

SCHOOLHOUSE BOND 2007

Friendswood ISD Bond Referendum
Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Proposed Projects by Proposition

Proposition 1 - \$91,165,000

- Construct new Junior High School at Centennial Park
- Construct new 6th Grade Center adjacent to Junior High with shared common areas, such as library, cafeteria, etc.
- Convert old Junior High to an Early Childhood Center
- Convert portions of old Junior High to Administration/Teacher Training/Technology Center
- Expand high school to accommodate 400 more students
- Expand high school cafeteria
- Build new high school library, add science labs, and make other additions and renovations
- Designate front entrance to the high school and enclose campus
- Renovate Westwood Elementary and Cline Elementary
- Improve technology district-wide

Proposition 2 - \$6,500,000

- A natatorium

Proposition 3 - \$1,800,000

- Stadium expansion

How was the Bond package developed?

The process began in 2003 when a School Board directive was issued to develop a long range facilities plan through build-out with the involvement of the community. The plan was to meet expected enrollment growth, be cost effective, support exemplary educational standards and address needs of existing facilities.

A Citizens Facility Advisory Committee was formed in the Fall of 2003 and met monthly for 13 months. The group was divided into three sub-committees: alignment/zoning/instruction; current facilities/maintenance; and future facilities/land acquisition. In September 2004, the Facility Advisory Committee presented a long range strategic plan for a school bond.

Although growth in student population was evident in the district, it was not enough growth to be able to finance additional staff for a new campus. As a result, new facilities were postponed. A bond was passed in 2005 for \$5.5 million in existing facilities renovation and replacement of HVAC, roofs, drainage and cafeteria equipment.

In the spring of 2007, a new Facility Advisory Committee was formed to review work of the 2003-04 committee to determine if the Facilities Long Range Strategic Plan recommended to the Board was still relevant.

The new committee endorsed the long range plan previously recommended with a slight change. Instead of adding on to Windsong and Bales Intermediate campuses, the committee wanted to construct a sixth grade "wing" or campus at the new junior high. They wanted the Board to consider adding a natatorium and unanimously recommended the Board move forward to implement.

Campus enrollment and capacity levels are shown on Page 3 for current facilities as well as for build-out in 2020.

A demographic study was conducted by PASA of College Station and it was reported that approximately 9,000 students would possibly be attending FISD at build-out. Current enrollment is 5850. Average growth for the past five years is slightly over two percent per year. Student enrollment has grown 10 percent over the past five years from 5,242 to 5,850.

What are school bonds?

Bonds for school projects are similar to a mortgage on a home. To finance construction projects, the district sells bonds to investors who will be paid principal and interest. Long-term financing is essential in the construction of school facilities.

How can bond money be used?

Bond money can be used for new schools, renovations, furniture, equipment, new school sites and buses.

Early Voting October 22 - November 2, 2007
Election Day - November 6, 2007

A New Friendswood Junior High & 6th Grade Center

- Construct new junior high campus for 1200 students on property the district owns at Centennial Park
- Construct an adjacent 6th grade center for 600 students
- Design shared usage of
 - library
 - cafetorium
 - auditorium
 - band hall
 - clinic
- Provide energy efficient design
- Reduce enrollment at Windsong and Bales Intermediate campuses
- Fully integrate technology

Friendswood High School

- Provide modern new library appropriate for current high school
- Expand cafeteria
- Provide fully integrated technology
- Construct designated entrance & closed campus to provide safety and security for students and teachers
- Construct classrooms, including science labs to accommodate an additional 400 students
- Provide additional gym space for PE classes
- Improve energy efficiency
- Renovations and improvements to other program areas
- Provide parking improvements
- Centralized administration

Convert Current Junior High to Early Childhood Center

- Provide district wide early childhood/kindergarten center to accommodate 600 students and alleviate crowding at Cline and Westwood
- Renovate old building and snackbar building into teacher training center, administrative offices/technology center

Cline & Westwood Elementary Campuses

- Reduce enrollment by removing Early Childhood and Kindergarten
- Provide Cline Elementary with a full service kitchen
- Renovate Cline and Westwood gymnasiums
- Expand Cline Nurse Clinic
- Eliminate use of portables at both campuses
- Expand restroom facilities
- Expand and renovate cafeteriums
- Technology upgrades

Technology

- Provide computers and other tools for student instruction and professional development
- Improve distance learning and videoconferencing capabilities
- Establish or upgrade campus wireless networks
- Improve district-wide network connectivity
- Upgrade, centralize, and maintain district networks and servers.

Natatorium

- Provide indoor swimming facility for year round use by swim team, diving team, water polo team and PE classes

Henry Winston Stadium

- Expand seating to accommodate another 3000 people
- Update press box and build additional press box
- Additional restrooms and concessions

Bales & Windsong Intermediate

- Reduce enrollment removing 6th grade

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How will this bond impact my taxes?

