



2009 Bond Election • Tuesday, Nov. 3 \$197.5 million

Transportation

- 120 propane buses will be purchased over five years to replace high-mileage buses.
- 54 buses currently have more than 200,000 miles.
- Propane buses are more environmentally friendly than diesel buses.
- Propane is approximately one-half the cost of diesel after rebates.

Fine Arts

- Purchase instruments, equipment and uniforms for all of our schools.
- Funds for instruments and uniforms were cut from last year's budget and this year's budget due to financial constraints imposed by the state funding system.
- More of our students cannot afford to purchase instruments so they rent from the AISD.
- Instrument purchases have not kept pace with growing student participation in our music programs.
- Many of our current instruments are more than 30 years old.
- Band and orchestra uniforms are on a 10-year replacement cycle.

Technology

- Move to a five-year replacement cycle for technology from an eight-year cycle.
- More than 33 percent of AISD computers are more than eight years old.
- Additional computer labs at all levels and addition of classroom projection systems.

Facilities

- One new elementary school and additions to two elementary schools in east Arlington to relieve over-crowding.
- Classroom addition at Lamar High School to reduce the need for 28 temporary classrooms.
- Expansion of cafeteria at Arlington High School.
- Addition of two new science labs at each high school to accommodate the new state mandate that students take four years of science.
- Safety and security additions including security cameras, keyless entry systems, fencing and sex-offender screening software for all locations.
- Roofing and/or flooring replacement and repairs at 46 schools.
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades and replacements at 67 locations.
- Fire alarm system upgrades at 13 schools.
- Site work including drainage work and parking lot repairs at 31 schools.
- Remodeling work to include installation of sports flooring in the gyms at 25 elementary schools.
- Repair of auditorium seating and athletic lockers throughout the AISD.

Property Taxes

- If the bond proposition passes, the Debt Service portion of the tax rate will increase by about 5 cents from 2011 through 2017.
- The bond package will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$40 more than they are currently paying in taxes.
- For taxpayers with an over-65 homestead exemption, there will be no tax increase as AISD taxes on their homestead are frozen.

Early Voting Information

- Early voting period is Oct. 19 – 30.
- Registered voters can vote at any polling site in Tarrant County during early voting.
- Early voting sites are listed on the bond information page of the AISD Web site, www.aisd.net/bond.