

HP **BOND**
2024

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HIGHLAND PARK ISD

Election Day: November 5, 2024



The Highland Park ISD Board of Trustees called a maintenance and efficiency school bond election for Tuesday, November 5.

It's been nearly a decade since HPIISD asked voters to consider a school bond election.

The last election approved by local voters was in 2015.

PROP A

\$137.3 million

No Tax Rate Increase

The proposed single-proposition bond will not increase the tax rate, and if approved, would address aging and failing facility systems, immediate repairs, safety and security updates, and by funding capital maintenance items with bond proceeds—make more funds available to increase teacher salaries.

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The November 5th Highland Park ISD bond referendum will not change your tax rate.

Projects recommended at every campus

All HPISD campuses would benefit from this bond through one or more of the following priorities:



Immediate Maintenance and Safety Needs



Budget and Compensation Optimization



Property Acquisition



Campus and District Improvements



Immediate Maintenance and Safety Needs

Immediate needs include: fencing, door access readers, emergency call buttons, police vehicle, security and fire alarm upgrades, security software, HVAC, roofs, plumbing, flooring, electrical systems, sump pump replacement, restroom renovations, and kitchen improvements.



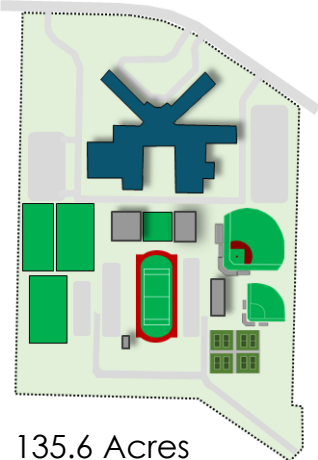
Budget and Compensation Optimization

Funding specific projects through bonds, instead of the regular operating budget, saves more money in the general fund and would allow for an immediate raise for teachers and staff. In fact, some of the projects, such as LED lighting upgrades, software used to manage district assets, and extracurricular buses, among others, will **save an estimated \$2.5 million dollars annually** in operation costs once the projects are fully implemented.

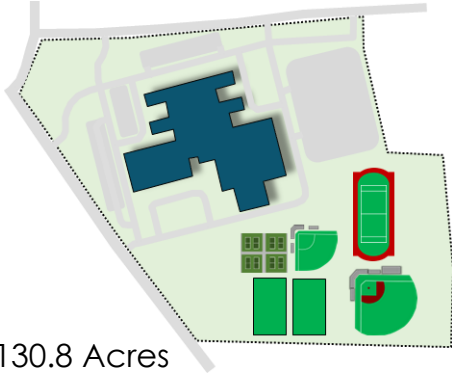


Property Acquisition

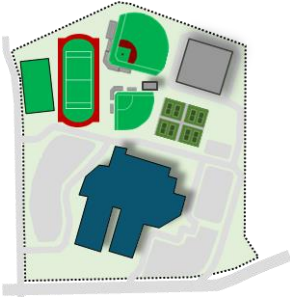
Highland Park ISD has a limited footprint compared to other area school districts. Funds for property acquisition would be used to purchase land for future HPISD facilities or needs and provide additional parking at the high school.



135.6 Acres
TX High School



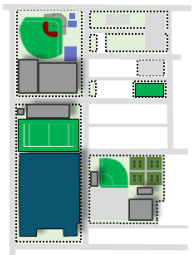
130.8 Acres
TX High School



72.4 Acres
TX High School



87.3 Acres
TX High School



28.22 Acres
Highland Park High School



Campus and District Improvements

Campus and district priorities include items such as a kitchen and serving line expansion at the high school, aging instrument replacement for our band and orchestra programs, auditorium improvements at secondary complexes, the addition of artificial turf at MIS/HPMS, along with funds for upgrades and safety enhancements at all campuses.

Armstrong



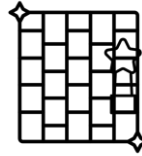
Exterior Improvements

- Select Window and Door Replacements
- Drainage Improvements
- Playground Improvements/ Court Resurfacing



Interior Improvements

- HVAC Replacements
- Subgrade Plumbing Repairs/Improvements
- Doors/Hardware
- Plumbing Fixtures - Restrooms
- Select Locker Replacements
- Corridor Flooring Replacement
- Add Electrical to Select Classrooms



Gym Renovations/Refresh

- Floor Replacement
- Lighting Improvements
- Wallpad Replacement
- Repaint



Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovations

- Kitchen Equipment Replacements/Upgrades
- Flooring Replacement in Serving/Prep Area
- Enclose Manager's Office
- Reface Serving Lines

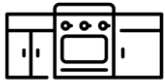
Select Classroom Furniture Replacement

MIS-HPMS



Exterior Improvements

- MIS Play Area
Grading/Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements
- Turf Install for Main Athletic/Extracurricular Field
- Track Improvements



Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovations

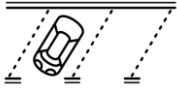
- Kitchen Equipment Replacements/Upgrades
- Select Renovations/Improvements
- Dining Room Table Replacements