Anticipated Tax Impact on Property Owners

Current Debt Service Tax Rate (2007):	\$ 0.13700
Debt Service Tax Rate By Proposition:	
Proposition 1	\$ 0.17410
Proposition 2	\$ 0.01240
Proposition 3	\$ 0.00340
Total	\$ 0.32700
Peak Debt Service Tax Rate* (2008):	\$ 0.32700

*Tax rate is per \$100 of value.

Upon completion of the Bond*

Tax Year	Tax Bill	
	Monthly	Yearly
2006	\$278.98	\$3,347.76
2010	\$253.06	\$3,036.75
Difference	\$ (25.92)	\$ (311.01)

*Based on taxable value of average Friendswood residence (\$237,147).

*Projected tax rates based on all three propositions passing

Who is eligible to vote?

Any United States citizen who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote:

- A resident of the Friendswood Independent School District
- At least 18 years of age
- Registered to vote at least 30 days prior to election day, November 6, 2007
- Not a convicted felon (unless a sentence, probation and/or parole have been completed)

Why do we need a bond election?

The majority of Friendswood ISD's schools are currently over capacity. With the recent development of West Ranch and other subdivisions being planned, student enrollment is expected to continue to grow. Student enrollment has grown by 10 percent in the last five years. A demographic study predicts the district's enrollment will grow to 9,000 students. In 2007, enrollment is just under 5,900. Currently, there are 33 portable buildings in use. The district must plan to provide additional space in order to meet the expected growth. The junior high does not currently meet TEA's space standards, according to Calvin Powitzski of Bay Architects. The age of existing buildings, especially the junior high, prevents the district from utilizing the most energy-efficient methods.

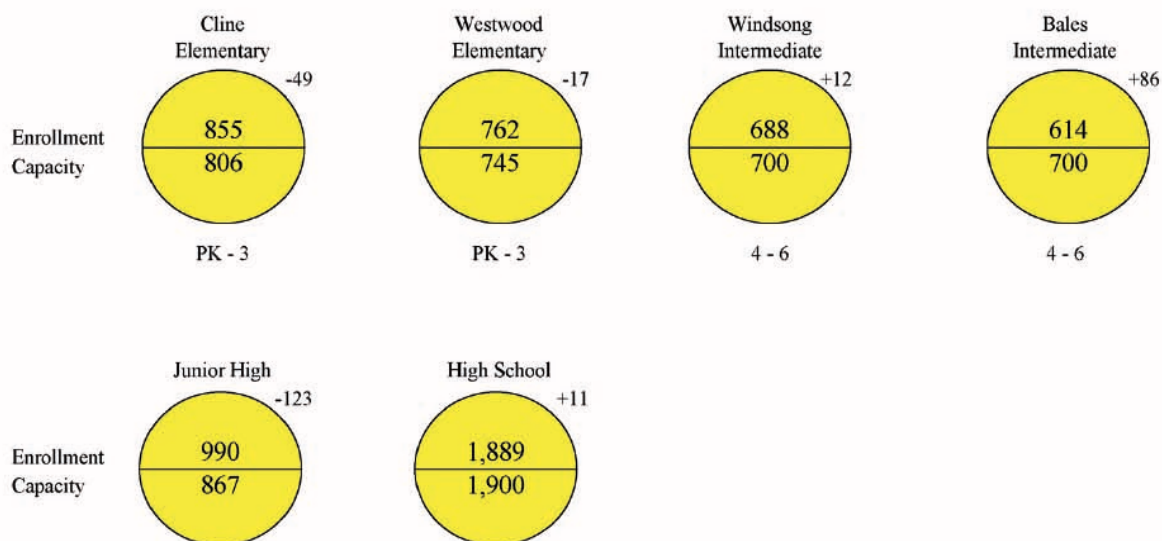
Will the bond increase my taxes if I am 65 years of age or older or disabled?

No. If you are a senior citizen receiving the "over-65 exemption," or an individual who has a disability and is receiving a "disability exemption," your tax payment on your home will not change as a result of the bond program unless you have made new improvements to your home. If you currently do not have an exemption for which you may be qualified, contact Galveston County Appraisal District.

