

Learn all about School Bond 2010



By Dr. John Folks, Ed.D., Superintendent

I know many of our taxpayers may be questioning why Northside ISD is proposing a bond election. I can assure you that we would not be asking for your vote unless the bond issue truly was needed. Also, the bond election is in the normal three-year

cycle which has been the standard practice in order to keep up with student growth.

Northside's enrollment still grew by a whopping 3,178 students this past school year and we are projected to hit 100,000 students by the 2013-14 school year.

At the same time, we must address our existing schools, half of which are more than 20 years old.

This bond proposal is about keeping pace with growth while keeping our existing schools up to standard. In fact, half of the bond money would fund additional classrooms and facilities to accommodate growth while the other half would fund renovations and improvements throughout the District.

I invite you to take the time to learn more about School Bond 2010 and the needs of Northside ISD.

Please refer to this newsletter, or, for more information, visit the School Bond 2010 web site at <http://bond.nisd.net/2010>.

Remember, you have the opportunity to make your voice heard by voting on May 8.

School Bond 2010 need for new classroom upgrades to existing

Northside is proposing a school bond issue for \$535 million. School Bond 2010 equally addresses the need for new schools to manage continuing growth and the need to improve existing schools. The election is scheduled for May 8, 2010.

Even with the nationwide economic downturn, Northside enrollment has continued to grow by up to 3,000 students every year. That's because half of all new homes built in Bexar County are located in Northside. Just in the last eight years, NISD has opened 30 schools. This summer, NISD will open five more. Within three years, NISD will surpass 100,000 students. Since the last bond election in 2007, Northside has become the fourth largest school district in Texas.

In addition to the growth and need for more classrooms, Northside's existing schools need continued attention to keep them up to current standards and provide functional learning spaces for children. In fact, 51 percent of the proposal addresses needs at older neighborhood schools. About half of Northside's schools are more than

20 years old. The 19 school Las represents project

NISD will hit 100 students in three

Northside ISD is the sixth largest school with a current enrollment 91,578. NISD's growth will be sustained by about 2,000 3,000 new students enrolling Northside each year.

Year	Per Enroll
2008-09	
2009-10	
2010-11	
2011-12	
2012-13	
2013-14	1
2014-15	1

Early Voting

April 26 through May 4, 2010

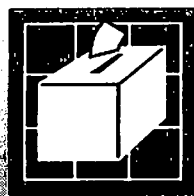
Early Voting Locations

High Schools/Middle Schools

- Health Careers HS, 4646 Hamilton Wolfe
- Jay HS, 7611 Marbach Rd.
- Stevens HS, 600 Ellison N.
- Taft HS, 11600 FM 471 W

Libraries

- Cody Library, 11441 Vance Jackson
- Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood
- Guerra Library, 7978 Military Drive W
- Igo Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway
- Johnston Library, 6307 Sun Valley Dr



Increase taxes for Senior Citizens

Property taxes for senior citizens are frozen and would not be affected by passage of the bond issue, as long as they have filed the proper paperwork for an exemption with the Bexar County