Interior Improvements

- HVAC Replacements/Upgrades: including Fan Coils, VAV Boxes, OAU's
- Chiller Piping System including Central Plant Piping Replacement
- Repair/Replace Security and Fire Alarm Systems
- Doors/Hardware
- Restroom Renovations
- Repair Elevators
- Classroom Audio Upgrades
- Locker Renovations
- Locker Room Improvements
- Black Box Renovation
- Auditorium Improvements

HPHS



Exterior Improvements

- Additional Student Parking
- Electrical Upgrades: Parking Garage



Interior Improvements

- Repair/Replace Security and Fire Alarm Systems
- HVAC - RTUs Replacements
- Doors/Hardware
- Restroom Renovations
- Scene Shop Renovations
- EXG Art Room Renovations
- Science Lab Renovations
- CPT Flooring Replacement
- VCT Flooring Replacement - Corridors
- Basement Sump Pumps



Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovations

- Kitchen Equipment Replacements/Upgrades
- Kitchen and Serving Line Renovations
- Flooring Replacement

Boone



Bradfield



Hyer



UP



Campus Improvements/
Life Cycle Contingencies

Administration Building



- Partial Building Roof Replacement
- HVAC Replacements

Safety & Security



- Camera Server Replacement
- Security Camera Replacements & Additions
- Controlled Access Card Readers
- 6' Site Fencing
- Emergency Call Out Buttons
- Police Vehicle
- Security Subscription Services

Budget & Compensation Optimization Priorities



Buses/Student Transportation

- Extracurricular and Field Trip Buses
- Special Education Route Buses
- Bus Parking Lot



LED Lighting Retrofits

- LED Lighting Upgrades - Armstrong, HPMS-MIS, HPHS



Student Instructional Supplies

- Instructional Materials, Textbooks, Curriculum Supplies



Software Licensing Agreements

- District-Level Software - Infrastructure and Administrative Needs

Property Acquisition



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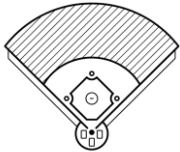
- Hyer Street/Grassmere Lane Properties for Future Campus Facilities
- Contingency - Future Property Values, Additional Property Acquisition Opportunities

Extracurricular



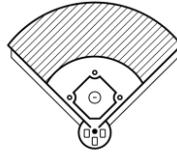
Indoor Practice Facility

- Turf Replacement
- Weight Room Resurfacing
- LED Lighting
- Wall Padding Replacement
- Paint



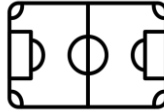
Softball Field

- Batting Cage
- Bullpen Improvements
- Changing Room



Baseball Field

- Turf Replacement
- Safety Netting Improvements



Grassmere Field

- Turf Install
- Safety Netting



Uniforms Replacement Cycle

Extracurricular



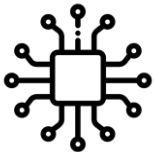
- Band & Orchestra Instrument Replacement
- Band Uniform Replacement
- Band Trucks & Trailers
- Classroom Improvements - All Campuses

Facility Services



- New/Replacement Equipment
- Warehouse Upgrades or Acquisition

Technology



- Server, Switches, Wireless Access Points

Citizens Help Shape Nov. 5 Bond Proposal

Parents, staff and community
leaders guide project
recommendations

The Community Advisory Committee assessed the district's capital improvement needs and advised the Board of Trustees on a bond package.

Meeting from February to April 2024, the committee recommended a \$130-\$140 million bond to address immediate needs and support teacher salary increases, all without increasing the tax rate.

Community Advisory Committee Members



Mr. Robert F. Begert
Mrs. Rebecca Bell
Mr. Benjamin Carpenter
Mr. Brad Cheves
Mr. Pete Chilian

Mr. Dallas Cothrum
Mr. Michael Denton Jr.,
Committee Chair
Mrs. Elizabeth Gambrell
Mrs. Margo Goodwin

Mr. Robert T. Halpin
Mr. Peter Hegi
Mrs. Leslie Kibby
Mr. Thomas Laughlin
Ms. Connie O'Neill

Mr. Nick Peters
Mr. Peter Pincoffs
Mr. Paul Rowsey
Mrs. Elizabeth Speicher
Mrs. Claire Swope

Mr. Price Wagner
Mrs. Jane Wallingford
Mr. Clinton Warren
Mrs. Stephanie Wilson

School Finance Facts

M&O

Maintenance & Operations

- Daily costs to fund the operations of schools like employee salaries and benefits, utilities, fuel and supplies.
- These funds impact daily teaching and learning and most of what you think about in the school day.

I&S

Interest & Sinking

- Can only be used to pay down debt and interest; cannot be used for operational costs, such as salaries and benefits.
- A school district can take on new debt only after voters approve a school bond proposition.

