



# Carroll ISD 2009 Bond Facts

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*No Debt Service Tax Rate Increase Needed For Three Propositions*

## Carroll Board Calls May 9 Bond Election

Carroll School Board Trustees unanimously called a May bond election that will include three separate propositions, but will not require a local debt service tax rate increase. The Board met during a special meeting at Johnson Elementary School to call not only the bond election, but also the 2009 Trustee election.

Voters will decide on Proposition 1 (new schools, building additions, technology, maintenance and security projects) for \$114.1 million;

Proposition 2 (art, athletic, band and theatre facility improvements) for \$19.3 million; and Proposition 3 (Dragon Stadium seating, parking, concessions, and restroom expansion, as well as turf replacement) for \$4.6 million.

Detailed fact sheets on each proposition will be provided for parents in the coming weeks. In the meantime, the public can read more about the bond election and project details on the district's website.

The election is the culmination of a year-long

study by 41 citizens and employees on the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee. The group recommended more than \$138.8 million in projects to address student enrollment, facility maintenance and technology infrastructure. In the end, Trustees accepted most of the Committee's

recommendations, dividing them into three stand alone propositions for voter consideration.

The Board eliminated a recommended video scoreboard, sound system and press box/community box upgrades at Dragon Stadium, opting instead to offer citizens the chance

*See Carroll, on back*

### Voting Information

The last day to register to vote for the CISD Bond/Trustee election is Thursday, April 9

#### Early Voting

**Monday, April 27 - Tuesday, May 5**  
*any Tarrant County early voting site*

#### Election Day Voting

**Saturday, May 9, 2009**  
*voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. by precinct*

### Proposed New Schools

**New Durham Elementary School** on 17.98 acres  
*located just north of Dove Road on N. White Chapel Blvd.*

**New Carroll Middle School** on 25.25 acres  
*located on East Highland near Sunshine Drive intersection*

### Proposition 1

The largest of the propositions, this package includes construction of a new fifth elementary school, a new Carroll Middle School, infrastructure and instructional technology districtwide, maintenance and security projects. The \$114.1 million proposition also includes classroom additions at Old Union Elementary School, Eubanks Intermediate School, Dawson Middle School and Carroll High School.

### Proposition 2

This proposition includes new construction and facility improvements for extracurricular programs including art, athletics, band and theatre. This \$19.3 million proposition involves projects at Durham and Eubanks Intermediate Schools, Dawson Middle School, Carroll High and Carroll Senior High School.

### Proposition 3

This scaled down project at Dragon Stadium includes 1,600 additional seats, along with the associated restrooms, parking, and concession expansions. The \$4.6 million proposition also includes field turf replacement.

# Technology Plan To Address Infrastructure

Elert & Associates is a Technology Architectural Consulting Firm that was hired to conduct an analysis of Carroll ISD's technology program. The group toured campuses and district buildings, interviewing staff, studying connectivity and reviewing options for implementing a long-term technology plan. The elements of their recommendations would affect every Carroll ISD campus and are included in Proposition 1 on the May ballot.

The group's final report is available on the district's Bond 2009 webpage. Ultimately, the group recommended \$26

million in technology projects that would align the district's infrastructure and instructional technology program with the state's Long-Range Technology Plan for public schools.

Among the many recommendations was a centralized technology center to manage, cool and stabilize servers that house confidential student and staff data, district-owned fiber to reduce leasing/operational costs, redundancy to help ensure that if district internet service gets disrupted, back-up systems are available, and a new digital, voice-over IP telephone system that uses district-

owned fiber rather than Verizon-leased lines.

As part of Proposition 1, classrooms would receive document cameras to replace overheads, networked printers for sharing among grade levels/departments, additional student computers in the classroom and Promethean boards and/or projectors/teaching stations for the delivery of the curriculum. The plan would provide wireless services at all CISD buildings and schools and set up a disaster recovery location at an alternate location from the district's technology data system.

**Fact:** It has been 10 years since Carroll ISD last passed a school bond referendum to upgrade the technology infrastructure.

## Fact:

The school district's existing telephone system is incapable of expansion since no additional lines can be added.

## Carroll *from front*

to vote on a separate, scaled down version of the project. Also removed from the project list are baseball and softball lights at Carroll Senior High School. This project, school officials say, was eliminated so that CISD could continue to work with neighbors in the residential areas surrounding the CSHS campus.

Proposition 1 on the May ballot calls for construction of a new elementary school, a new middle school and building additions at Old Union Elementary, Eubanks Intermediate, Dawson Middle and Carroll High School. Core facilities would be addressed at Johnson Elementary and Carroll Elementary, along with renovations to the Durham Intermediate School campus when Durham Elementary moves to the new school site. Proposition 1 also includes \$26 million in technology infrastructure and classroom instructional technology, but does not include the digital cameras, laptops and printer cartridges proposed in the failed 2006 bond election. Under the

proposal, the district would own its fiber and save long-term leasing costs on the maintenance and operations budget.

Proposition 2 includes projects to construct and improve extracurricular facilities for art, athletics, band and theatre. The project list includes additional dressing rooms at Carroll High School and Carroll Senior High, an auxiliary gym, tennis seating, theatre lighting, stage sound systems, art computer labs, band hall expansions, office space and practice rooms, as well as additional locker rooms, weight rooms and storage at the aquatics center.

Proposition 3 is for an additional 1,600 seats at Dragon Stadium, along with the associated parking, concessions and restrooms. Trustees also plan to replace the existing field turf, which is nearing the end of its 8-10 years life expectancy. The stadium project was reduced from \$6.9 million to \$4.6 million following mixed results from two public opinion surveys.

## Fact:

Johnson Elementary is currently home to 755 students. The building capacity is 600.

## Fact:

84% of Carroll students participate in extracurricular programs.

## Fact:

The Carroll School Board has lowered the debt service tax rate 14 cents in the last eight years.