



# BOND ISSUE 2013

Goose Creek CISD voters will have the chance to consider a \$267.54 million bond proposal for school district improvements in a May 11 bond election.

The development of this bond package follows many months of work by area residents, business and industry representatives, community leaders and District personnel who served on the Facilities Planning Committee. At the start of the process, the District sought nominations from a number of service organizations and education groups, plant managers, city and county officials, area Chambers of Commerce and other groups, as well as self-nominations. In addition, principals nominated parent representatives for the committee.

The process for developing a bond proposal was based on projections from demographer Dr. Pat Guseman of Population and Survey Analysts, Inc., who conducted a demographic study of the District. Her results indicate that GCCISD will have growth of almost 4,500 students over the next decade. In addition, committee members considered the results of the facility condition assessment conducted by VLK Architects and Jacobs. This assessment included the inspection of 72 District facilities and development of an inventory of major equipment. Campus administrators also provided input on site improvements for their schools.

After hearing the proposal of the Facilities Planning Committee, the Board of Trustees adopted the order and called for the May 11 bond election. Early voting will be held April 29 through May 7 at a number of sites listed on page 4.

For additional information about the GCCISD bond election, please call the Communications Office at 281-420-4813 or visit the GCCISD web site at [www.gccisd.net](http://www.gccisd.net).

## No tax increase for over 65 or disabled

Homestead property tax owners who are over 65 or disabled will experience no tax increase as a result of the bond program.

– (Texas Tax Codes, Section 11.26, 11.13)

# FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1) How does our tax rate compare to other districts in the area?

Out of 21 districts in the surrounding area, our tax rate ranks number 16. Therefore, we have one of the lowest tax rates in the group. The comparison group includes the following districts: Spring, Katy, Humble, Galena Park, Channelview, Cy-Fair, Huffman, Klein, Crosby, Sheldon, Pearland, Deer Park, Spring Branch, Tomball, Pasadena, La Porte, Barbers Hill, Aldine, Alief and Houston.

### 2) How will this affect me as a homeowner?

The additional cost of the \$267.5M Bond (using the Exxon & Chevron plant expansions at 80% of the forecasted property value) for homesteaded properties are shown below:

Market Value of Home	Taxes above current I&S tax rate
\$100,000	\$ 8.15/month or \$ 97.80/year
\$150,000	\$13.04/month or \$156.48/year
\$200,000	\$17.93/month or \$215.16/year

### 3) How can you be sure that we will have the growth that you are predicting?

The District hired a highly respected demographer, Population and Survey Analysts (PASA), to perform student growth projections in July of 2012. According to PASA, approximately 4,500 new students are projected to be enrolled in Goose Creek over the next decade, with annual gains ranging between 1.5-2%.

From the 2011-2012 school year to the current school year, the District has seen growth of over 270 students. Over the past five years, the District has gained 1,370 students or has grown by 6.7%. Our student population as of February 20 is 21,718 students.

Our current growth history has validated the demographer's most recent predictions.

### 4) Was the 2005 bond issue successful?

Yes, the bond issue was very successful and was completed under budget. The leftover funds were used to pay down the Interest & Sinking portion of the tax rate to keep the tax rate down for our taxpayers.

### 5) How many portable buildings is the District currently using?

There are 67 portable buildings currently in use across the District.

**6) Will this bond issue eliminate portable buildings in our District?**

It will go a long way in reducing the number of portables being used in the district; however, due to our current student growth rate and our high mobility rate, we will likely still have portable buildings at some campuses.

**7) Is GCCISD operating as efficiently as it can?**

We believe we are functioning as efficiently as possible; however, we are always seeking more efficient solutions to reduce costs.

**8) How can you assure us that the bond projects will be well managed?**

The Board and Administration have gone on public record supporting the utilization of local industry, business and community expertise in advising the District in the management of a bond program. This process worked well in the 2005 bond program and would be a starting point in the development of a comprehensive program management and commissioning plan. Additionally, there are funds included in the bond issue to hire outside firm(s) to oversee project management and commissioning.

**9) Why do we need a Technology Center?**

The current Technology Center is in a building that was constructed over 30 years ago. The building was designed to be a skating rink. Our Technology Center is a facility used to house all district computer systems and associated components such as telecommunications, network connectivity, software applications and storage systems. The entire District is built upon a sophisticated high-speed, wide-area network with Internet connectivity.

