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The Nov. 4, 2014 $484 Million Bond Package includes:  
$365.4 million for new construction and classroom additions to support increasing student enrollment, and major maintenance and renovation needs identified through a comprehensive facilities assessment performed by Jacobs Engineering,  
$26.9 million for safety and security improvements,  
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$39.4 million for technology infrastructure,  
$36.5 million for land purchases and other needs.

Find the most current information about the 2014 bond at www.fortbendisd.com.

Chart Your Course  
House Bill 5 sets Groundwork for Graduation and Career Planning  
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By the Numbers:

- 71,222 Current FBISD student enrollment
- 77,764 five-year student enrollment projection for 2018
- 84,997 10-year student enrollment projection for 2023
- Largest employer in Fort Bend County with more than 9,500 full and part-time employees
- FBISD spans 170 square miles
- 74 FBISD schools (45 elementary, 14 middle schools, 11 high schools and 4 unique programs)
- 92 FBISD facilities total with 220 permanent buildings
- 11,233,542 Total permanent square feet for FBISD facilities
- 1,757 Total acres maintained by FBISD

Sound Fiscal Management:

- 2014-2015 Operating Budget is $561,700,652
- 64% of M&O budget allotted to instruction
- $7,767 Expenditure per student
- Starting teacher salary is $50,000
- Includes salary increase of 4% for all employees

FBISD’s tax rate includes a debt service tax rate of 30 cents combined with the District’s $1.04 M&O tax rate, will remain at its current level for 2014-2015.

District tax rate is among lowest in the Houston area and has remained at its current level for past five years:

- FBISD’s overall tax rate of $1.34 per $100 valuation, which includes a debt service tax rate of 30 cents combined with the District’s $1.04 M&O tax rate, will remain at its current level for 2014-2015.

Student Information

Our Students (Fall 2014)

- **Bilingual** .................................................. 4.14%
- **ESL** ............................................................... 10.35%
- **Career & Technical Education** (eligible students grades 7-12) .................................................. 53.88%
- **Economically Disadvantaged** .................................................. 37.57%
- **Gifted & Talented** .................................................. 7%
- **Limited English Proficiency (LEP)** .................................................. 15.5%
- **Special Education** .................................................. 6.3%
- **Number of Languages Spoken** .................................................. 95

One Family...Many Faces

In Fort Bend ISD, recognizing and appreciating cultural differences is a way of life. As a multicultural school district, our students represent various countries from around the world and speak more than 90 languages and dialects, making FBISD one of the most culturally diverse school districts in the state of Texas.

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1992

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**Bond Package Highlights**

- **No tax rate increase to fund new bonds:**
  - Due to the district’s growing tax base and the retirement of existing bonds, a tax rate increase will not be required to fund the new bonds.
- **FBISD to serve a growing number of students:**
  - FBISD currently serves more than 72,000 students. Over the next five years, the District expects to add more than 5,400 additional students, and 12,600 students over the next 10 years.
- **Planning for bond based on community input:**
  - The community participated in the development of the FBISD Facilities Master Plan and the FBISD Safety & Security Plan. The District also performed a comprehensive assessment to develop a Technology Plan.
- **FBISD Capital Plan incorporates information from each of these plans:**
  - The Capital Plan, includes two phases and will serve as the District’s planning roadmap through 2023. Phase One Capital Plan priorities are funded in the 2014 Bond.
- **Notable projects in the bond proposal include:**
  - Four new elementary schools to address growing student enrollment, funding for improving career and technical education, safety and security improvements at all schools, and wireless network deployment and technology infrastructure improvements at all schools.

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- **Arts & Humanities**
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The 2014 Children at Risk Rankings – which ranks districts and campuses on student achievement, performance and growth – ranked Fort Bend ISD fourth among large school districts in the Greater Houston area. Five FBISD schools (Colony Meadows and Commonwealth Elementary Schools, Fort Settlement and Sartarta Middle Schools and Clements High School) are among the Top 10 schools.

Four Fort Bend ISD schools – Clements, Austin, Kempner and Dulles High Schools – are among the 2014 Best High Schools in the U.S., according to the U.S. News and World Report rankings that are based on a school’s performance on state end-of-course assessments in reading, math, and college readiness.

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