

2012

HOUSTON SCHOOLS BOND



Informational Overview

August 2012



What We'll Cover Today



Proposal to rebuild schools



Current state of Houston's high schools



How HISD focuses on academics



Video: A Closer Look at the 2012 Houston Schools Bond





The 2012 Houston Schools Bond

On Nov. 6, voters will decide whether to rebuild schools across Houston:

- Build modern high schools in neighborhoods across Houston
- Improve safety and technology at all campuses



The 2012 Houston Schools Bond

What's proposed:

- Provide new campuses for 20 high schools
- Partially replace 4 high schools
- Renovate 4 high schools
- Convert 5 elementary schools into K-8 campuses
- Build 3 new elementary school campuses
- Replace/complete 2 new middle school campuses



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
- 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



Highlight: New Locations for DeBakey and HSPVA



DEBAKEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- The proposal includes a new campus for DeBakey, which would be located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center, providing students with expanded access to health-care and research facilities.



HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

- HSPVA would get a new campus, located near the downtown theater district.



Highlight: Historic Exteriors Would be Preserved



Schools with architecturally significant exteriors – **Austin, Davis, Lamar, and Milby** – would maintain their existing building structures but be entirely rebuilt on the inside. Recent building additions at some schools would be incorporated into the new building's design.



Schools That Are Rebuilt Include:

- **Greater classroom flexibility**

- Configuration of a classroom isn't bound by rows of desks, allowing teachers to differentiate instruction



- **Increased technology**

- Blended learning through the integration of technology for instructional delivery
- Opportunities for students to use technology in the classroom

- **Collaborative learning through group rooms and common spaces throughout the building**



Schools That Are Rebuilt Include:

- **Hands-on science learning**
 - Lab spaces integrated with outdoor classroom



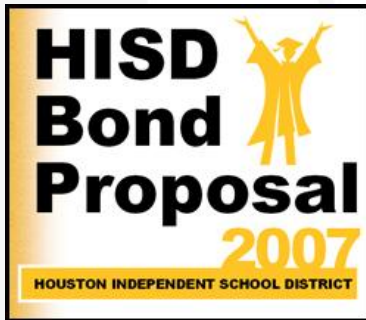
- **Continued focus on college and career readiness**
 - Students can take courses in a theater-style room with electronic integration, similar to a college course (Chavez, Reagan)



What's the status
of the 2007 bond?



Background: 2007 Bond Update



- 20 new schools completed
- 3 new schools opening in 2013
- 134 promised renovations and expansions
 - 85% complete
- All projects scheduled to be complete by 2014



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Houston's high schools



Independent Firm Hired to Update 2007 Facilities Assessment

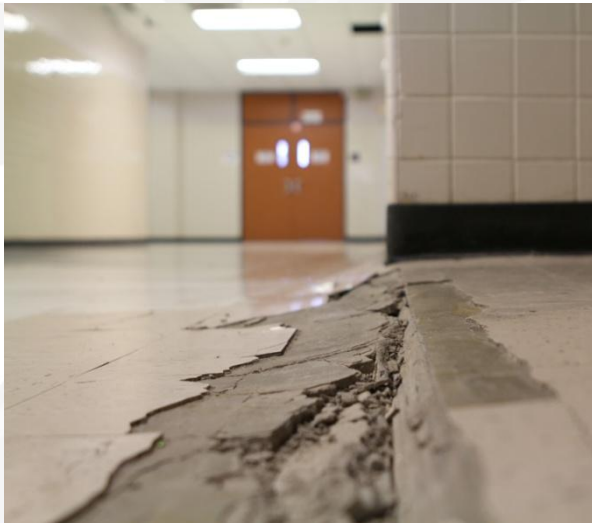


- HISD hired Parsons, nationally recognized experts in K–12 facilities, to identify facility needs
- All school communities had the opportunity to provide input during this process





