

# FORT BEND BOND

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Fort Bend ISD is the 6<sup>th</sup> Largest District in Texas

Fort Bend ISD serves more than 80,000 students in grades pre-K-12 across 11 high schools, 15 middle schools, 51 elementary campuses and 5 specialty schools to address the academic and vocational interests of all students. As one of the most diverse school districts in the nation, FBISD students represent countries from around the world and speak more than 100 different languages and dialects.

Eighty-four percent of the district's schools have earned "A" and "B" ratings from the Texas Education Agency. The district is at or above Region 4 and the state in all tested subjects and grades. FBISD has 75 National Merit Semifinalists, more than any other school district in the region.

### Comparable Learning Spaces and Tools

Fort Bend ISD is committed to training and equipping all students to reach their full potential and achieve their highest goals - now and in the future. This mission includes high quality teaching and learning at every campus and closing the gaps between old and new facilities.

### District Wide Master Plan

Fort Bend ISD values parent and community involvement as demonstrated by our approach to developing a comprehensive plan for the district. The FBISD Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) includes community members, district staff, senior citizens, and business partners and has met quarterly since 2014. Leading up to the 2023 Bond election being called, the BOC met more often, as needed. The community group reviewed, discussed and debated the district's most critical needs and made recommendations to district leaders, who then made final recommendations to the Board of Trustees. After careful review and deliberation, the Board unanimously called for a bond election consisting of three propositions this May.



### General

Total Proposed \$1.18B



### Info. Technology

Total Proposed \$52.5M



### Natatorium

Total Proposed \$22.9M





GENERAL \$1,180,830,000



## Projects in the 2023 Bond would include:

### New Campuses

2 schools

### Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing

61 schools

### Roofing Repairs/Improvements

20 schools

### Fine Arts

6 schools

### Sound Systems and Intercoms

33 schools

### Auditorium Renovations

4 schools

### Child Nutrition Kitchen Renovations

13 schools

### Drinking Fountains

66 schools

### Fire Alarm System Replacements/Upgrades

10 schools

### Interior LED Lighting Upgrades

9 schools

### Parking Lot Improvements

13 schools

### Restroom Renovations

4 schools

### New Gymnasiums

3 schools

### Synthetic Turf

10 schools

### Renovated/Repurposed Campus

1 school

### Campus Rebuilds

3 schools

### Renovations/Additions

4 schools

### Flooring Replacements

34 schools

### Interior/Exterior Painting

18 schools

### Playgrounds/Outdoor Recreation

16 schools

### Classroom Furniture

13 schools

### Cafeteria Renovations

5 schools

### Exterior LED Lighting Upgrades

7 schools

### Clinic Renovations

7 schools

### New Walking Trails

5 schools

### CTE Lab Renovations

2 schools

### Traffic Control Improvements

7 schools

### Field House Renovations

3 schools

## Address Aging Buildings

\$591,345,291

### Current Condition Details

*Nearly half of the district's schools are more than 30 years old and are reaching their life expectancy.* Some were built in the 1960s and '70s when FBISD first started to grow.

Addressing deficiencies is key as FBISD maintains 13 million sq. ft. of building space. Replacing and maintaining critical components such as HVAC, roofing, plumbing, windows, electrical gear, etc. is a priority for the health and safety of our students as we deliver instruction.

*Proposition A allocates funds for repairs and upgrades to outdated systems and structures to make them more energy efficient and able to support 21st century teaching and learning.*

These projects are intended to bring older schools up to the same standards as newer ones, making schools more comparable for all students.



Current conditions at Clements HS



Proposed Clements HS rebuild

## Clements HS Rebuild

\$222,854,405

Though safe for occupancy, Clements High School has a sinking foundation and major structural issues with visible cracks in floors, walls and sidewalks. There is old cracked plumbing throughout the building along with outdated electrical systems.

The new campus will be energy efficient, highlight sustainable mechanical systems and be designed to current standards.

