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**BOND 2008
ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 4
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Last Day to Register to Vote
October 6**

**Early Voting
October 20 to October 31**



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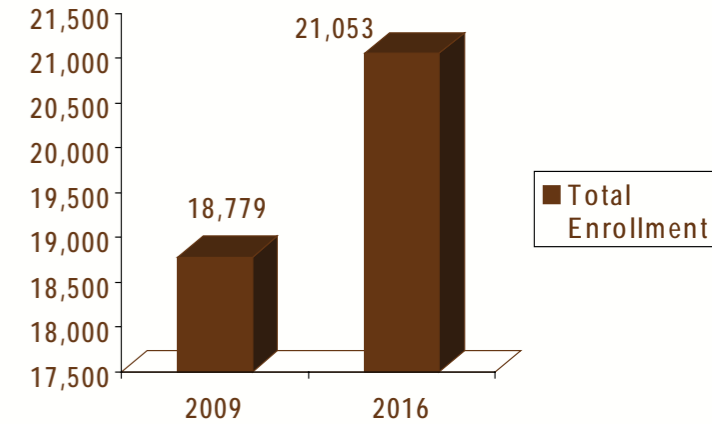
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**Continual Growth and Facility Needs in Tyler ISD
Prompts Bond**

On Tuesday, November 4, voters will go to the polls to vote on a \$125 million school bond referendum. The bond package provides for the replacement of three campuses on existing sites, and three campuses on sites to be determined. The schools included in this package include Griffin, Andy Woods, Jones, Orr, and Clarkston elementary schools, as well as St. Louis School.

Tyler ISD's student population has increased by an average of more than 167 students each school year for the past five years. In the next seven years, the student population is projected to increase more than 10 percent.

Enrollment Projections – 2016



Bond 2008 Cost to the Average Taxpayer

Based on Maximum Debt Service Tax Rate Increase and a one – time sale of \$124,877,000 of bonds. The tax rate drops in the year 2011 due to a reduction in debt on the 2004 bond and an estimated increase in property values of 5% annually.

There are no bond tax rate increases for 2009

Tax Rate (Peak rate in 2010)	34.977
2008/09 (Fiscal Year) I&S Tax Rate	18.53
Projected Increase in Tax Rate	16.447

Gross Value of Home	\$135,000
Maximum Annual Increase	
2010	\$197.36

Five Year Tax Rate

2009	No Increase
2010	34.977
2011	28.269
2012	26.445
2013	24.066

MAJOR COMPONENTS OF TYLER ISD BOND 2008 - Replace 3 campuses on existing sites, 3 campuses on sites to be determined. The below costs are estimates and Tyler ISD will re-allocate resources as necessary to complete the proposed projects. Any remaining funds from the bond issue that are not required to accomplish the replacement of these six campuses will be used for other capital projects which may be appropriately funded with bond proceeds.

Clarkston Elementary School

Current	Proposed
Year Built.....1959	Sq. Footage Approx. 70,368
Capacity.....531	Capacity 600
Acreage.....10.87	SITE: Current Location
Current Enrollment.....392*	Projected Cost: \$19,285,173
Square Footage.....50,671	*Significant space occupied by special needs.
Portables.....7	
Current FCI.....93.5%	

Griffin Elementary School

Current	Proposed
Year Built..... 1960	Sq. Footage Approx. 85,000
Capacity.....553	Capacity 800
Acreage.....5.17	SITE: To Be Determined
Current Enrollment.....581	Projected Cost: \$26,699,040
Square Footage.....53,180	
Portables.....14	
Current FCI.....114.4%	

Jones Elementary School

Current	Proposed
Year Built..... 1956	Sq. Footage Approx. 67,703
Capacity.....267	Capacity 500
Acreage.....11.76	SITE: To Be Determined
Current Enrollment.....288	Projected Cost: \$19,096,882
Square Footage.....27,887	
Portables.....10	
Current FCI.....101.5%	

Orr Elementary School

Current	Proposed
Year Built..... 1962	Sq. Footage Approx. 85,000
Capacity.....462	Capacity 800
Acreage.....10.92	SITE: Current Location
Current Enrollment.....671	Projected Cost: \$23,757,936
Square Footage.....46,608	
Portables.....20	
Current FCI.....100.9%	

Andy Woods Elementary School

Current	Proposed
Year Built..... 1956	Sq. Footage Approx. 85,000
Capacity.....592	Capacity 800
Acreage.....10	SITE: Current Location
Current Enrollment.....731	Projected Cost: \$23,698,176
Square Footage.....57,686	
Portables.....13	
Current FCI.....102.5%	

St. Louis School

Current	Proposed
Year Built..... 1961	Sq. Footage Approx. 42,574
Capacity.....318*	Capacity 90
Acreage.....10	SITE: To Be Determined
Current Enrollment.....90**	Projected Cost: \$12,339,793
Square Footage.....37,574	*Built in 1961 as an elementary school
Portables.....2	**Special Needs
Current FCI.....125.5%	



When was the last bond referendum? How were those bond funds expended?