2023-24 Tax Rate

HPISD's current
tax rate is made up of:

\$0.7227 **M&O**

per \$100 assessed valuation

+ **\$0.1700** **I&S**

per \$100 assessed valuation

\$0.8927

per \$100 assessed valuation

Maximizing the M&O Budget for Teachers

- If the M&O budget is used to pay for capital improvements and other facility-related expenses, you don't have those funds available to put towards teacher salaries.
- M&O funds are subject to Chapter 49 recapture and I&S funds are not. The proposed election shifts the district's reliance on M&O funds to I&S, which is not subject to recapture.



Finance Facts



The HPISD local tax rate has **decreased over 25%** since 2018-19.



The **proposed bond would not increase the tax rate**, because Highland Park ISD regularly retires past debts and pays off some debt early. Plus, the district's tax base continues to grow.



Citizens 65 or older have their taxes frozen.

Ballot Wording

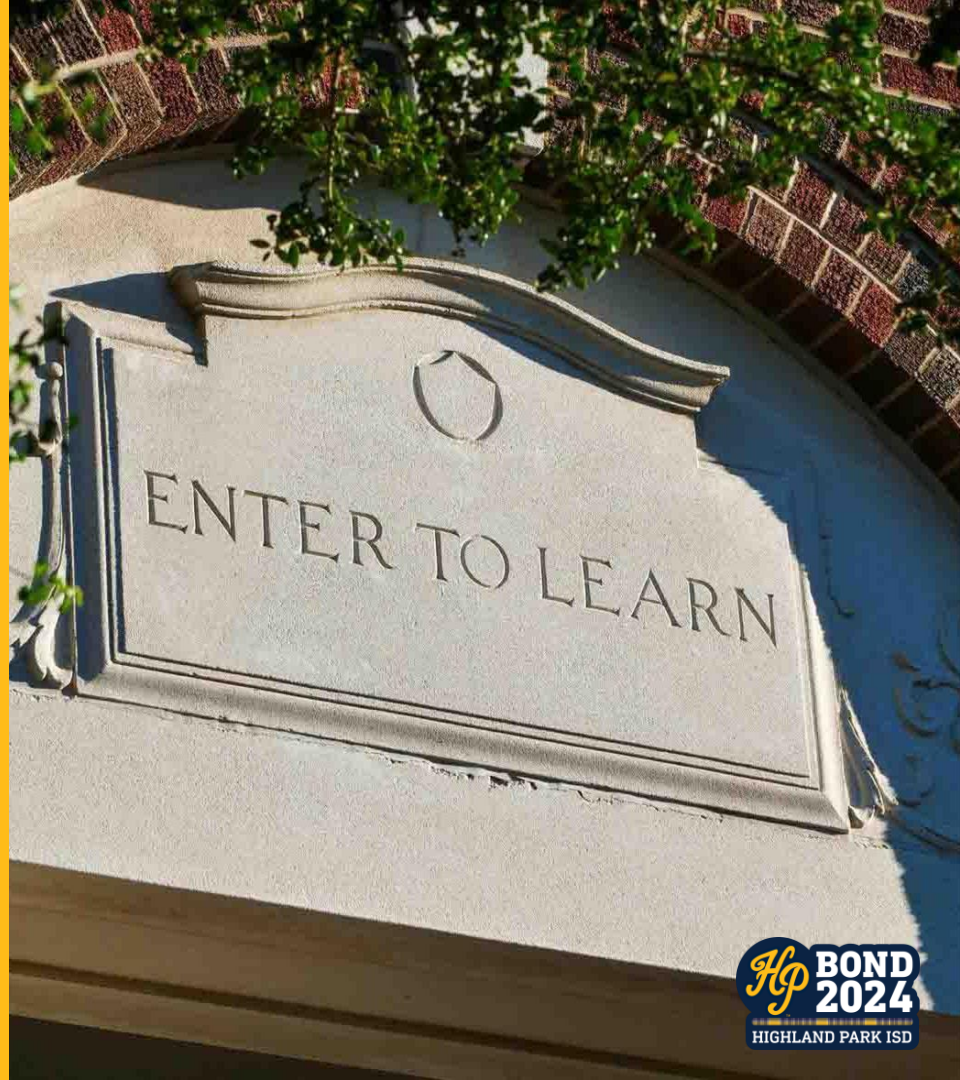
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HPISD is **one of only three public school districts in the state of Texas to earn the highest bond ratings Aaa/AAA** by two major ratings agencies. This allows the district to enjoy better interest rates for borrowing and paying bond debt back sooner.

Bond Money Stays in Highland Park ISD

In 2023-24, the state recaptured \$0.58 of every dollar HPISD collects from taxpayers for maintenance and operations. However, **100% of all the money raised by a bond election stays in Highland Park ISD under local control.** Bond money is not subject to recapture.



Voting Information



Vote Early

Oct. 21 - Nov. 1

Any Dallas County voting location

Early voting schedule provides convenience and flexibility



Election Day Voting by Precinct

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5



Election Results

will be shared on
HPISD's website and
social media accounts

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Register To Vote

You must register by October 7 to participate in this election.



Submit your bond-related questions

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