## Briargate ES Rebuild

\$47,263,993

## Mission Bend ES Rebuild

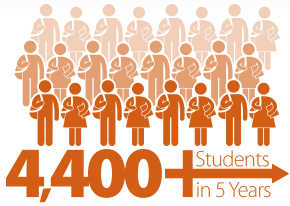
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The consolidation of Briargate Elementary and Blue Ridge Elementary, and Mission Bend Elementary and Mission Glen Elementary into two new schools is part of the district's long-term goal to reduce operational expenses.

Each new campus will have a 1,000-student capacity with flexible learning spaces, natural light, one- and two-story sections, an expanded library, new technology, specialized rooms for art, music and special education and safe, fenced-in play areas.

The new campuses will blend with the residential surroundings, providing safe pathways for students to walk, bike or ride the bus to school.





### New Schools to Accommodate Growth

The district is growing and some of its schools are at or near 100% capacity, which means every seat in every classroom on those campuses is full. In addition to the rebuilds at Briargate Elementary, Mission Bend Elementary and Clements High School, Proposition A constructs a middle school, an elementary school and converts an existing facility into a new elementary school. The schools would be built to the district's new standards for energy efficiency, safety and security, and modern learning spaces.

State standards have evolved and some of our oldest schools have classrooms and other spaces that are too small or inadequate according to present-day standards.



### New Middle School 16

\$82,000,000

A new middle school supporting 1,400 students will address growth in the FM 521 corridor.

The campus will include learning communities for each grade level along with dedicated collaboration areas to promote group and individual instruction and study.

### New Elementary School 55

\$46,084,317

A new elementary school supporting 1,000 students will address growth in the Harvest Green area.

The new campus will include the latest state and district standards, providing spaces to support growth and student development with an art room, music room, gymnasium, library/learning center, collaboration spaces, large group instruction and extended learning areas, plus outdoor learning spaces and fenced-in play areas.

### Ferndell Henry Conversion to Elementary School 56

\$18,000,000

Ferndell Henry Center for Learning would be renovated and repurposed as a 1,000-student elementary school to support growth in the FM 521 corridor.

The new campus will include a 12-classroom addition, an art room, music room, gymnasium, collaboration spaces, plus new playgrounds and outdoor learning spaces.



GENERAL \$1,180,830,000

## New Buses & District Transportation Facility

\$28,965,000

Fort Bend ISD owns and operates more than 450 buses and drives 328 regular routes and 88 special needs routes daily. Nearly half of FBISD's buses are more than 10 years old.

The proposed 2023 Bond allocates funds for the purchase of up to 35 new buses incorporating the most up-to-date safety features including seatbelts and air conditioning. There is also funding for new white fleet cargo and transport vehicles.

*Fort Bend ISD transports  
35,000 students daily, traveling  
more than 5.5 million miles each year...  
more than the circumference  
of the Earth each day.*



### Transportation Facility: \$19.24M

The 2023 Bond includes a new transportation facility in the FM 521 corridor to house district buses and provide maintenance and repairs.

The new transportation facility will have eight maintenance bays, a bus wash area, two training rooms, bus fleet parking, and a fueling station equipped with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling capabilities.







## Safety and Security

\$30,145,000

Safety and security measures were a focal point for the administration and board when considering the 2023 Bond proposal.

Proposition A of the bond includes \$30.1 million for safety and security items such as additional campus security cameras and floor-mounted door locks that allow classrooms to be barricaded from the inside. It also includes replacement doors and hardware, new intercom systems on 33 campuses to ensure proper emergency communications, new fire alarms and sprinkler systems, AED replacements and new police vehicles to replace aging ones.

Other safety and security projects featured in the 2023 Bond are:

- A new emergency notification system at each campus to provide communication between campuses and the police department
- Standardized weapons and response kits for campus security officers



## Technology

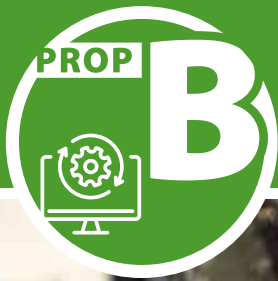
\$66,908,000

Fort Bend ISD's IT network supports more than 90,000 students and staff members in more than 100 buildings daily.

