



Birdville Independent School District

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Dear BISD Community Member,

On Aug. 14, BISD's Board of Trustees called for a bond proposal to be placed on the November 4 ballot. This bond proposal will address the following in BISD:

- Safety & Security Upgrades
- Science Lab Upgrades
- Technology Upgrades
- Renovations & Upgrades
- Rebuilding (Birdville Elementary, The Academy at West Birdville (elementary) and North Richland Middle School)

It saddens me to see that there are organizations who are already spreading misinformation about BISD and the bond program. Many of you may have already heard or seen some of this untruthful information.

I would like to share six facts every BISD citizen should know before they vote in the general election in November.

1. Local BISD citizens (senior adults, business leaders and parents) developed this bond program. It was not developed by BISD administration.
2. The bond program on the November ballot impacts every campus in BISD.
3. BISD's current debt is less than \$500 per student. This is calculated by taking current debt divided by the number of students using our facilities over the life of the bond.
4. Computers and technology are paid for in five years or less, not 20-25 years.
5. If approved, the tax impact will be approximately \$3 per month on a home valued at \$120,000.
6. Those who claim the "Over 65" exemption on their home will not see their school property taxes increase.*

* The Texas Constitution provides homeowners an "Over 65" property tax exemption when they turn age 65. Like the homestead exemption, a homeowner must file an application with the Tarrant County Appraisal District. Once the exemption is granted, the homeowner's property taxes will not increase above what they were the year they turned 65.

In the future, if you have any questions about the BISD bond program, I encourage you to contact the school district. We will give you the facts. You may contact Mark Thomas, BISD Communications Officer, at 817-547-5799, or my assistant, Brenda Ryan, at 817-547-5722. We always welcome the opportunity to share information about the progress our school district is making in the education of BISD students

Sincerely,

Darrell G. Brown, Ph.D.
Superintendent