

## Fast Facts about Eustace ISD:

- ◆ Currently, there are three portables used at the Middle School and three portables used at the High School. The Middle School also uses one classroom that is upstairs in the main gym area.
- ◆ As of February 2018, the High School and Middle School did not have any vacant classrooms.
- ◆ Eustace Middle School currently does not have a band hall. Students must cross Henderson Street every day to get to the High School band hall.
- ◆ Currently, there is no room at the High School to add additional Career and Technology fields.

### EISD Tax Rate History 2005 - 2017

Year	M & O Rate	I & S Rate	Total Tax Rate
2005—Last Bond Election	\$1.45	\$0.2200	\$1.67
2006	\$1.3257	\$0.1918	\$1.5175
2007	\$1.04	\$0.22804	\$1.26804
2008	\$1.04	\$0.2180	\$1.2580
2009	\$1.04	\$0.2180	\$1.2580
2010	\$1.04	\$0.2363	\$1.2763
2011	\$1.04	\$0.2363	\$1.2763
2012	\$1.04	\$0.2300	\$1.2700
2013	\$1.04	\$0.2264	\$1.2664
2014	\$1.04	\$0.1915	\$1.2315
2015	\$1.04	\$0.1915	\$1.2315
2016	\$1.04	\$0.1900	\$1.2300
2017	\$1.04	\$0.1900	\$1.2300

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## WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE

- Registration:
  - \* Last day to register to vote is April 5, 2018.
- By-Mail Voting (Last Day to Apply: April 24, 2018):
  - \* Ballot request may be sent to:  
Early Voting Clerk  
Eustace Independent School District  
PO Box 188  
Eustace, TX 75124
- Early Voting:
  - \* April 23, 2018 - May 1, 2018  
**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**Monday—Friday**  
Eustace ISD Administration Building  
320 FM 316 South
- Election Day:
  - \* May 5, 2018  
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
**E. L. Kirk Gymnasium**  
344 FM 316 South

### Ballot Language

EUSTACE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A	DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE EUSTACE PROPOSICION A
“THE ISSUANCE OF \$27,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE EUSTACE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.”	“LA EMISIÓN DE \$27,500,000 EN BONOS POR PARTE DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE EUSTACE PARA INSTALACIONES ESCOLARES Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE LOS MIS-

# Eustace Independent School District



## BOND PROPOSAL: FACTS AND FIGURES

Puede obtener la información en español relativo bono de la escuela en la oficina de administración de Eustace ISD o puede llamar (903) 425-5151.

## Eustace Independent School District Board of Trustees Letter to Citizens

Dear Citizens:

In the Fall of 2016, the School Board asked the administration to develop a priority list of facility improvements for the District. Each campus held meetings and developed their unique list of recommendations. These recommendations were then compiled by the administration into a priority list and presented to the Board in the Spring of 2017. Among the recommendations were renovations and additions at the Primary School, Intermediate School, Middle School, and High School.

In the Fall of 2017, the Board asked that the administration meet with members of the community to obtain input and suggestions. This Construction Committee met during the months of November 2017, December 2017, and January 2018. In these meetings, the Committee received information from the District, the District's architects and engineers, the bond financial experts, and were provided a virtual tour of the District's facilities.

The Committee made recommendations and comments regarding the original priority list. The recommendations included building a new career and technology center at the High School, adding classrooms at the High School, facility renovations throughout the District, adding new buses to our bus fleet, providing concrete work throughout the District, renovating playing surfaces at the football field, track, baseball field, and softball field, and replacing most of the existing Middle School with new construction. It had been determined by our engineer that it would be more cost effective to replace most of the Middle School rather than attempt renovations.

On January 25, 2018, a joint meeting was held between the Construction Committee and the EISD Board of Trustees to discuss the Committee's recommendations.

In February 2018, the Board of Trustees acted on the Committee's recommendation and called a bond election for May 5, 2018, for the amount of \$27.5 million, that would provide total new construction at the Middle School (the existing gyms and locker rooms would remain and be renovated).

This brochure is designed to provide information about the bond election, the capital improvement projects, and the probable impact on District taxpayers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the District.

Gary Walsh President  
Bobby Ashton, Secretary  
Steven Bell  
David Morton

Ashley McKee, Vice-President  
Cotton Walker  
Jimmy Kirkhart



### What Will Be Built With The Bond Funds?

If approved, the \$27,500,000 will be used to do approximately the following:

#### Middle School

- New construction of all classrooms, media center, cafeteria, office area, and the addition of a new band hall.
- Renovation of the existing main gym area and boys locker rooms.

#### High School

- Construction of at least 10 new classrooms.
- Construction of a new career and technology center that would house student programs such as culinary arts, auto repair, and/or wood working.
- Provide renovations and improvements throughout the existing High School building.
- Renovate the exterior of the High School.
- Provide security improvements.

#### Primary

- Provide security improvements.
- Provide renovations and improvements throughout the existing Primary School.
- Provide safety improvements to the Primary School Gym.
- Provide new playground equipment.

#### Intermediate

- Provide security improvements.
- Provide renovations and improvements throughout the existing Intermediate School.
- Provide an awning for the front entry.
- Provide new playground equipment.

#### District

- Provide new playing surface and new track surface at Bulldog Stadium.
- Provide artificial playing surfaces at the baseball field and softball field.
- Provide multiple new buses to replace older, non-air-conditioned buses.

#### Maintenance

- Construct a new maintenance facility between the football field and transportation facility. A new maintenance facility will be required in order to construct the new Middle School.

### How Will The Bond Payments Be Financed?

Currently, Eustace ISD receives a small amount of funding from the State. It is estimated that EISD will receive approximately \$27,000 in 2017-2018 to use towards the yearly bond payments. Whether this amount will increase, decrease, or remain the same will depend on State legislative actions in coming sessions.

Aside from the \$27,000 from the state, the rest of our current bond payments come from taxes assessed specifically for the payment of voter approved bonds. In 2017-2018, an amount of \$0.19 was approved by the Board for bond payments.

Without any state aid, the \$27,500,000 is expected to be funded by the District with a maximum increase of \$0.25 to our Interest and Sinking ( I & S) tax rate. This is the tax rate that is dedicated to the payment of voter approved bonds.

### What Will The Impact Be To Taxpayers?

In addition to the \$25,000 state homestead exemption, EISD continues to offer taxpayers an additional 20% local homestead exemption. This 20% exemption is deducted first and then the state deduction of \$25,000 is deducted.

#### Anticipated Cost to Homeowner of a 25 Cent Increase for Voted Bonds

Home Value Before Exemptions	Home Value After State & Local Exemptions	Projected Monthly Tax Increase
\$50,000	\$15,000	\$3.12
\$75,000	\$35,000	\$7.29
\$100,000	\$55,000	\$11.46
\$125,000	\$75,000	\$15.62
\$150,000	\$95,000	\$19.79
\$175,000	\$115,000	\$23.96
\$200,000	\$135,000	\$28.12
\$225,000	\$155,000	\$32.29

**NO TAX INCREASE ABOVE THE FROZEN LEVEL ON THE HOMESTEADS OF TAXPAYERS WHO RECEIVE THE AGE 65 OR DISABLED EXEMPTION UNLESS THEY MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOME.**