Proposition A of the bond allocates approximately \$67 million for technology infrastructure, including updates to the district's network. This includes refreshing more than 8,000 WiFi access points, enhancing campus networks and increasing the bandwidth district wide.

*The current industry lifecycle for networks is 5 to 7 years. The district's IT network is 8 years old and has become outdated.*





TECHNOLOGY \$52,470,000



### Student and Teacher Devices

\$52,470,000

Thousands of the district's computers for students and staff are approaching the end of their life cycle. The industry life cycle for desktop computers is four or five years and it's even shorter for laptops.

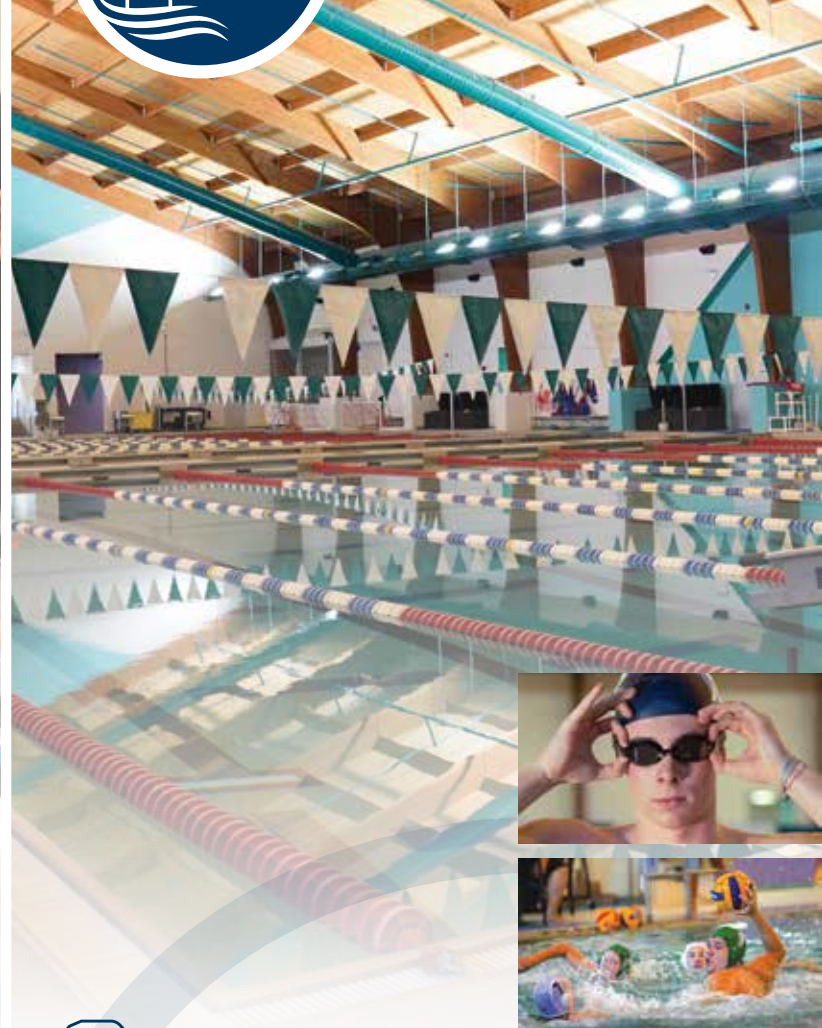
The 2023 Bond includes updates to the district's classroom computers and devices used by teachers and staff.

This item is listed as its own proposition because state law requires computer devices be listed separately on the ballot from technology.

- \$48,113,000 – FOR CLASSROOM COMPUTERS/TOOLSETS
- \$4,355,000 – FOR STAFF COMPUTER REFRESH



NATATORIUM \$22,900,000



### Natatorium

\$22,900,000

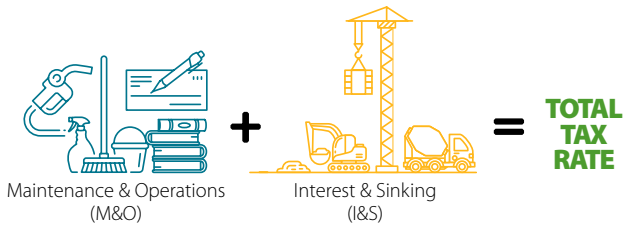
Fort Bend ISD currently has one natatorium and one practice facility to serve all students across the district. There is no swim facility in the southeast region.

