**Mission Statement**: The mission of BISD is to ensure that all students position themselves to excel with integrity in an ever-changing global society through innovative and responsive learning environments.

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On behalf of BISD's Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for serving on the 2022 Bond Planning Committee. I know the Board and Administration have asked you to dedicate a significant amount of your time and energy to attend Committee meetings, as well as reviewing mounds of data outside these meetings. The sacrifice you are making is greatly appreciated.

## Your Authority/Charge

- 1. The Board has turned over crafting the contents of and the size of the 2022 bond package to this Committee. To prevent this from being a posted school board meeting, we will limit the number of school board members who will attend to no more than three. Remember, this is your project, not the Board's.
- 2. Other than what the law says and a few Board-imposed parameters, the Board is not telling you what needs to be in this package that's your job.
- 3. Through this process, you'll become familiar with what can be included in a bond package.
- 4. Also, since the 2018 Bond Planning Committee last met, specific proposals now must be included in a separate bond proposal to be voted on separately from the primary bond proposal.
- 5. Also, new language has been added to make passing bond proposals much harder.
- 6. Ask
  - a. I ask you to ask questions.
  - b. I ask you to listen respectfully to others.
  - c. I ask you to speak up respectfully when it's your turn.
- 7. This is the most important part of what I am going to tell you, and it deals with the Board-imposed parameters:
  - a. The Board desires that the size of the overall bond package not increase the current I&S tax rate. We are basing that parameter assuming a moderate increase in property values. (Staff will explain this to you during the process.) If the Committee's proposed package would potentially cause a tax rate increase, the Board asks that an overwhelming majority of the Committee support such a proposal.

Dr. Stinson, the Cabinet, and members of the Administration are here to answer your questions and provide the data necessary to make the best decisions possible for the Birdville community.

Please accept my sincere thanks and that of your Board of Trustees for your willingness to participate in this critical facilities planning process for Birdville ISD.

Joe Tolbert President, Board of Trustees Birdville ISD