

## 2008 Bond Overview

	Curriculum & Technology Improvements	Systems & Compliance	Safety & Security	20-Year Renovations	Additions & Modifications
<b>Early Childhood Schools</b>					
Barron (conversion back to elementary school)	•				•
Beaty	•				
Pearson	•				
<b>Elementary Schools</b>					
Aldridge	•				
Andrews	•				
Barkdale	•				
Bethany	•				
Beverly	•				
Bogges	•				
Brinker	•				
Carlisle	•				
Centennial	•				
Christie	•				
Daffron	•				
Davis	•				
Dooley	•				
Forman	•				
Gulledge	•				
Harrington	•				
Haun	•				
Hedgcocke	•				
Hickey	•				
Hightower	•				
Huffman	•				
Hughston	•				
Hunt	•				
Jackson	•				
Mathews	•				
McCall	•				
Meadows	•				
Memorial	•				
Mendenhall	•				
Miller	•				
Mitchell	•				
Rosor	•				
Rose Haggard	•				
Saigling	•				
Schell	•				
Shepard	•				
Sigler	•				
Skaggs	•				
Stinson	•				
Thomas	•				
Weatherford	•				
Wells	•				
Wyatt	•				
<b>Middle Schools</b>					
Armstrong	•				
Bowman	•				
Carpenter	•				
Frankford	•				
Haggard	•				
Hendrick	•				
Murphy	•				
Renner	•				
Rice	•				
Robinson	•				
Schimelpfenig	•				
Wilson	•				
<b>High Schools</b>					
Clark	•				
Jasper	•				
Shepton	•				
Vines	•				
Williams	•				
<b>Senior High Schools</b>					
Plano East	•				
Plano	•				
Plano West	•				

Major Renovations • Additions & Modifications  
**PROPOSAL**  
 Curriculum • Safety & Security • Systems & Compliance • TECHNOLOGY



### The 2008 bond proposal also includes the following projects:

- New Schools - Early Childhood School, Barron Conversion, New Elementary, New Middle School, New High School
- Pre-Funded Projects:
  - Schell Elementary (constructed and opened fall 2007)
  - Employee Child Care Center (purchased; anticipated opening August 2008)
  - Land Acquisitions (purchased)
- Replacement of obsolete food service equipment.
- Purchase of 60 new school buses.

	Curriculum & Technology Improvements	Systems & Compliance	Additions & Modifications
<b>Other Facilities</b>			
Cox Building	•		
Kimbrough Stadium	•		
Murphy Distribution Center	•		
Service Center	•		
Administration	•		
Clark Stadium	•		
+ East & West Fields	•		
Transportation			•
<b>Special Program Centers</b>			
Bird Center			•
Guinn Center	•		•



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### May 10, 2008, Bond Election

Look for this item on your ballot:

“The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$490,000,000 for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings, the purchase of necessary sites for future school buildings and the purchase of new school buses, and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.”



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### Early Voting

April 28 - May 3, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 May 1, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 May 5 & 6, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Early Voting Locations

- Collin County Elections Department, 2010 Redbud Blvd. Suite 102, McKinney 75069
- Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano 75024
- Christopher A. Parr Library, 6200 Windhaven Parkway, Plano 75093
- Collin County Community College, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano 75074
- Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road, Plano 75075
- Harrington Library, 1501 18th Street, Plano 75074
- Murphy Municipal Complex, 206 N. Murphy Road, Murphy 75094
- Plano ISD Administration Center, 2700 W. 15th Street, Plano 75075
- Renner Frankford Library, 6400 Frankford Road, Dallas 75252

### May 10, 2008, Bond Election Day

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Polling Location	Address	City/ZIP Code	Precinct
Aldridge Elementary School	720 Pleasant Valley Lane	Richardson 75080	48, 55
Armstrong Middle School	3805 Timberline Drive	Plano 75074	52, 61, 68, 103, 141
Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church	6000 Bentwood Trail	Dallas 75252	73, 88, 115
Bethany Elementary School	2418 Micarta Drive	Plano 75025	34, 107, 119, 121, 135
Bowman Middle School	2501 Jupiter Road	Plano 75074	23, 46, 47, 50, 51, 152, 158
Brinker Elementary School	3800 John Clark Parkway	Plano 75093	90, 109, 116, 123, 137
Carpenter Middle School	1501 Cross Bend Road	Plano 75023	21, 54, 62, 66
Haggard Middle School	2401 Westside Drive	Plano 75075	15, 19, 53, 65, 70, 71
Hendrick Middle School	7400 Red River Drive	Plano 75025	58, 77, 91, 130
Hickey Elementary School	4100 Coldwater Creek	Plano 75074	41, 60
Hughston Elementary School	2601 Cross Bend Road	Plano 75023	31, 32, 63, 76
Miller Elementary School	5651 Coventry Drive	Richardson 75082	94, 125, 144
Mitchell Elementary School	4223 Briargrove Lane	Dallas 75287	24, 84, 132
Murphy Municipal Complex	206 N. Murphy Road	Murphy 75094	25, 159
Renner Frankford Library	6400 Frankford Road	Dallas 75252	74, 79, 142
Richardson Police Sub-station	2003 E. Renner Road	Richardson 75082	78, 110
Robinson Middle School	6701 Preston Meadow Drive	Plano 75024	14, 81, 86, 89, 108, 112, 124
Rose Haggard Elementary School	17820 Campbell Road	Dallas 75252	36, 104, 136
Schimelpfenig Middle School	2400 Maumelle Drive	Plano 75023	64, 69
Shepton High School	5505 Plano Parkway	Plano 75093	28, 75, 105, 143
Thomas Elementary School	6537 Blue Ridge Trail	Plano 75023	39, 85
Wilson Middle School	1001 Custer Road	Plano 75075	26, 49, 67, 72, 138

