



GLADEWATER ISD BOND

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

QUICK FACTS

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The Gladewater Independent School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call a bond election to be held May 10, 2014. The election, totaling \$35 million, includes the construction of an entirely new Gladewater Middle School as well as additions and renovations to the existing Weldon Intermediate School in order to make it a grade 2–5 campus.

Currently, Weldon Intermediate School serves grades 4 and 5 and Broadway Elementary School serves grades 2 and 3. The district is proposing to remove students from the Broadway Elementary campus and add them to the existing Weldon Intermediate campus in order to address an aging and inefficient campus and safety concerns for grades 2 and 3. In addition, constructing a new middle school will address an aging campus with many deficiencies for grades 6 through 8.

This bond package was developed by a citizens' bond steering committee consisting of local citizens, business leaders, parents and school staff. The committee met, studied the district's current educational facilities and worked to develop a bond package.

WHAT'S PROPOSED:

New Gladewater Middle School to replace the existing middle school building: \$27,075,000

Current Facility:

- Many classroom and core space sizes are below TEA (Texas Education Agency) standards
- Does not meet current building, electrical and fire code regulations and handicap accessibility requirements
- Electrical infrastructure cannot support current classroom technology without major electrical renovations
- Building systems, such as HVAC, plumbing, roof and windows, have exceeded their life expectancy
- Has multiple unsecure access points, detached buildings, portable buildings and offsite athletic facilities, creating safety and security issues
- Building foundation issues and site and parking damage exist

Proposed New Facility:

- A new, energy-efficient facility to serve grades 6–8 with a capacity of 450 students to be built on the site of the existing Weldon Intermediate School campus
- Classrooms that meet state size requirements, with capabilities to support current and future classroom technology
- Computer labs, science labs with prep rooms, elective classrooms and special program classrooms
- Fine Arts spaces including band hall, choir hall, art lab and theater classroom
- Library, cafetorium and administrative spaces
- Main gymnasium, practice gymnasium and support athletic spaces including weight room, locker rooms and training room
- Controlled entry vestibule with card reader access system for campus security
- New on-site parking and student pick-up and drop-off drives

Additions and Renovations to Weldon Intermediate School for a Grade 2–5 Campus: \$7,925,000

- Add additional classroom space and restrooms to accommodate the addition of grades 2 and 3
- Renovate and expand core spaces to accommodate additional grade levels
- Add additional support space and required parking
- Minor renovations and new secure entry to the existing building

It is planned for the district to pursue other opportunities for use of the existing middle school and elementary school buildings once they are no longer in instructional use.

TOTAL BOND PROPOSAL: \$35,000,000

Tax Impact: If approved, the estimated tax impact of this bond is anticipated to be 36 cents for a total tax rate of \$1.53. For an average home value of approximately \$93,000, this represents an increase of approximately \$17.82 per month.

Voters Over 65: Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value, excluding the value of any new improvements, such as additions or renovations, that increase the value of such homesteads.

Early Voting:
APRIL 28 – MAY 6, 2014



Election Day Voting:
MAY 10, 2014