Proposition C of the bond will provide students and staff with access to an indoor swim center in the southeast area.





## 2023 BOND – BY THE NUMBERS



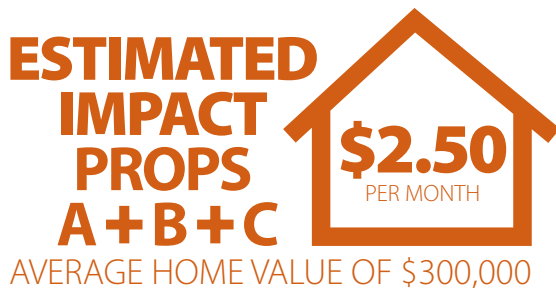
### School districts have two budgets

The state provides two budgets for school districts: Maintenance & Operations (M&O) for instruction and daily operations and Interest & Sinking (I&S) for capital investments. Each budget has its own tax rate generated by local property taxes.

### Why do school districts have bond elections?

The law requires school districts to borrow money in the form of bonds to finance construction, renovations and other capital improvements. In order for a school district to sell bonds (borrow money) it must receive voters' approval.

Bond funds generally cannot be used for salaries, utilities or other daily expenses.



**AGES 65 & Older**  
**\$0 TAX IMPACT**  
OVER FROZEN DOLLAR AMOUNT

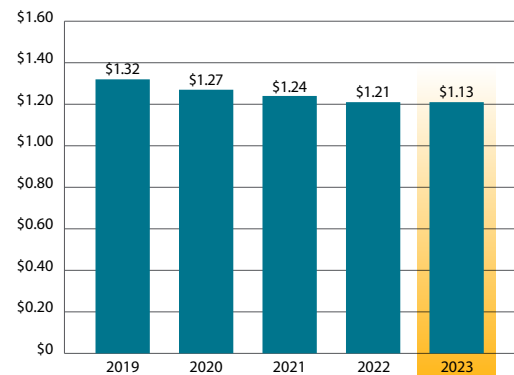
## Did You Know?

**By law, funds generated by voter-approved bond elections cannot be used for teacher and staff pay raises.**

School districts **do not** receive state funding for building schools, renovating them or replacing things like worn-out roofs, heating and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems.  
*Bonds approved by voters pay for the projects.*



### FBISD Tax Rate Down 19¢ Since the Last Bond



### 5 Years Since 2018 Bond

It has been 5 years since the last Fort Bend ISD bond election.

**In that time, building and system deficiencies have increased.**

The 2018 Bond included  
\$403.4M for New Construction, Rebuilds and Additions,  
\$396.5M for Life-Cycle Deficiencies and Educational Adequacies,  
\$14.9M for Safety and Security Upgrades,  
\$10.6M for Transportation,  
\$142.6M for Technology and  
\$19.7M for Future Land Purchases.

**The 2018 Bond was executed on time, on target and within budget.**

# AGES 65 & Older \$0 TAX IMPACT OVER FROZEN DOLLAR AMOUNT

## Did You Know...

Homeowners age 65 and over are not impacted by the proposed Fort Bend ISD Bond if they have filed for and received their over 65 Homestead Exemption through the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.

## Ballot Language

Since 2019, Texas law has required all school district bond propositions to include, "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE." Due to this requirement, all voters will see that statement on the official ballot, even those whose property taxes are frozen and will not exceed the tax ceiling.



**Early Voting**  
April 24 - May 2  
**Election Day**  
May 6

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 23	APRIL 24 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	APRIL 25 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	APRIL 26 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	APRIL 27 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	APRIL 28 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	APRIL 29 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 8:00am - 5:00pm
APRIL 30 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 12:00pm - 7:00pm	MAY 1 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	MAY 2 <b>EARLY VOTING</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 7:00am - 7:00pm

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