The Technology Center is a crucial aspect of all the District's operations. If a system, such as Payroll, Finance, Student Information Systems, E-Mail, or the Internet becomes unavailable, district operations may be impaired or stopped completely. Information security is also a concern. The Technology Center must offer a secure environment which minimizes any type of security breach. This center will provide high standards for assuring the integrity and functionality of a secure Technology Center, which includes emergency backup generation. Another concern is that our current Technology Center is not built to withstand severe weather, such as a Category 3 storm. The roofing, siding and overall structure are not at an industry-level standard for sustained operability.

**10) Why do we need a Transportation Center?**

We currently do not have a permanent facility for our Transportation Department. We are working out of three double-wide portable buildings at Stallworth Stadium. Our Transportation Garage/Shop at Lee Drive, built in the early 1970s, is inappropriately equipped and not large enough for our current shop staff and the fleet of 206 buses it serves.

**11) Why do we need to expand Stuart Career Center?**

As the District continues to grow, the support systems provided for students must also expand. The expansion of Stuart Career Center will provide students an array of academic and technical opportunities based on their interest and needs to prepare them for college and career readiness. The District

will strive to provide direction for every child based on future industrial growth, interest surveys and student/community needs.

**12) Are we getting any more technology in our schools?**

Yes. The proposed technology bond includes a substantial amount of technology, including major infrastructure upgrades, classroom technology, tablet and laptop technology, student response and collaboration systems, and interactive white boards. A summary list of technology items planned for our schools includes:

- Wireless network access with 100% coverage in all schools
- Interactive white boards and ceiling-mounted projectors
- Classroom mobile tablets and/or laptops for 4th – 12th grade in target content areas
- Take-home mobile devices for senior high school students
- Library and instructional media centers
- Computer lab replacements and expansion
- Security cameras and surveillance systems for school safety
- Video broadcasting
- New communication and telephone systems
- Data storage expansion
- Network electronics and high speed Internet communication systems
- Teacher and staff computer replacements
- Technology for the new elementary schools

**13) Why do our students need technology in their education?**

The proposed technology included in the 2013 Bond will support the development of 21st Century Learners. Our children's expectations and needs have changed. Students use digital technology in their daily lives. Students do not want to "power down" when they get to school. They need educational access and resources that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide real world engagement. Our future students must be world-class communicators in a global society, creative knowledge workers, and college and career ready graduates. Our responsibility is to prepare them to thrive in a 21st Century workforce in an environment where technology is key to their success.

**14) What are the State standards for technology?**

New Texas state standards now require essential knowledge and skills in the area of technology. This includes technology standards that facilitate creativity and innovation, communication and collaboration, research and information fluency, critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making, as well as digital citizenship. As early as 2nd grade, students are required to start keyboarding (typing) and use online collaboration tools and instructional games.

In 5th grade, students are required to use technology where they communicate, research, collaborate and problem solve. In secondary grade levels, students need technology tools to collect, organize, evaluate and synthesize information, using digital tools to formulate solutions in authentic problems. The high school curriculum now offers Business Information Management, Webmaster Development, Computer Program, Multimedia and Design, as well as Computer Repair and Maintenance. The State standards for technology will continue to increase.

## PROPOSITION ONE

Proposition One includes projects that address District growth as projected by Population and Survey Analysts, Inc., in its recent GCCISD demographic study.

These projects would provide three new elementary schools, Career and Technical education improvements, and District-wide technology improvements, including a Technology Center and a Transportation Center.

Construction of Elementary School	\$ 22,002,529
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Robert E. Lee High School	\$ 2,688,387
Ross S. Sterling High School	\$ 4,043,742
Goose Creek Memorial High School	\$ 7,348,422
John M. Stuart Career Center & Alamo Repurpose	\$ 12,639,441
Baytown Junior School	\$ 400,161
Cedar Bayou Junior School	\$ 400,161
Highlands Junior School	\$ 400,161
Horace Mann Junior School	\$ 400,161
George H. Gentry Junior School	\$ 400,161
Lee Drive Transportation	\$ 222,911
Data Technology & Emergency Operations Center	\$ 7,161,263
New Transportation Center	\$ 10,756,358
Agriculture Science Expansion	\$ 5,692,229
Technology Improvements at All Campuses	\$ 52,467,683
Program Management	\$ 5,561,047
<b>TOTAL – PROPOSITION ONE</b>	<b>\$177,690,000</b>

## PROPOSITION TWO

Proposition Two includes projects identified by VLK Architects and Jacobs during the companies' recent facility condition assessment as well as site improvements identified by campus principals and proposed by the Facilities Planning Committee.