### 2008 Bond Proposal

Pre-funded Projects	\$ 27,850,000
New Construction	\$ 140,855,112
20-Year Renovations	\$ 121,166,629
Additions and Modifications	\$ 62,182,369
Capital Improvements (Instructional)	\$ 10,497,000
Capital Improvements (Physical)	\$ 25,203,500
Systems and Compliance (47 sites)	\$ 36,154,394
Curriculum & Technology	\$ 66,090,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 490,000,000</b>

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# PLANO PROUD

On May 10, the Plano ISD Board of Trustees will ask district voters to consider a \$490 million bond proposal which contains dollars to be spent at every campus.

With the 2004 bond program completed on time and within budget, the 2008 bond election provides us with an additional focus.

Dear Friends:

On May 10, 2008, Plano ISD citizens will be asked to vote in a very important school district bond election, a \$490 million proposal which contains dollars to be spent at every campus.

Having completed the 2004 bond program on time and within budget, Plano ISD now focuses its attention on the 2008 bond proposal to construct new schools, renovate existing facilities and fund curriculum and technology initiatives and other district wide capital improvements.

Since 1996, the school district has considered major bond initiatives every four years, revitalizing schools in neighborhoods while implementing and utilizing the latest technology.

On behalf of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees and the 2008 Facilities and Technology Bond Study Task Force, I invite you to learn more about this important bond election by reading the information in this newsletter and on our website ([www.pisd.edu/2008bond](http://www.pisd.edu/2008bond)) and by attending a meeting regarding the bond election.

Sincerely,

*Doug Otto*

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Superintendent of Schools



Plano Independent School District



April 2008

# Bond 2008 Questions & Answers

Plano ISD has considered major bond initiatives every four years since 1996 and has revitalized schools while implementing and utilizing the latest technology.

## What new schools are included in this bond election?

- Plano ISD has included a total of \$168.7 million in the 2008 bond proposal to construct the following facilities.
- Schell Elementary School (pre-funded).
  - Employee child care facility (pre-funded, anticipated opening August 2008).
  - Land acquisitions for future school sites (pre-funded).
  - Conversion of Barron Early Childhood School to an elementary campus.
  - Construction of a new early childhood school.
  - Construction of a new elementary school, middle school and high school, all located in the eastern portion of the school district.

## What major school renovations will be funded through this bond proposal?

The schools listed below are scheduled for renovation, at a cost of \$121.2 million. In Plano ISD, major renovation includes replacing or upgrading the following systems: HVAC, electrical, plumbing, energy management, fire sprinkler and alarms, and upgrading to current educational standards and city codes.

- Bethany Elementary
- Brinker Elementary
- Daffron Elementary
- Hedgcoxe Elementary
- Jackson Elementary
- Memorial Elementary
- Mendenhall Elementary
- Mitchell Elementary
- Razor Elementary
- Weatherford Elementary

## What are "systems and compliance" capital improvements?

The \$36.2 million included in the 2008 bond program will address building facility needs at 47 locations that are not included in the 20-year major renovations. In some cases, work is combined for economy of scale or in response to immediate repair. Examples include replacing roofs, carpet and air-conditioning equipment, updating fire alarm or energy management systems and site improvements for parking or fire lanes.

The school district has reported the progress on promised and delivered bond projects to the community regularly to confirm the commitment to spend funds as planned.



Plano West and Plano East senior high schools will receive new kitchen and dining facilities, similar to those at Plano Senior High School, with the 2008 bond dollars.



## Will some schools receive significant additions or expansions?

The bond proposal includes \$62.2 million to add to or expand the following facilities to maintain equity among schools.

