



# Carroll ISD

## 2009 Election Facts

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*Early Voting Surpasses 2006 Election Turnout*

## Saturday, May 9 - Last Chance To Vote

Carroll ISD voters have one last chance to join more than 3,000 people who have already cast a ballot in the 2009 School Trustee and Bond Election. Election day voting will occur by precinct from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Most voters in Carroll ISD will cast their ballot in the

cafeteria of Carroll High School, 800 White Chapel Boulevard. But election day voting will also be conducted at different polling locations for those Carroll ISD voters residing in Grapevine, Colleyville, Keller and/or Westlake. A complete list of voting locations is available on

the CISD website. Simply click on the 2009 Bond Web Page icon on the front page of the website. Polling locations by precinct are posted on that page.

More than 3,000 people cast a ballot during early voting. That number is significantly higher than the entire election turnout in 2006. Some attribute that to contested school and city elections; others say voter turnout is typically higher the spring following a presidential election.

Whatever the case, school officials say they are pleased to see higher voter

turnout for the Trustee and Bond elections.

Voters will decide Places 4 and 5 on the CISD School Board. Erin Shoupp is running unopposed in Place 5. Jamie Cadiz and Read Ballew are vying for the open, three-year term in the Place 4 spot.

The outcome of three bond propositions will also be decided by voters. The district's last bond election was held in 2006 and netted just over 2,400 voters.

School officials say results will be posted to the district's website as quickly as possible after polls close.

### 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.

## Voting Information

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

**Place 4**  
 Jamie Cadiz  
 Read Ballew

**Place 5**  
 Erin Shoupp, Incumbent

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**message from your elected**  
**Board of Trustees.**

# A Message From Your School Board. . .

We called a bond election for May 9, 2009, to allow parents and taxpayers in the CISD community the opportunity to make decisions regarding the future of the school district. The Board would like to provide some historical perspective on what led to the decision to call the current bond.

In 2007 the Board charged the CISD Budget and Finance Committee with the task of assessing the capacity needs of the district. That group identified a need for a well-defined plan addressing future needs in the district and recommended seating a special committee to accomplish that goal. In response, we created the Long Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFPC). Over 40 members of the CISD community joined in this effort and in early 2008 began a fourteen-month review to identify current and future district needs, along with strategies for addressing those needs. Those strategies were not constrained as to the manner of funding, but were rather focused on providing the most economically feasible and responsible courses of action. LRFPC members spent countless hours researching, touring, interviewing, discussing, and debating. Numerous meetings, all open to the public, were held where their findings and potential solutions were presented for input and feedback. After over a year's worth of effort the committee finalized a plan encompassing capacity expansions, technology infrastructure and instructional tools, extracurricular facility updates, and security and maintenance measures. In February of 2009 the LRFPC recommended that the Board of Trustees consider calling a bond initiative to address most major components of this plan.

## **A few points to consider:**

- The district is currently overcrowded at 6 of 11 campuses and is projected, even with minimal growth, to exceed capacity at 9 of 11 in the near future. There is not a rezoning strategy that will solve this overcrowding with existing facilities, and there are not enough dollars set aside in the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budget to open a twelfth campus.
- The last significant technology investment the district made came with the 1999 bond. CISD's technology does not meet the minimum standards identified by the state's Long Range Technology Plan. Technology items represent the bulk of requests CISD teachers make of PTOs and the Carroll Education Foundation.
- Many of our facilities were built when the district's residents numbered less than 10,000. Due to rapid growth and expansion, new facilities were built to address booming growth. Existing extracurricular facilities for art, band, theater, choir, Emerald Belles, and many athletic activities have not been updated and therefore CISD has outgrown these facilities.
- An independent engineering firm deemed it uneconomical to refurbish and expand our older buildings. Consultants believe these structures, Carroll Intermediate School (CIS) and Carroll Middle School, present existing security issues for the district.
- All CISD facilities are currently in use. CIS, which was closed as a school to save on M&O dollars, currently houses the district's diagnosticians and child nutrition service department, provides facilities for CISD and community activities and training, and also serves as a temporary location for the Southlake Department of Public Safety as their new building is constructed.

## **A few finance facts about CISD:**

- We continue to pay into the state's school finance system. This year alone we will send about \$15 million dollars of our M&O tax revenues to Austin. This payment is referred to as a Chapter 41, recapture, or Robin Hood payment.
- CISD's financial advisors stated that due to the Board's current fiscal policy and management of district resources, CISD has the capacity to issue the bond with no increase in the I&S, or debt service, tax rate.
- The M&O tax rate dropped from \$1.50 to \$1.04 in recent years, and the I&S rate declined by 14 cents in the past 8 years. We lowered the I&S rate by 5 cents this year alone.
- M&O dollars fund teacher salaries, utilities, and the general operating needs of the district. These funds are subject to recapture, or Robin Hood. I&S dollars are strictly limited to funding bonded indebtedness. The district cannot issue a bond for teacher pay or other operating expenditures. I&S dollars are not subject to recapture.
- The Texas Legislature froze school funding levels at 2006 dollar values. Therefore, the district must pay for teacher raises and increases in costs such as utilities and maintenance out of M&O dollars that have not been adjusted to accommodate actual growth in expenditures. These expenditures are also subject to recapture.
- The district continues to achieve a perfect score on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, and yearly financial audits are clean. The district's M&O fund balance is solid, and national rating agencies upgraded the district's bond ratings 2008, with one citing "sustained strong financial position" as a factor in their decision.

The Carroll ISD School Board called a bond election for May 9 to provide you, the taxpayers, with the opportunity to make decisions regarding your school district. Voters interested in obtaining more information about the bond propositions may access information at [www.southlakecarroll.edu](http://www.southlakecarroll.edu), or may contact the district to obtain hard copies of available documents.

Thank you,  
Carroll ISD Board of Trustees

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