

What is included in the proposed bond?  
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2018 Bond  
Frequently Asked Questions

Who was involved in putting the package together?

The plan was developed with extensive community input from a diverse group of citizens from all parts of the District. A committee of more than 100 community and business leaders met and worked in January 2018 to evaluate the findings and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Committee members were:

Bill Agan  
Mary Barwinkel

Bond Highlights

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- x Provides a security vestibule at 15 campuses (All rebuilds will have safety vestibules)
 

North Oaks Middle	Hardeman Elementary
North Ridge Middle	Holiday Heights Elementary
Smithfield Middle	Mullendore Elementary
Watauga Middle	North Ridge Elementary
Academy at C.F. Thomas Elem.	Porter Elementary
Foster Village Elementary	Snow Heights Elementary
Francisco Elementary	Spicer Elementary
Green Valley Elementary	
- x Renovations
  - f Smithfield Middle School
    - ¾ Gym/Emergency Storm Shelter, Locker Room Restrooms
  - f Haltom High School
    - ¾ Classroom Enhancements/Auditorium Renovations
- x Technology Upgrades at all Facilities
  - f Replacement of obsolete equipment
  - f Student/classroom technology upgrades
    - ¾ Moves from a 5:1 student-to-technology ratio to a 2:1 student-to-technology ratio
  - f Teacher/staff technology upgrades
  - f Network operations/disaster recovery servers and equipment updated
  - f Technology Bonds paid off in five years
- x Repairs and Upgrades
  - f Heating and Air Conditioning/Roof Replacement
  - f Theater lighting upgrades at Birdville, Haltom and Richland high schools

What will guarantee that these projects will be done as proposed?

If the bond package passes, BISD's board of trustees will once again form a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee to oversee the bond to ensure everything in the proposal is completed and within budget.

The final reports of the 2006 and 2014 Bond Oversight Committees said, "In summary, the oversight committee commends the Birdville Board, administration, and staff for completing all projects promised to the voters of BISD, on time and within resources available for construction projects ..."

[2006 Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee Final Report](#)  
[2014 Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee Website](#)

Will this plan eliminate all portable buildings in BISD?

No, however, the bond proposal being presented to BISD voters on November 6 does eliminate 50 portable classrooms across the district.

How does this bond address technology in the District?

The focus of the technology portion of the bond proposal is to create equity across the District through standard classroom and campus technology that incorporates new and existing technology. The plan:

- x Replaces obsolete equipment
- x Provides for student/classroom technology upgrades
- x Moves from a 5:1 student-to-technology ratio to a 2:1 student-to-technology ratio;
- x Provides teacher/staff technology upgrades
- x Updates network operations/disaster recovery servers and equipment

The technology plan will be rolled out over several years with a focus on addressing equity across the District. In addition, as existing technology is no longer functional for use, it will be replaced with new technology. The plan allows for flexibility in selecting devices as technology continues to change. By expanding the wireless network, it allows connectivity for more flexible learning that can happen anywhere. Technology bonds are paid off in five years.

How does this bond address safety and security?

The safety of our students and staff remains a top priority in Birdville ISD. District staff work diligently to maintain safe and secure facilities. What has been accomplished in the past 48 months?

- x Front door buzzer systems installed at all K-8 schools
- x Obsolete security cameras replaced
- x Card readers added to more than 92 doors throughout BISD
- x Obsolete security video recorders replaced
- x Security for Fine Arts/Athletic Complex
- x Lighting and camera projects throughout BISD

The 2018 final bond proposal includes:

- x Providing enhanced security at all proposed rebuilt campuses
- x Provides safety vestibules at:  
North Oaks Middle

What is the Partner school for Major Cheney Elementary at South Birdville and Richland Elementary?

The 2017–18 enrollment for Cheney was 447 students, and Richland was 297. After much discussion, the Committee agreed to propose a Partner school because they learned there was not a good option for either campus to be rebuilt on their current sites. The Committee was presented with an option that would centrally locate the new campus between the current Partner

How can this bond proposal be accomplished without a tax rate increase?

The efficient management of the BISD's existing bond debt over the last six years has allowed the District to refinance more than \$142.2 million of its outstanding bonds at a lower interest rate,



How can bond money be used?

Bond money can be used for new schools and facilities, expansion and renovations of existing facilities, furniture,