Existing Profile

Campus Enrollment vs. Capacity

Friendswood Independent School District - 2007

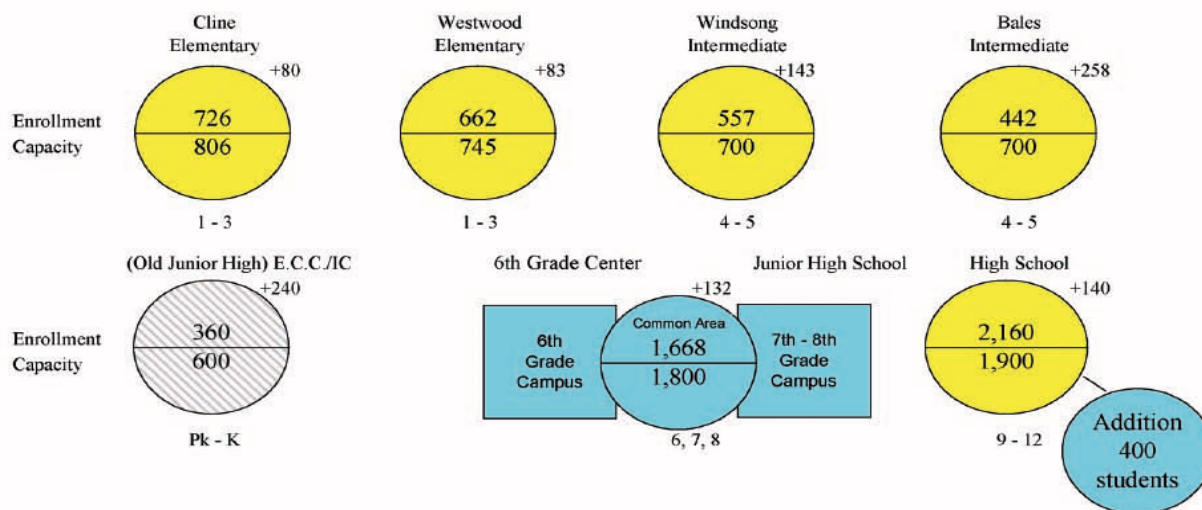


2007 RECOMMENDED OPTION : New 1,800 student 6-8 Middle School

5 Year Projection: 2.5% Growth to 2012

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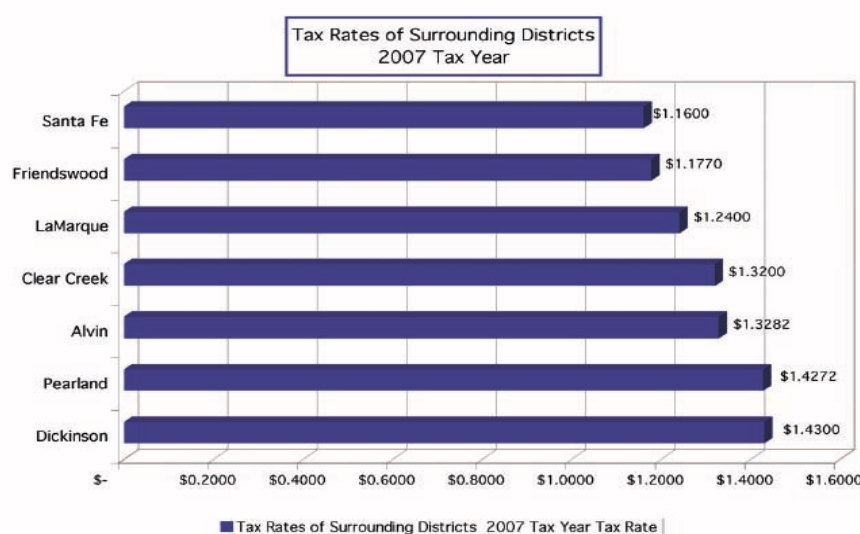
*Added components to original

Blue items are new campus or addition

Tax Year	Homeowner Tax Bill Total Tax Rate	# Homeowner Tax Bill (Net of Homestead Exemption)
		* \$ 237,147
2003	1.637	\$ 3,636.55
2004	1.637	\$ 3,636.55
2005	1.637	\$ 3,636.55
2006	1.507	\$ 3,347.76
2007	1.177	\$ 2,614.67
2008	1.367	\$ 3,036.75
2009	1.367	\$ 3,036.75
2010	1.367	\$ 3,036.75

#Projected tax rates based on all three propositions passing.

*Average Taxable Value of Residence for Tax Year 2007



FRIENDSWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Main and Branch Locations and Schedule November 6, 2007 Election

**November 6, 2007
Election Day
Vote at City Hall**

EARLY PERMANENT VOTING LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Location	Days	Dates	Hours
Friendswood ISD Administration Building 302 Laurel Drive Friendswood, TX 77546	Monday-Friday	October 22-26, 2007	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Monday-Wednesday	October 29-31, 2007	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Thursday-Friday	November 1-2, 2007	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

EARLY VOTING BRANCH LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE

Location	Days	Dates	Hours
Friendswood Junior High 402 Laurel Dr. Friendswood, TX 77546	Monday	October 22, 2007	12 – 8 pm
Cline Elementary 505 Briar Meadow Friendswood, TX 77546	Tuesday	October 23, 2007	7 am – 3 pm
Friendswood High School 702 Greenbriar Friendswood, TX 77546	Friday	October 26, 2007	3 – 9 pm
Bales Intermediate 211 Stadium Drive Friendswood, TX 77546	Wednesday	October 31, 2007	7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Windsong Intermediate 2100 W. Parkwood Friendswood, TX 77546	Thursday	November 1, 2007	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Westwood Elementary 506 W. Edgewood Friendswood, TX 77546	Friday	November 2, 2007	7 am – 3 pm

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