

Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee

Recommendations for a 2004 Bond Initiative

Relief for Overcrowded Schools..... \$147,481,831

Students and staff must have learning environments that do not impede the teaching-learning process to ensure that all students receive a high quality educational experience.

- Five new elementary schools (northeast, southwest, south/central, southeast, and undesignated).
• One new middle school (northeast).
• Land acquisition for future middle school site.

Academic Enhancement and Buildings Infrastructure \$168,164,624

The District will ensure the provision of instructional facilities and space that support the delivery of a challenging, rigorous, and equitable education program for all students.

- Renovations to student areas such as libraries, fine arts and art classrooms, elementary gymnasiums and outdoor playslabs, middle school dressing rooms, restrooms, and health service areas.
• Renovations to infrastructure at campuses throughout the District such as site drainage, roof repairs/replacements, energy upgrades and weather tightness, mechanical system upgrades, HVAC replacements.

Safety and Security..... \$19,000,000

Students and staff must have safe, secure, and orderly teaching and learning environments.

- Security cameras and closed circuit television systems.
• Fire alarm upgrades and installation at new campuses.
• Card access systems.
• Emergency and exterior lighting and additional parking.
• Panic hardware for portables.
• Campus traffic improvements.

Districtwide Facilities \$45,972,800

Districtwide facilities and services support and enhance the effectiveness of both campus and districtwide operations and programs.

- Athletic facility improvements at Burger, House Park, and Nelson stadiums and at Burger Arena.
• Construction of two soccer fields.
• Renovation of shared-use baseball and softball fields.
• Expansion of shared-use golf and tennis facilities.
• Renovation of school bus terminals and land acquisition for a third terminal.
• Purchase of low-emission school buses.
• Upgrades to technology, telecommunications, and cablecast systems.

Program Contingency \$39,761,778

Tax and Financial Implications

Total cost of all projects in the CBAC proposal is \$420,381,033, which would result in a 4.2-cent increase in the District tax rate. For an Austin homeowner with a median home appraisal of \$157,000, the tax increase would be approximately \$5.50 per month. There would be no increase in school taxes for homeowners age 65 or older.