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



How HISD Focuses on Academics



Working to Ensure a Rigorous Education for all Students

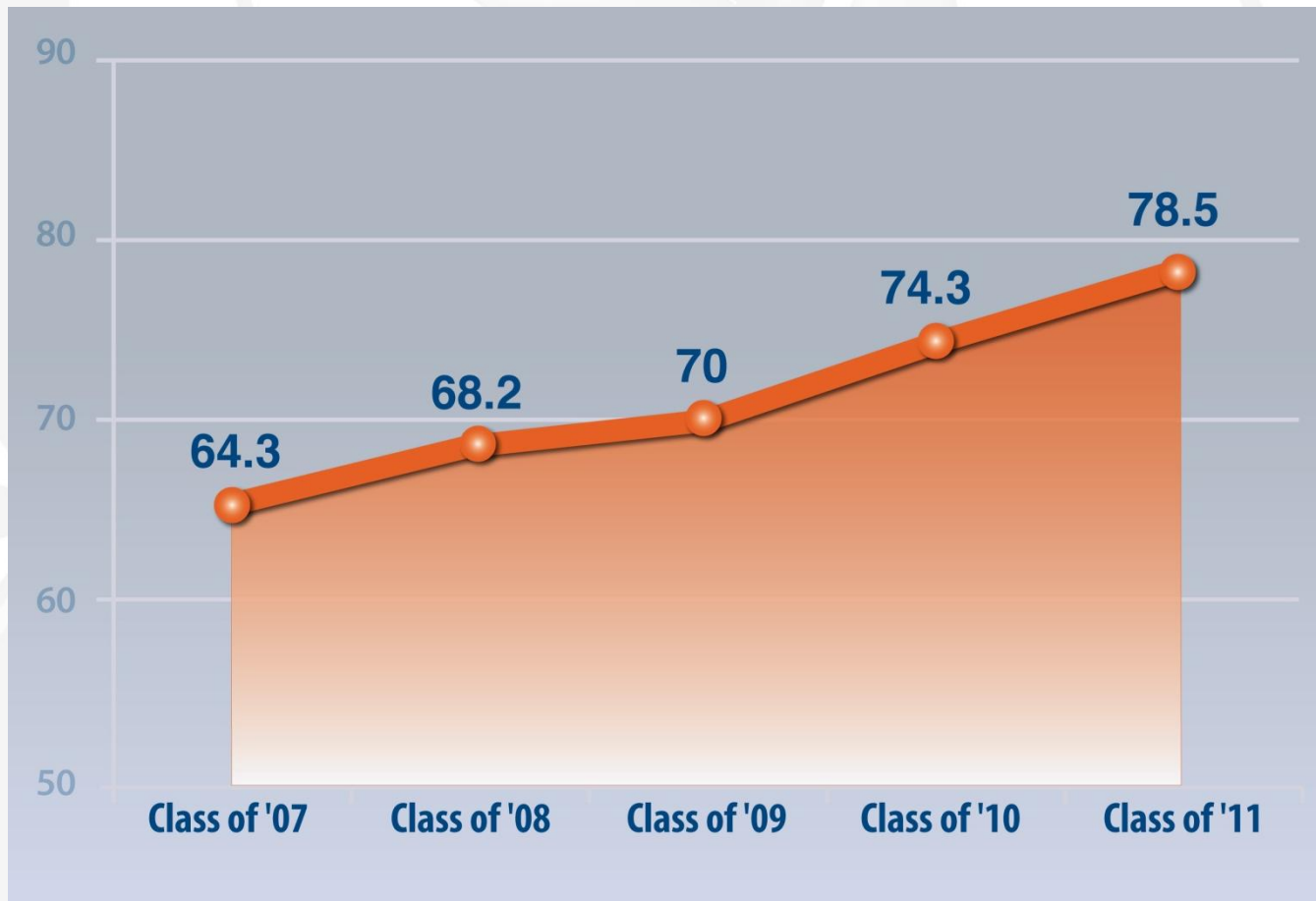


In 2010, HISD worked with the community to devise a Strategic Direction that drives every initiative happening in the district.