Also included are safety and security improvements for each campus.

Stephen F. Austin Elementary School	\$ 1,601,608
James Bowie Elementary School	\$ 305,200
George W. Carver Elementary School	\$ 906,223
Harlem Elementary School	\$ 2,152,019
Highlands Elementary School	\$ 1,509,796
Mirabeau B. Lamar Elementary School	\$ 2,176,466
San Jacinto Elementary School	\$ 2,254,792
Ashbel Smith Elementary School	\$ 3,017,726
William B. Travis Elementary School	\$ 988,386
Bonnie P. Hopper Primary School	\$ 2,888,424
David Crockett Elementary School	\$ 2,916,083
Lorenzo DeZavala Elementary School	\$ 1,952,180
Victoria Walker Elementary School	\$ 151,373
Robert E. Lee High School	\$20,544,958
Ross S. Sterling High School	\$10,487,864
Goose Creek Memorial High School	\$ 435,729
John M. Stuart Career Center & Alamo Repurpose	\$ 1,677,691
Peter E. Hyland Center	\$ 221,360
POINT Alternative Center	\$ 887,792
Baytown Junior School	\$ 4,703,657
Cedar Bayou Junior School	\$ 2,270,500
Highlands Junior School	\$ 765,938
Horace Mann Junior School	\$ 1,817,795
George H. Gentry Junior School	\$ 4,982,580
Green Center	\$ 1,821,150
Central Administration	\$ 1,597,428
Facilities Management Complex	\$ 1,697,315
Stallworth Stadium Complex	\$ 1,232,480
Security Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 9,671,235
Program Management	\$ 2,211,952
<b>TOTAL – PROPOSITION TWO</b>	<b>\$89,850,000</b>

**TOTAL COST FOR PROPOSITION 1 & 2 – \$267,540,000**

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## ELECTION DAY VOTING – MAY 11, 2013 Polls open at 7 a.m.

**Early Voting by Mail** – Applications for voting by mail should be mailed to be received no earlier than March 12, 2013, and no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on May 3, 2013. To receive a ballot by mail, call 281-420-4816.

<b>Branch Early Voting</b>	Goose Creek CISD Administration Building 4544 Interstate 10, Baytown, TX	Monday – Friday, April 29 – May 3, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Lee College District Administration Building 909 Decker Drive, Baytown, TX	Sunday, May 5, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Tuesday, May 6 – May 7, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## TEMPORARY EARLY VOTING • APRIL 29 – MAY 7

Temporary Early Voting will be held at the following locations:

APRIL 30	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 7
<b>Mirabeau B. Lamar Elementary</b> 816 N. Pruett 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>William B. Travis Elementary</b> 100 Robin Road 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Ross S. Sterling High School</b> 300 W. Baker Road 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Ashbel Smith Elementary</b> 403 E. James 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Alamo Elementary</b> 302 YMCA Dr. 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	<b>David Crockett Elementary</b> 4500 Barkaloo 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Goose Creek Memorial High School</b> 6001 E. Wallisville 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>James Bowie Elementary</b> 2200 Clayton St. 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<b>George Washington Carver Elementary</b> 620 S. Pruett 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Robert E. Lee High School.</b> 1809 Market St. 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>MAY 6</b> <b>Lorenzo De Zavala Elementary</b> 305 Tri-City Beach Road 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Gentry Junior</b> 1919 E. Archer Road 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Harlem Elementary</b> 3333 Interstate 10 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>San Jacinto Elementary</b> 2615 Virginia 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>MAY 7</b> <b>Highlands Junior</b> 1212 E. Wallisville 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Cedar Bayou Junior</b> 2610 Elvinta 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<b>MAY 2</b> <b>Highlands Elementary</b> 200 E. Wallisville 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>MAY 3</b> <b>Stephen F. Austin Elementary</b> 3022 Massey-Tompkins Road 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Victoria Walker Elementary</b> 4711 Seabird 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Baytown Junior</b> 7707 Bayway Dr. 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Horace Mann Junior</b> 310 Hwy. 146 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.			<b>Hopper Primary</b> 405 E. Houston 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.