- Plano East Senior High School - science, kitchen and dining, administrative offices
- Vines High School - fine arts and science addition
- Plano West Senior High School - kitchen and dining
- Haggard Middle School - fine arts addition
- Plano Senior High School - fine arts addition
- Forman Elementary School - classroom addition
- Guinn Center - classrooms, kitchen and serving line

## What curriculum and technology initiatives are included in the bond proposal?

Plano ISD's curriculum and technology needs, which total \$66 million, grew out of the intensive study of focus groups conducted among school faculty and staff, students and parents that resulted in a state-approved technology plan for 2007-2010. They include:

- Replacement of computers, servers, TVs/monitors, projection systems, science lab equipment and other peripheral equipment placed in schools as a result of the 1996, 2000, 2003, and 2004 bond elections.
- 41 curriculum area improvements.
- Video display cameras to replace overhead projectors in classrooms.
- Video projection systems in all elementary classrooms similar to those installed in secondary classrooms from previous bonds.
- Career and technology classroom equipment for newly adopted courses such as Criminal Investigations and Marketing Dynamics.
- Classroom computers for all elementary art classrooms to meet new TEKS standards.
- Science facilities and equipment that are up-to-date and meet safety standards and provide for the new state science requirements.
- Assistive technology devices for special education students' identified needs.
- Classroom computers in all middle school mathematics classrooms to take advantage of new learning software.

- Foreign Language labs to enhance speaking and listening skills of students.
- Health and PE equipment to meet new state standards for student fitness.

## How will the security of schools be affected by the bond dollars?

Safety and security of our students and staff are essential components of providing a quality education. Approximately \$4 million in safety and security bond dollars will fund:

- Additional cameras at all schools.
- Upgrades of existing cameras and equipment.
- Additional Rapid Eye units.
- Upgraded cabling, wiring and data support for all systems.
- Computer upgrades for alarm and access systems to continuous online monitoring.
- Fire system upgrades.
- District wide visitor identification system: Raptor.

## Why are school buses included in this bond election?

In 2000, legislation was passed to allow districts to buy school buses through the issuance of bonds. This allows the district to capitalize a large expenditure and avoid paying an additional 30% of the cost to recapture. The district has a need for 60 new buses over the next four years and other capital needs related to transportation, totaling \$7.8 million.



## Are there any other capital projects included in this bond?

The bond proposal includes \$13.4 million for these district wide capital projects:

- Food and nutritional services - replacement of obsolete equipment.
- Bird Center - parking lot renovation.
- Energy efficient lighting - retrofit lighting that has an estimated three-year payback to the general fund.
- Water conservation irrigation upgrades (technological) that have an estimated four-year payback to the general fund.
- Athletics - anticipated upgrades and capital needs over the next four years.
- District wide projects - annual requests that traditionally are funded through the Maintenance & Operation Fund.

## Are other capital improvements included for curriculum and instruction?

A total of \$10.5 million is included in the bond proposal to purchase equipment for science labs, career education classes, libraries, fine arts programs, and lockers for PE classes.

# Conservative Budgeting

## What has happened to the monies provided in past bond elections?

With the support of voters in the passage of the 2000, 2003 and 2004 bond programs, Plano ISD has implemented:

- Full-day kindergarten, with the addition of facilities at each of our elementary schools.
- Construction of a new middle school, six new elementary schools, three early childhood schools and a new stadium.
- The largest renovation in our history, with 10 campuses receiving major 20-year renovations in the 2000 bond, and an additional nine campuses undergoing major renovation in the Bond 2004 initiative. Also included in the 2004 bond were improvements to Clark Stadium and the Williams Field House.

## Why do we use bond funds to replace and add new technology?

The current state finance law makes it 30% more cost efficient to use bond dollars in place of operating dollars. Our current operating budget cannot support large technology purchases without taking dollars away from other instructional programs.

**"The Facilities and Technology Task Force met for five months to study the needs of the district and then prioritized a list to present to the Plano ISD Board of Trustees. We analyzed the need for new construction, facilities renovations, technology upgrades and curriculum enhancements, safety and security issues, and transportation. The task force feels that this bond proposal reflects the excellence in education that our citizens want for our school children."**

Phil Dyer, 2008 Bond Study Task Force Chair



Plano ISD has an excellent bond rating and has the debt capacity to finance the proposed 2008 bond initiatives while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the metroplex.

## What will this bond election cost me?

It is estimated that the 2008 bonds will increase the tax rate over the course of the replacement schedule by no more than eight cents over the life of the bonds.

## How will this affect my tax bill if I am a senior citizen over 65?

There will be no impact since taxes are frozen on homes of those 65 years of age and older. The average current home value in Plano ISD is \$257,900. Based on that current value, the increase to the tax bill will average \$33 to \$45 annually for five years then start to decline.

## How does PISD's tax rate compare to other districts in the metroplex?

PISD has one of the lowest tax rates in the metroplex. We have managed to maintain a low tax rate even though we've had to send funds back to the state. This has been accomplished through very conservative budgeting and by staying below the administrative cost ratio recommended by the state.

## When do I vote?

Voting information can be found on the back of this newsletter.



# Learning Environment

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