



PRESS RELEASE

Judson ISD Thanks Community for Passage of Bond

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Live Oak, Texas — Judson ISD voters approved a bond issue totaling \$345,299,900 million on Tuesday. The bond propositions will allow the District to upgrade and enhance safety and security features at every school building across the district, as well as fund the building of two new campuses. Of the 34,650 people who voted, 60% cast yes votes for Proposition A; of the 35,062 people who voted, 58% cast yes votes for Proposition B.

This is the largest bond election that voters have approved in the District's history. Voters last passed a \$60 million bond issue in 2017 and a \$214 million bond issue in 2016, that funded two elementary schools. Last year, voters did not approve the bond proposal which totaled \$302.5 million.

"We want to sincerely thank our community of voters who said 'Yes' to our Judson ISD Bond Propositions and all those who helped to share our information and get the vote out," Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Ball said. "This bond puts us on the right path and in the best position to make sure we are doing everything possible to ensure safe and secure environments for students to learn and staff to work."

All of Proposition A will fund safety and security measures which will impact all students, schools and district facilities. The major projects in Proposition A include:

- Safety and security projects including surveillance cameras, access controls, automatic lockdown capability, alarm upgrades, police equipment & radios
- Safety and security projects such as installing perimeter fencing and gates, security vestibules, and parking lot lighting
- Upgrades to site infrastructure like roofing, heating and air-conditioning gymnasiums
- Upgrades to technology infrastructure to support new security features and strengthen cyber security efforts

Judson is in the midst of a historical growth period as a district. Judson ISD enrollment has grown by more than 3,841 students since the last bond was passed in 2016 and is expected to grow by more than 1,400 students over the next three years. That's an increase of 10 percent or 2,000 students over the last four years.

Proposition B will fund the building of two new school buildings and purchase additional buses. These items address the rapid growth and overcrowding in the District. The purchase of new buses will allow the District to add to the existing fleet and replace over-aged buses. The additional buses will also enable the District to add more bus routes.



Judson Independent School District has a proven track record regarding sound financial management and decision-making. The district has consistently maintained one of the lowest tax rates among its peer districts.

The District will now get to work on the next steps and begin coordinating with architects to conduct a competitive bidding process for each project, as well as finalizing a construction schedule and working with district financial advisors to establish a bond program schedule.

“We’re grateful to our community for all the support they provide to our schools, our students, and staff,” said Ball. “We will, in turn, keep our stakeholders updated on the progress of all bond projects on our Bond 2022 website, and we will continue to plan for the future by gathering input in a variety of ways. I am so proud to serve this wonderful community and look forward to our continued partnership.”

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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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