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**Judson ISD School Board Calls \$345,299,900 Million Bond Election,
Focus on Safety & Security**

The Judson ISD Board of Trustees approved calling a bond election for November 8, 2022, in the amount of \$345,299,900 million during a meeting Thursday night. The bond program will call for a \$0.01 tax rate increase and will impact safety and security throughout the district.

“We have prioritized the needs in the district to focus on safety and security. The safety of our students and staff are of incredible importance to us and this bond addresses that and in turn will provide the optimal learning conditions for our students,” said Dr. Jeanette Ball, Judson ISD Superintendent of Schools. “The bond program will aim to enhance security measures across our district, provide improvements on our properties to ensure safe environmental conditions for students and staff, including addressing growth and overcrowding. In addition, the improvements can be made with a small tax rate increase of \$0.01, which is a critical consideration for our homeowners and community.”

The ballot items were brought 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 all year before making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

At the August board meeting, members of the board prioritized the ballot items list and finalized what would be included in each proposition. The urgency to address safety and security issues guided these decisions.

The bond will appear as two separate propositions: the first proposition is related to safety and security and the second proposition is related to new school facilities. The proposition related to safety and security will include items and projects centered on improving safety and security measures at all campuses. In order to accommodate student enrollment growth and overcrowding, the second proposition 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 providing districtwide improvements in the areas of safety and security.

A significant focus in the first proposition is on safety and security measures which include items such as upgrading and equipping fencing and gates around campuses, security cameras, alarm upgrades, access control, and automatic lockdown capability. In addition, the proposition includes technology infrastructure upgrades needed to ensure those items are supported and function properly.



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The safety and security bond proposition is \$172,034,900 million and the school building proposition is \$173,265,000 for a total of \$345,299,900. The election will be held on November 8, 2022, and early voting will begin on October 24, 2022.

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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

It is the policy of Judson Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, marital or veteran status, disability (or relationship or association with an individual with a disability), genetic information or other legally protected status in its programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. In addition, the District also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination on the basis of disability: Director of Guidance and Counseling. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX and all other non-discrimination policies: Executive Director of Human Resources. 8012 Shin Oak. Live Oak, TX. 78233. (210) 945-5101.