

# 2019 BOND



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE 2019 BOND, AND HOW MUCH IS IT FOR?

If approved by voters, the proposed 2019 Bond will provide funds for various additions and renovations at West Brazos Junior High. Specific improvements include a 10-classroom addition to house sixth graders, two (2) new sets of student restrooms, two (2) science labs, two (2) Large Group Instruction areas, Band Hall renovation, new security vestibule, additional parking, and new pickup lane. The Columbia-Brazoria ISD Board of Trustees called for a \$11.5 million bond referendum to fund these proposed projects.

### HOW WILL PASSING THE 2019 BOND AFFECT CURRENT PROPERTY TAX RATES?

The proposed Columbia-Brazoria ISD 2019 Bond **will not** increase homeowners' property tax rates.

### HOW DOES CBISD'S TAX RATE COMPARE TO AREA DISTRICTS?

| School District              | 2018 Tax Rate   |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Danbury ISD                  | \$1.6047        |
| Alvin ISD                    | \$1.4500        |
| Angleton ISD                 | \$1.4500        |
| Pearland ISD                 | \$1.4156        |
| <b>Columbia-Brazoria ISD</b> | <b>\$1.2581</b> |
| Brazosport ISD               | \$1.2553        |
| Sweeny ISD                   | \$1.2117        |
| Damon ISD                    | \$1.1700        |

### WAS THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THE BOND PLAN?

Yes. The proposed bond plan was vetted and approved by a facilities committee made up of community members.

### HOW WAS THE CBISD 2019 BOND DEVELOPED?

The Columbia-Brazoria ISD 2019 bond was developed in response to the need to address enrollment growth within the district, specifically in the West Columbia Elementary School zone. To accommodate this increased enrollment while keeping the established community elementary school "feel", CBISD looked at adding space where it would be most economical. This was determined to be at West Brazos Junior High.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF THE 2019 BOND IS NOT APPROVED?

If the 2019 Bond is not approved by voters, Columbia-Brazoria ISD will have to redraw elementary school boundaries and transition to grade-level schools.

### WHEN WERE OUR CURRENT FACILITIES BUILT?

#### Barrow Elementary School:

Originally constructed in 1968; improvements in 1979, 2002

#### Wild Peach Elementary School:

Originally constructed in 1980; improvements in 1988, 2009

#### West Columbia Elementary School:

Originally constructed in 2005

#### West Brazos Junior High:

Originally constructed in 2006; improvements in 2015

#### Columbia High School:

Originally constructed in 1962; improvements in 1968, 1980, 1984, 1986, 2000, 2015

#### Central Administration Building:

Originally constructed in 1965; improvements in 1984

#### Griggs Field/Field House:

Originally constructed in 1968; improvements in 1989, 1999, 2015

## **IS CBISD REQUIRED TO SELL THE ENTIRE BOND AMOUNT APPROVED BY VOTERS?**

No. Columbia-Brazoria ISD will sell what is necessary to complete the proposed projects.

## **IF THE BOND IS APPROVED, WILL CBISD SELL THE ENTIRE BOND AMOUNT AT ONE TIME?**

It is likely that all of the bonds will be sold at one time. However, we will work with our financial advisor (SAMCO) to determine the best plan for the sale of our bonds.

## **WOULDN'T THIS MONEY BE BETTER SPENT ON OUR STUDENTS' EDUCATION?**

Bond money does NOT pay for the general maintenance and operations of a school – it does NOT pay teachers, run buses, provide food services or maintenance and custodial services. If the bond does not pass, any renovations, remodels, and/or improvements to keep our schools open will come from maintenance and operation funds, which WILL take funds from the education of our children.

## **HOW CAN DISTRICT VOTERS SUBMIT QUESTIONS?**

Questions regarding the proposed CBISD 2019 Bond can be submitted via the informational bond website at [www.CBISD.com](http://www.CBISD.com). Answers will be emailed directly if an email address is provided, as well as posted to the informational bond website.

## **WHAT MAKES UP THE CBISD TAX RATE?**

A school district's property tax rate is made up of a Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate and an Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate. The M&O tax rate provides funds for the costs of a operating school district, including salaries, supplies, utilities and day-to-day operations. The I&S tax rate provides funds for payments on debt that finance a district's facilities, such as new schools, renovations and additions, technology infrastructure, new buses, and land. Currently, there is a state cap of \$1.04 (per \$100.00 of appraised property value) for M&O rates (\$1.17 with an approved tax ratification election) and \$0.50 (per \$100.00 of appraised property value) for I&S rates. I&S funds cannot be used for M&O expenses.

## **I AM NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE. HOW DO I REGISTER?**

In order to vote in the November 5 Columbia-Brazoria ISD Bond Election, a qualified voter must be registered no later than Monday, October 7. Voter registration forms may be acquired from any Columbia-Brazoria ISD campus, at the Administration Building, or at [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov).

## **WHAT IF I WANT TO VOTE WITH A MAIL-IN BALLOT? HOW DO I OBTAIN ONE?**

Voters 65 years and older and those who expect to be out of the county during early voting and on Election Day may qualify to vote by mail. You may request a mail-in ballot by contacting the Brazoria County Clerk elections office at 979-864-1662.

## **WHEN IS EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY?**

Early Voting runs Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 1. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

If approved by voters, the 2019 Bond will produce

# **NO TAX RATE IMPACT**

for Columbia-Brazoria ISD taxpayers