- 1) An effective teacher in every classroom
- 2) An effective principal in every school
- 3) Rigorous instructional standards and supports
- 4) Data-driven accountability
- 5) A culture of trust through action

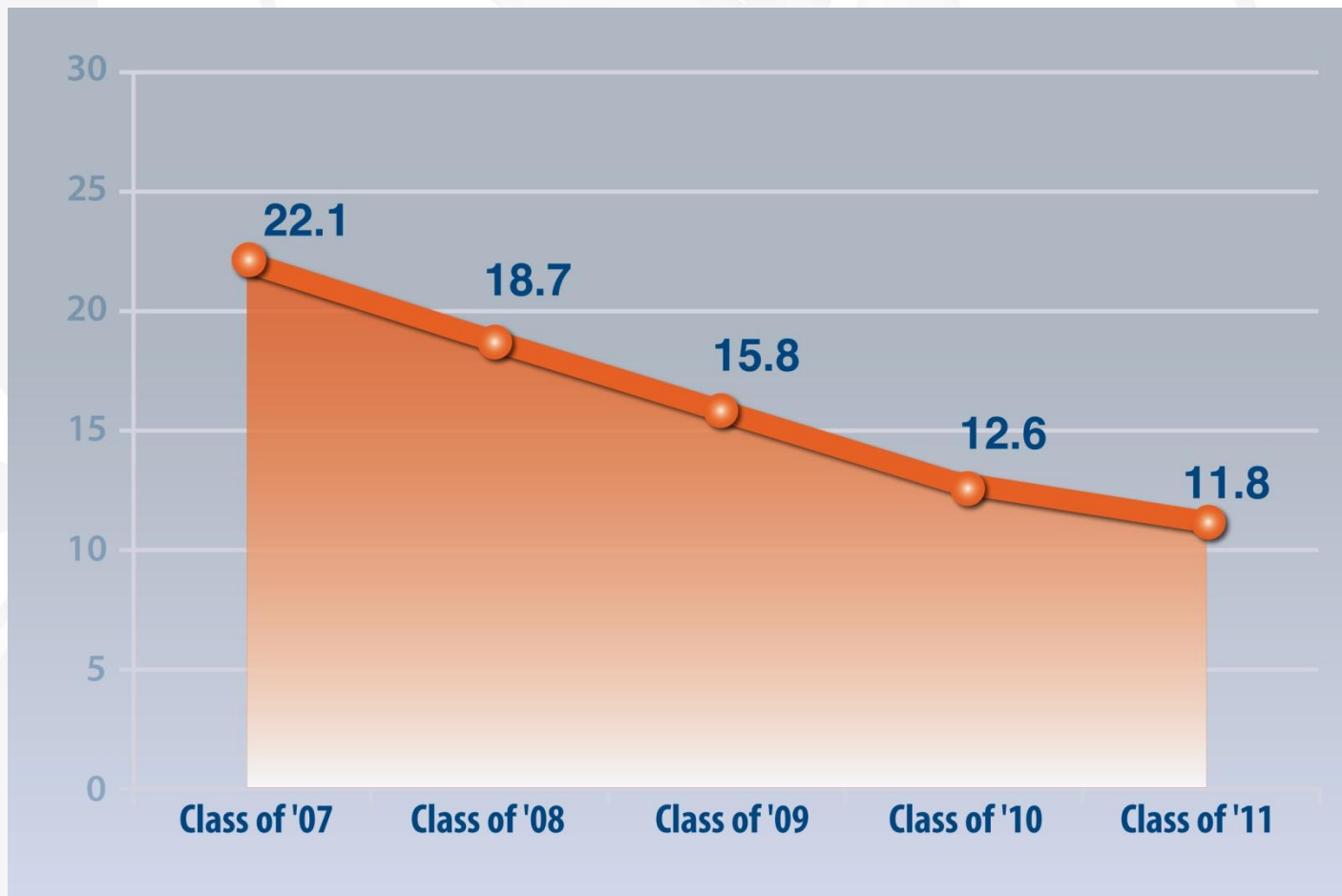


HISD's Graduation Rate Continues to Climb



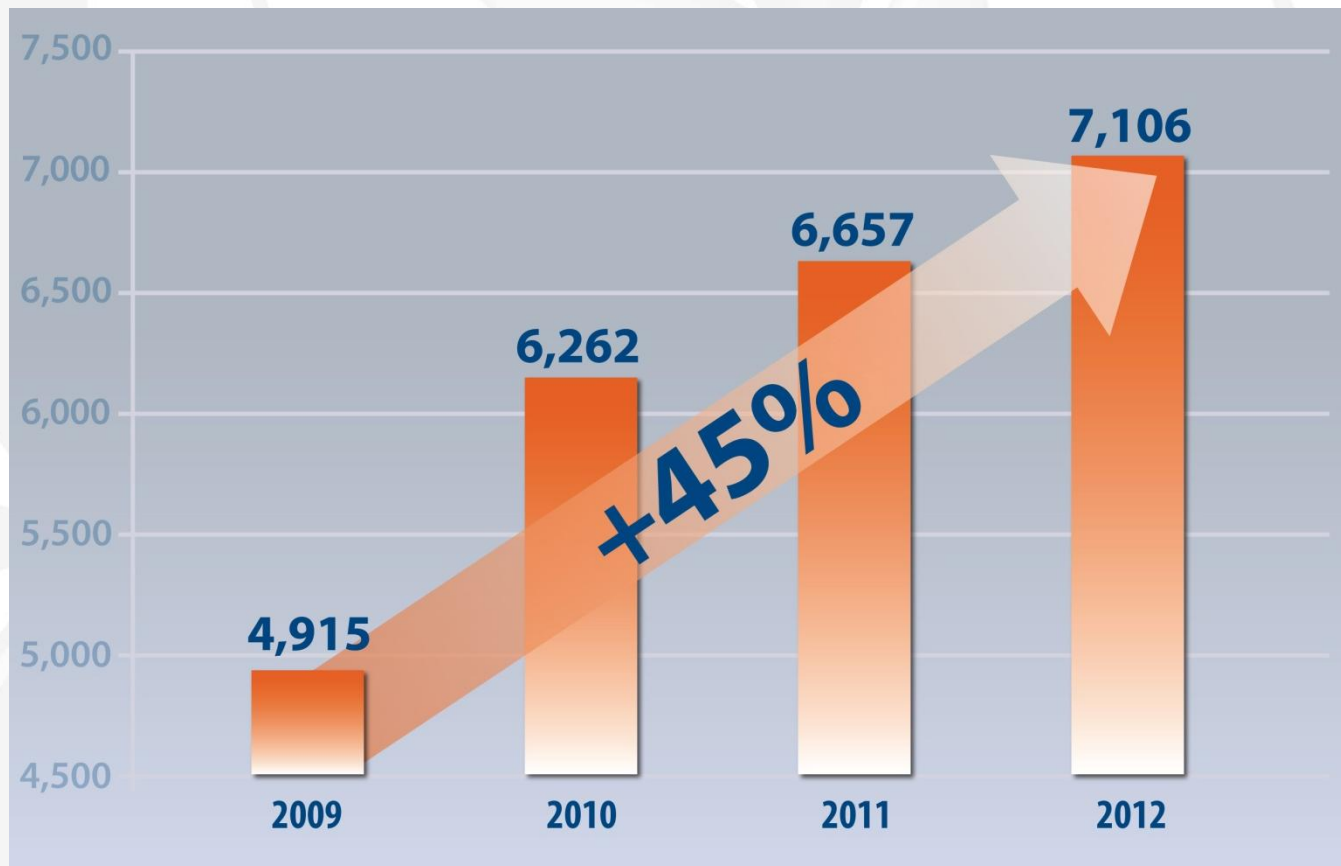


Dropout Rate Reaches Historic Low for the District





AP Exams Scoring 3 or Higher Increase 45% Since 2009





Wrap-up

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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 may be listed among the final items.**



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:
¿Tiene preguntas sobre el programa de bonos del 2012 para las escuelas de Houston? Escríbalas aquí:

How would you like to receive information?
¿Cómo prefiere recibir la información?

☐ Email/Correo electrónico: _____

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Bond question cards

You may also email questions to bondinfo@houstonisd.org

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