



# WALLER ISD BOND 19

“With Waller ISD expected to grow by almost 5,000 students over the next eight years - that’s an increase of 65% - a diverse citizens committee from across our community developed a comprehensive, \$295.225 million bond package that is all about accommodating for growth and strategically planning for the future of our schools and community. The package also will provide classroom space for additional Career & Technical Education and award-winning Fine Arts offerings. Financial projections show that with the passage of the bond package, there will be no need for a small tax rate increase until 2022, at the earliest. A tax rate increase will not be necessary if our residential and business development growth continues. This bond package is all about taking care of the educational needs of our kids, and we understand this is a big decision for our community that impacts thousands of students and their futures. It’s our goal to inform all our community and answer questions our residents may have. I hope you will take a moment to review the facts about the bond election, and please vote in the November 5th election.”

Kevin Moran, Waller ISD Superintendent

## PACKAGE SUMMARY

### PROJECTS TO MANAGE GROWTH IN STUDENT POPULATION

\$284,225,000

- New large-capacity Waller High School
- New Waller Junior High/comprehensive renovation
- Renovate existing Waller High School to Schultz Junior High
- Renovate existing Schultz Junior High to Holleman Elementary
- Land for future campuses
- Purchase of new buses

### SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES

\$3,575,000

- High security entrance vestibule
- State-of-the-art security cameras
- Perimeter fencing
- Additional security technology

### DISTRICTWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

\$7,425,000

- Technology including projectors, audio/visual upgrades, etc.
- Capital improvements across the district

## BOND PACKAGE TOTAL

**\$295,225,000**

## Tax Impact: No Anticipated Increase

- On September 9 the district approved a property tax cut of \$.07 cents. If the bond package is approved by voters, the overall property tax rate will still be less than it was one year ago.
- Financial projections show that even with the passage of the proposed November 2019 bond package, there will be no need for a tax rate increase until at least 2022. Even then, if growth continues to track as it is currently, no tax rate increase will be necessary.
- Homeowners 65 years of age and older will see no increase now or in the future because of the senior citizen homestead exemption.

## **EVERY CHILD IN EVERY PART OF WALLER ISD WILL BE IMPACTED.**

From our historic founding communities to the multiple areas of new growth, this bond package will impact students in every part of Waller ISD, providing an equity of school facilities and education, Fine Arts, and Career & Technical Education opportunities.

## **CONTINUE WALLER ISD'S ONE HIGH SCHOOL TRADITION.**

While other growing districts felt it was best to divide their communities with two high schools, our Bond Advisory Committee and district administrators felt it was best to continue uniting families with one comprehensive high school – a new, larger facility that will expand academic, Fine Arts, and Career & Technical Education offerings.

## **MAINTAIN ACADEMIC & FINE ARTS STANDARDS.**

The bond package will provide the additional classroom space and new schools needed to accommodate the ever-growing number of students participating in Career & Technical Education programs and Waller ISD's award-winning Fine Arts offerings.

## **PROVIDE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS.**

Students and teachers will be provided with safety enhancements including perimeter fencing to restrict access to schools, security cameras, and other capital improvements that assist with 24-hour monitoring.

# **Please Vote!**

### **EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS**

**October 21 - 30 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & October 31 - November 1 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

***During early voting, all Waller County residents can vote at ANY Waller County polling location.***

***Harris County residents who live in WISD have two designated polling locations.***

#### **Brookshire Convention Center**

4027 5th St., Brookshire, TX

#### **Waller Co Comm. Center**

21274 FM 1098, Prairie View, TX

#### **Waller ISD Admin Building**

2214 Waller St., Waller, TX

#### **Fields Store Elementary**

31670 Giboney Rd., Waller, TX

#### **Waller County Courthouse**

836 Austin St., Hempstead, TX

#### **Roberts Road Elementary\***

24920 Zube Rd., Hockley, TX

#### **Waller High School\***

20950 Fields Store Rd., Waller, TX

*\*Harris County Residents Only*

### **ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS**

**November 5, 2019 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

***During Election Day, Waller County residents MUST vote at their designated precinct polling location.***

***Harris County residents who live in WISD must vote at Roberts Road Elementary - 24920 Zube Rd., Hockley, TX.***

#### **Waller County Residents Precincts & Polling Locations:**

101/102/103/104/105 - Waller Co. Annex (Road and Bridge), 775 Bus. 290 East, Hempstead, TX

