

A MESSAGE FROM THE WALLER ISD SUPERINTENDENT:

“With Waller ISD expected to grow by 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 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. If our residential and business development growth continues, a tax rate increase will not be necessary.

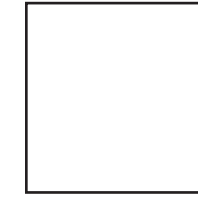
This bond package is all about taking care of the educational needs of our kids, and we understand this is a big decision for our community that impacts thousands of students and their futures. It’s our goal to inform all our community and answer questions our residents may have. I hope you will take a moment to review the facts about the bond election, and please vote in the November 5th election.”

Kevin Moran
Waller ISD Superintendent

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**WALLER ISD
BOND19**

2214 Waller Street
Waller, Texas 77484



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**TAX IMPACT OF THE WALLER ISD BOND PACKAGE:
NO IMMEDIATE 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.

**Official Voter Guide
For Waller ISD Bond Referendum**

**Early Voting: October 21 – November 1
Election Day: Tuesday, November 5**

www.WallerISD.net

Para información en español, por favor llame (936) 931-3685.

Waller
Independent School District

OUR VISION:

All students will be successful learners and possess the skills necessary to function in the 21st century.

The November 2019 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.

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 on the committee had the opportunity to provide their input and guidance.

Their work led them to recommend a comprehensive \$295 million bond package. The Waller ISD Board of Trustees approved this recommendation on July 15. Voters will have their say on Tuesday, November 5.

Waller ISD – a district 328 square miles in size – is expected to grow by almost 5,000 students in the near future. This bond package provides a comprehensive approach to this fast growth by providing funding for new schools and renovated classrooms, capital improvements, buses, technology, and new safety and security measures.

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BY 2027.**

2019 WALLER ISD BOND PACKAGE OVERVIEW: A \$295 MILLION PLAN TO MANAGE OUR FAST GROWTH

PROJECTS TO MANAGE GROWTH IN STUDENT POPULATION \$284,225,000

- New large-capacity, comprehensive 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 ON EVERY CAMPUS \$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



WALLER ISD BOND REFERENDUM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

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 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?

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 maintaining 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. Waller ISD staff, administrators, and Board of Trustees will do their best to accommodate all questions and concerns.