



BIRDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Trustees call for Nov. 6 bond election

On Aug. 16, Birdville ISD's Board of Trustees unanimously called for a bond election to be held as part of the general election on Nov. 6. BISD voters are being asked to consider a \$252.8 million bond package that was developed with extensive community input by a diverse group of citizens from all parts of the District. The package approved by the Board addresses: safety and security upgrades at every campus; replacing five campuses with four (Haltom Middle School, Richland Middle School, Smithfield Elementary School and Major Cheney Elementary/Richland Elementary [Partner School]); renovations at Smithfield Middle School and Haltom High School; critical repair/renovation needs requiring action in the next three years; and technology upgrades Districtwide. This plan impacts every student, staff member, facility and community served by BISD.

The proposed bond package:

- Eliminates more than 50 portable classrooms across the District;
- Provides additional safety and security measures throughout the District;
- Funds technology upgrades to address instructional needs;
- Moves from a 5:1 student-to-technology ratio to a 2:1 student-to-technology ratio;
- Addresses priority repair/renovation needs (requiring action in the next one to three years), roofs and HVAC;
- Replaces five existing facilities that are more than 60 years old with four new facilities that require less money to operate and maintain. They are: Haltom Middle School, Richland Middle School, Smithfield Elementary School and Major Cheney Elementary/Richland Elementary [Partner School].
- Will be monitored by a Board-appointed citizen's bond oversight committee to monitor the scope, timeline and expenditure of bond funds.

If BISD voters approve this bond package, School property tax rates **will not** increase as a result of this bond proposal.

Early voting is Oct. 22 – Nov. 2, and Election Day is Nov. 6.

For specific information on the 2018 bond package, visit www.bisdbond18.net.