The last bond referendum passed in 2004. The bond referendum, totaling \$95,975,800, was used to rebuild six elementary schools (Austin, Bell, Bonner, Douglas, Peete, and Ramey) on existing land.

To relieve overcrowding at two other elementary campuses, Dr. Bryan C. Jack Elementary School was constructed. Jack Elementary was the first new campus to open in Tyler ISD in more than 20 years.

These projects began construction on time, were completed on time, and were completed under budget.

How was the amount of this bond referendum decided?

The research obtained from the demographic study, the facilities assessment, and the community was used to identify and prioritize the educational facility replacement/remodel projects for Tyler ISD students. Tyler ISD has determined that phasing the projects, rather than an all-encompassing bond, will be the approach to addressing facility improvements.

When is the bond election?

The bond election has been called for November 4, 2008. Having the election on a general election date will encourage higher voter turnout and reduce costs to taxpayers associated with holding a special election.

Who is qualified to vote in the TISD Bond Election?

All registered voters within the boundaries of Tyler ISD are qualified to vote.

How will this bond election impact my taxes?

Based on Maximum Debt Service Tax Rate Increase and a one-time sale of \$124,877,000 of bonds, the District's debt service tax rate is estimated to increase 16.4 cents. The projected monthly tax increase of a home valued at \$135,000 is estimated to be \$16.44. The tax rate will decrease over the next six years from the anticipated 34.97 cents in 2010 to 23.68 cents in 2014.

These estimates of tax rates are based on certain projected property tax values in the District and that the actual debt service rate is calculated and established each year by the District based on actual property tax appraisal rolls. Although the District's calculations are based on very conservative estimates, this measure before the voters is an "unlimited tax" measure and the District would have authority to set rates at the necessary amount to cover the debt service obligations as they arise each year.



How was the decision made as to what would be included in this bond proposal?

When the 2004 Bond Program was presented to voters, a multi-phase master plan was also developed with elementary school facilities addressed in Phase 1 and 2, and Phases 3 and 4 would address secondary school facilities. With the successful completion of Phase 1, the master plan has moved forward to present to the voters some of the campuses originally selected for Phase 2. With the rising cost of construction and materials, the District determined that a bond referendum to fund improvements to all of the remaining elementary schools would be too large of a strain on voters so Tyler ISD has decided to divide the remaining 10 elementary school projects. An extensive study began on the facility assessment of the remaining 10 elementary schools to determine the facilities with the most critical issues. Six campuses will be funded if the 2008 Bond Election is passed by voters, and the remaining four campuses will be addressed in the next phase.

The average age of the remaining 10 elementary school buildings in Tyler ISD that have not been renovated is 44 years, with the average age of the six buildings being considered in the second phase being almost 50 years old.

What research was used in planning the bond program?

The District contracted with a nationally recognized demographic firm to research demographic makeup, projected student population growth, new construction, and the impact of neighborhood growth on school facility locations over the next 10 years. The District also relied heavily on research gathered from The Facility Group, Inc., a professional service firm experienced in educational facility planning. The Facility Group teamed up with Tyler ISD to analyze facility needs and to create a master plan that would help to guide planning for the future of Tyler ISD school facilities.

Are Senior Citizens exempt from any taxes? I'm 65, will this affect my taxes?

Taxpayers who have an over-65 homestead exemption will NOT see an increase in their taxes because their taxes were frozen at the time of their 65th birthday once they file for the exemption with the County Appraisal District. Anyone who is eligible for this exemption should call the Smith County Appraisal District at 903-510-8600 and ask for the Exemption Department or go to the appraisal district's website at www.smithcad.org.

What is the projected completion schedule for the proposed projects?

Tyler ISD intends to complete as many projects as possible for a Fall 2010 projected opening. Some projects may require an additional year for completion and open in the Fall of 2011.

Need more information about the 2008 Bond Election?

Phone the Tyler ISD Communications Office at 903-262-1066 to schedule an educational only bond presentation for your group or organization or for more information visit www.tylerisd.org and click on the Bond 2008 link for more information. Email angela.jenkins@tylerisd.org and questions will be answered promptly.

The results of the upcoming bond election will have a significant impact on the Tyler community, Tyler ISD schools, and the students. It is important to learn as much as possible about the future bond referendum and to have your opinion heard by voting.

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November 4th***