



Building Brighter Futures

VOTE NOVEMBER 4

Vote November 4th - FBISD Bond

2003 BOND BY THE NUMBERS

A Managing Rapid Growth Scheduled to Open

High School #10	\$54,156,919	(Fall 2006)
Middle School #12	\$31,174,740	(Fall 2006)
Middle School #13	\$32,196,401	(Fall 2007)
Elementary #40	\$12,721,276	(Fall 2006)
Elementary #41	\$12,721,276	(Fall 2006)
Elementary #42	\$13,216,918	(Fall 2007)

TOTAL: \$159,687,530
 (Including Contingency of \$3,500,000)

B Supporting Student Achievement

Instructional Technology	\$19,500,000
Student Transportation	\$10,902,008
Student Instruction	\$8,546,900
Safety & Security	\$6,391,749

TOTAL: \$45,340,657

C Maintaining Quality Facilities

Missouri City Middle School	\$30,596,401
E A Jones Elementary	\$11,816,671
Quail Valley Elementary	\$11,816,671
Heating & Cooling/Air Quality	\$20,489,561
Technology & Communications	
Infrastructure	\$16,000,000
Structural Integrity	\$4,202,509

TOTAL: \$94,921,813

GRAND TOTAL: . . \$299,950,000

78,077 Projected FBISD student enrollment in 2010 (an increase of 16,140 over today's enrollment).

302 Portable classrooms currently in use in FBISD.

23,000 Number of students who currently attend at least one class daily in a portable classroom (7,000 students attend most or all of their classes in portable classrooms).

9 New schools will be built using bond funds (3 of these will replace older schools that would cost more to maintain than to rebuild).

7.4 Pennies the tax rate will increase to repay the debt proposed in this bond election.

47 Percent of bond package earmarked to support capital improvements at aging campuses, upgrade technology district-wide (new computers, enhanced programming capacity and infrastructure), upgrade security systems and libraries district-wide, and purchase school buses.

7,455 New computers for district classrooms that will reduce our student-to-computer ratio to 9:1.

6,000,000 Dollars to be spent on safety and security to protect students and staff.

20,000,000 Dollars that will be spent on major air conditioning/heating system replacements and upgrades at 36 of our older schools.

116,000 New library books to be purchased for school libraries district-wide.

For more detailed information about the bond, including a listing of specific items by campus, please check the Fort Bend ISD website at www.fortbendisd.com or call the Community Relations Dept. at 281-634-1100.



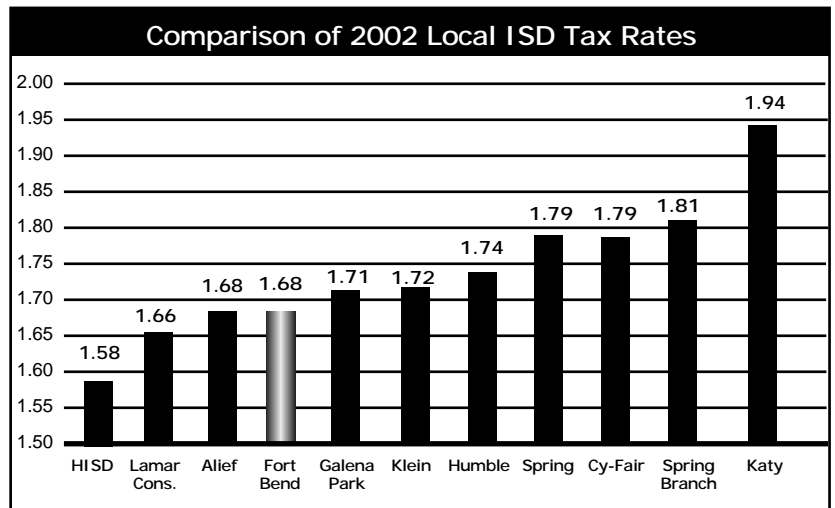
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Potential Tax Impact from the Bond Referendum

Quality schools contribute to the overall quality of our community. Fort Bend ISD wants to be a good neighbor, and will always work to maintain tax rates that are fair and fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. That is why we have planned a bond program that will address many district needs with a minimal tax increase.

Using the current average home value in Fort Bend ISD of \$130,571, the average tax bill would increase from 2003 to 2007 by \$97, or about \$8 per month.

Since 1999, FBISD has used strategic financial management to reduce or maintain a flat debt service tax rate (see below). Despite the projected new debt related to this bond referendum, the tax rate is not projected to increase higher than the 1999 rate. In addition, the projected rates shown below do not include the impact of potential state funding (subject to legislative action) and financing arrangements that would help to keep the tax rates low.



As a matter of fact, Fort Bend ISD has the lowest tax rate of comparable fast-growth districts in the Houston area (chart above).

Projected Impact of FBISD Bond Sales on Debt Service Tax Rate	Year	Debt Service Tax Rate*	Increase/Decrease
	1999	\$0.247	
	2000	\$0.193	(.054)
	2001	\$0.183	(.010)
	2002	\$0.183	—
	2003	\$0.170	(.013)
	2004 (projected)	\$0.215	.045
	2005 (projected)	\$0.226	.011
	2006 (projected)	\$0.235	.009
2007 (projected)	\$0.244	.009	

No one enjoys higher tax bills, but in Fort Bend ISD, they are a sign of continual growth and development. Because Fort Bend County is a desirable area in which to live, home values continue to increase, which results in higher taxes overall.

Unfortunately, the increasing values do not truly benefit the school district because we lose funding from the state whenever our local taxable values increase. That is why our tax rates remain the same, or increase, even though it appears they should be able to go down when your home value goes up.

FBISD will continue to work diligently to manage our budget in a responsible manner, and to maintain a tax rate that is fiscally responsible to our community.

* Per \$100 of taxable value. Does not include potential impact of additional state aid or financing arrangements that might reduce cost of debt.

Please Note!

- Homeowners 65 years of age or more who have a homestead exemption will NOT see an increase in their school taxes.



Projected Growth in Enrollment

