



August 26, 2015

### **Conroe ISD Board of Trustees Call Bond Referendum**

The Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the *Election Order and Notice* for a November 3, 2015 School Bond Election at their August 18, 2015 meeting.

At the February Board of Trustees' Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the 2015 Facility Planning Committee, comprised of 23 community members, for the purpose of reviewing the District's projected growth and instructional needs for the next three to five years and making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to address those needs while impacting the tax rate as minimally as possible.

The Facility Planning Committee met over a three month period and made their recommendation to the Board of Trustees at the June 16, 2015 meeting. At the August 18, 2015 Board of Trustees' meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a \$487,000,000 bond referendum for the November 3, 2015 election.

The bond referendum includes the construction of new schools and classroom additions to accommodate student growth, improvements to aged buildings to sustain capacity, funding for robotics and Career and Technical Education facilities, and the continuation of safety and security upgrades. The tax impact from the bond referendum is conservatively estimated to result in no more than a one cent tax increase over the life of the bond.

Specifically, the bond will provide for the following:

- **New Capacity**
  - 1 new High School in the current Oak Ridge High feeder zone

- 1 new Junior High School in the current Conroe High feeder zone
- 1 new Intermediate School in the Oak Ridge High feeder zone
- 2 new Elementary Schools in the Oak Ridge High feeder zone
- Build-out of the remaining 200 seat capacity at Stewart Elementary in the Woodforest subdivision
- Addition of 10 new science classrooms at Knox Junior High in The Woodlands
  
- **Sustaining Current Capacity**
  - Major Classroom Renovations (Sustain capacity for the next 40 years)
  - Austin Elementary
  - Conroe High School
  
- **District-wide Needs:**
  - Safety and Security Upgrades
  - Life Cycle
  - Land Purchases
  - Technology
  
- **Robotics**
  - Addition of robotics labs at Caney Creek High School and The Woodlands College Park High School
  
- **Career & Technical Education**
  - Addition of facilities at Caney Creek High School and Oak Ridge High School, specifically for welding and cosmetology

The *Order and Notice* calls for early voting sites and voting sites for the November 3, 2015 bond election to be provided by Montgomery County. Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Saturday, October 19, 2015 through October 30, 2015. Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with the exception of certain dates set by the County when voters can vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The election will be held jointly with other Montgomery County governmental entities. The Montgomery County Election's office will conduct the election.

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