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**Voters reject BISD'S \$183.2 million bond package**

Today, Birdville Independent School District voters rejected a \$183.2 million bond package that would have:

- Eliminated more than 65 portable classrooms across the district
- Consolidated four of the oldest and smallest elementary schools into two new schools, which would save approximately \$15 million in operating costs over the next 10 years.
- Renovated and replaced aging roofs; HVAC, electrical and plumbing; as well as adding energy management systems that will result in cost savings districtwide
- Replaced facilities that are between 50 and 65 years old with modern facilities that require less money to operate and maintain
- Replaced and upgraded new computers and mobile devices, Internet connectivity for wireless devices, and student access to technology used in the classroom
- Added safety and security measures throughout the district
- Added or upgrading science labs throughout the district
- Relocated the Horticulture and Animal Science program from Richland High School to the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning (BCTAL) to serve students from all three high schools in the district.

“I want to thank the citizen’s bond committee, which was comprised of more than 50 BISD community members, for spending three months in intense study and often, intense debate developing the plan rejected by voters,” said Superintendent Darrell G. Brown. “I am disappointed in the outcome of the election. However, BISD will move forward and continue our focus on the children of the district.”

With 12 of 14 precincts reporting, 7,329 total voters turned out with 3,183 voting in favor and 4,146 voting against the bond package.