



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Bond passes by 71 percent

On May 11, 2013, voters in the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District community overwhelmingly approved the GCCISD bond proposal, with official election results showing 71 percent voting "for" the \$267.54 million bond.

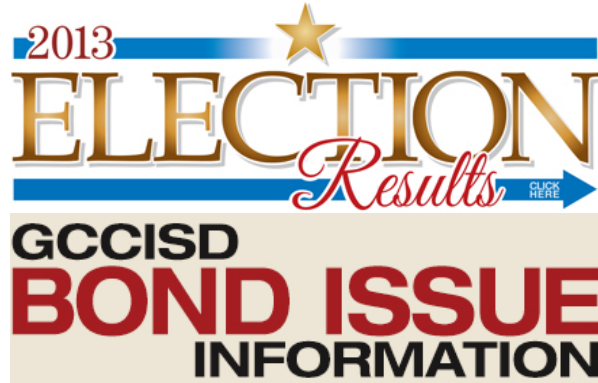
"This is an exciting time for the future of our Goose Creek CISD students and the community," said Howard Sampson, president of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees.

The approval of this bond package follows many months of hard work by area residents, business and industry representatives, community leaders and District personnel who served on the Facilities Planning Committee and made bond recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Passage of Proposition One will support facilities projects that will accommodate anticipated district growth projected by a recent demographic study. The study, by Population and Survey Analysts, Inc., predicted growth of nearly 4,500 students in GCCISD over the next decade. The bond includes construction of three elementary schools, Career and Technical Education improvements, and District-wide technology upgrades, as well as a Technology Center and a Transportation Center.

The approval of Proposition Two will provide needed facility improvements, identified in a recent assessment by Jacobs and VLK Architects, along with site improvements which were identified by campus administrators and proposed by the Facilities Planning Committee. The bond also provides for safety and security improvements at each campus.

Additionally, bond monies will allow the repurposing of Alamo Elementary to expand John M. Stuart Career Center, safety and site improvements at Stallworth Stadium, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Labs on all five junior school campuses, and academies on three high school campuses. Further plans include a STEM Academy at Robert E. Lee High School, while Goose Creek Memorial High School will house the International Business, Logistics, and Tourism Academy.



Ross S. Sterling High School will feature the Health Science Academy, with multiple labs to be used for courses that lead to more health care credentialing. Lastly, the three high school campuses have plans for ROTC Obstacle and Confidence Courses, while a new classroom and lab will allow GCM to offer ROTC on campus. Lee and Sterling will update their ROTC facilities and add a computer lab.

Homeowners who are over 65 years of age or disabled will experience no tax increase as a result of the bond program. The maximum estimated tax impact on other GCCISD residents would be approximately \$8.15 per month for a \$100,000 home.

"We appreciate the support from the community in passing this bond," said Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Superintendent of Schools. "This has been a team effort, and I wish to thank everyone who had a part in making this dream come true for our District."

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