide upgraded technology tools/systems

HISD plans to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) to ensure staff and students have access to the latest secure tools for instruction and learning.



6. CAMPUS RENOVATIONS/ REBUILDS/EXPANSIONS

As HISD celebrates its centennial, some facilities do not meet current or future standards. Bringing every facility up to standard is beyond the scope of a single bond. Even with the necessary funds, the volume of work would exceed current regional workforce capacity.





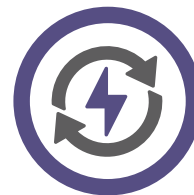
The District will prioritize schools with the most urgent structural issues or concerns and the highest levels of utilization, focusing primarily on elementary and middle schools. Bond funds will be used to:



**Modernize facilities
to meet the required
standards**



**Improve building quality
based on current educational
practices**



**Enhance energy efficiency,
resilience, and sustainability**



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Various financial and management factors impact a potential bond, including forecasting future district revenues and expenses, projected enrollment, and how this proposed bond plan could fit into long term financial planning.

HISD has verified the District's bond rating with Moody's rating agency. Moody's confirmed HISD's AAA (Triple A) bond rating, their highest rating, which allows HISD to borrow at a lower interest rate. The District can also work with the Texas Permanent School Fund as a guarantor for HISD's bond issues, provided the District maintains a Triple A rating, ensuring bonds can be issued at a lower interest rate.

Independent financial forecasts indicate that HISD can borrow \$4.4 billion without raising taxes on District taxpayers.

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Largest school district in **Texas**



Greater Houston area
7.5 million strong
and America's **youngest**
and **most diverse** city
population



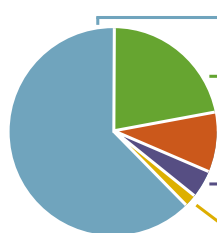
Educating
183,603
students



274
schools



100+ languages
spoken across the district



62% Hispanic
22.2% African American
9.5% Caucasian
4.5% Asian
1.8% other



Specialty schools:
Montessori, STEM/STEAM,
IB, Fine Arts, Medicine,
Aviation



45 Dual language
schools



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