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Judson ISD School Board Calls \$302.5 Million Bond Election, Won't Raise Tax Rate

The Judson ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved calling a bond election for November 2, 2021, in the amount of \$302.5 million during a meeting Thursday night. As a result of conservative fiscal management, enrollment growth, and retiring of old debt, the bond program will result in no increase to the tax rate.

“We’re excited about this bond program for the fact that it will impact every learning environment in the district,” said Dr. Jeanette Ball, Judson ISD Superintendent of Schools. “The bond program will address student enrollment growth, major renovations at campuses, enhance safety and security, and provide technology improvements for students and staff. In addition, the improvements can be made with no tax increase, which is a critical consideration for our homeowners and community.”

The ballot items were submitted to the board for consideration based on extensive community input by a diverse group of citizens throughout the district. The Judson ISD Growth & Planning Committee was comprised of parents, community members and educators. The committee was formed to determine the needs of the district and met from March through June before making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

At the July board meeting, members of the committee presented the committee’s recommendations, which aligned with the board priorities for moving the district forward. These priorities include the development of 21st century skills, providing resources to teachers to be the best possible facilitators of learning, and ensuring that facilities are equitable throughout the district.

The bond will appear as three separate propositions: a general school bond proposal, an athletic proposal, and a technology proposal. Judson ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Ball emphasized that approval of the bond measure by voters would not increase the district’s debt service tax rate and that the plan impacts every student, staff member, facility and community served by Judson ISD.

In order to accommodate student enrollment growth, the proposal includes the construction of a new middle school and elementary school in the northern portion of the district. The bond program will impact every campus in the school district and districtwide upgrades in the areas of safety and security, enhanced academic programs, and technology.

A significant focus in the general proposition is on facility additions and renovations, gymnasium air-conditioning, buses, safety and security improvements, and the creation of versatile learning environments. The athletic proposal includes field improvements at all three comprehensive high school campuses. Technology improvements will focus on technology infrastructure upgrades, network upgrades, safety and security enhancements.



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The general school bond proposition is \$252.3 million, the athletic proposition is \$14.9 million, and the technology proposition is \$35.3 million. The election will be held on November 2, 2021 and early voting will begin on October 18, 2021.

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About Judson ISD

Judson Independent School District is a Pre-K through 12th grade public school district in the San Antonio area. Prior to its current form, the district was known as Judson Rural School District No. 8. The rural district was created on June 25, 1958, by the Bexar County School Board and combined the existing districts of Converse, Kirby and Selma. The new district was named after Moses Campbell Judson. Today, Judson ISD serves over 23,000 students within the incorporated cities of Converse, Kirby, Live Oak, San Antonio, Selma, and Universal City. Judson ISD produces excellence throughout all campuses and builds strong connections with the community. The district earned a B rating from the Texas Education Agency and is constantly working on innovative ways to enhance the learning for its students. Judson ISD believes in providing a strong foundation for early learners by offering full day Pre-Kindergarten programs beginning at 3 years old. Being a district of choice provides Judson families to customize their own educational experiences through the multitude of programs the District has to offer. For more information, visit www.judsonisd.org

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