206/207 - Fieldstore Co. Bldg. (JP2), 27388 Fieldstore Rd., Waller, TX

208 - Waller ISD Admin Bldg., 2214 Waller St., Waller, TX

309 - Memorial Student Center, PVAMU, 155 L.W. Minor St., Prairie View, TX

310 - Waller Co Comm. Center, 21274 FM 1098, Prairie View, TX

311/312/313 - Monaville Co. Bldg. (JP3), 12620 FM 1887, Hempstead, TX

414/415 - Pattison Vol. Fire Dept., 2950 FM 359 N, Pattison, TX

416/417 - Brookshire Convention Ctr., 4027 5th St., Brookshire, TX

418 - Houston Executive Airport, 1900 Cardiff Rd., Brookshire, TX

419/20 - Katy VFW, 6206 Dr. George Bush, Katy, TX

- **Did Waller ISD solicit the input of local citizens before developing the bond package?**

The bond proposal is a comprehensive plan developed by approximately 60 members of a bond advisory committee comprised of parents, grandparents, educators, and business and civic leaders.

- **What research was conducted by the citizens committee?**

Members of the committee spent four months reviewing and analyzing our current facilities, demographic reports, growth patterns, enrollment projections, tax impact scenarios, educational programs, district finances, and both the immediate and long-term needs of the district. Everyone in the committee had the opportunity to provide their input and guidance.

- **Was every facility in the school district reviewed during the committee process?**

Yes, every facility was reviewed by members of the Bond Advisory Committee. They assessed all parts of the district for a variety of needs, including classroom space, expansion, renovations, safety, technology, maintenance, and capital upgrades. From our historic founding communities to the multiple areas of new growth, the bond package will impact students in every part of Waller ISD.

- **What is the breakdown of spending in the bond package?**

Virtually all of the capital projects will go to handle the rapid growth of our student population.

- **Will Waller ISD still have one high school?**

Yes! While other growing districts choose to divide their communities with two or more high schools, our Bond Advisory Committee and district administrators felt it was best to continue uniting our students and families with one high school – a new, larger facility that will expand academic, Career & Technical Education, and Fine Arts offerings.

- **What will be done at Waller Junior High (WJH)?**

Essentially, WJH will receive a new school. A large, new facility will be built where the Umland and Maintenance buildings currently stand. The existing West Campus will receive a major renovation connected to the new facility. WJH will be a safe, cohesive school with increased capacity to be home to 1,500 students. The existing East Campus will no longer be part of WJH.

- **How is the bond program dealing with the basic, day-to-day improvements of our schools?**

The basic, day-to-day needs will be addressed by upgrades and improvements in safety and security, technology, and audio/visual upgrades, just to name a few.

- **How does the bond package address campus safety?**

Students and teachers will be provided with safety enhancements including perimeter fencing to restrict access to schools, security cameras, and other capital improvements that assist with 24-hour monitoring.

- **What is going to be the tax impact of the bond package on Waller ISD taxpayers?**

Due to our community's robust residential and business development growth, the bond package will not require a small increase in our property tax rate until 2022, at the earliest. If growth continues, no tax rate increase will be necessary. Please note that on September 9 the Waller ISD School Board approved a property tax cut of \$.07 cents. If the bond package is approved by voters, the overall property tax rate will be less than it was one year ago.

- **What will be the tax impact on senior citizens in the district?**

Zero. Homeowners 65 years of age and older will see no increase now or in the future because of the senior citizen homestead exemption.

- **Should voters approve the \$295.225 million bond package, does the district have procedures to make sure our tax dollars are spent efficiently?**

Yes. For 15 consecutive years, Waller ISD has earned the highest rating possible by the state's Financial Integrity Rating System. The district was also awarded the Financial Transparency Star in the area of Traditional Finances in 2018 by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. The district is committed to maintain those financial standards to complete all bond projects.

- **Upon approval of the bond package, is the entire amount issued all at once?**

No. The district will issue bonds to cover costs of projects only at the time they are needed. Each must be approved by the School Board.

- **Who do we contact if we want more information about the bond package?**

Please contact us at 936.931.3685 or [communications@wallerisd.net](mailto:communications@wallerisd.net). Waller ISD staff, administrators, and Board of Trustees will do their best to accommodate all questions and concerns.

*Waller*  
Independent School District

will grow by **65%**  
in the next 8 years



**5,000**  
new students  
by 2027