

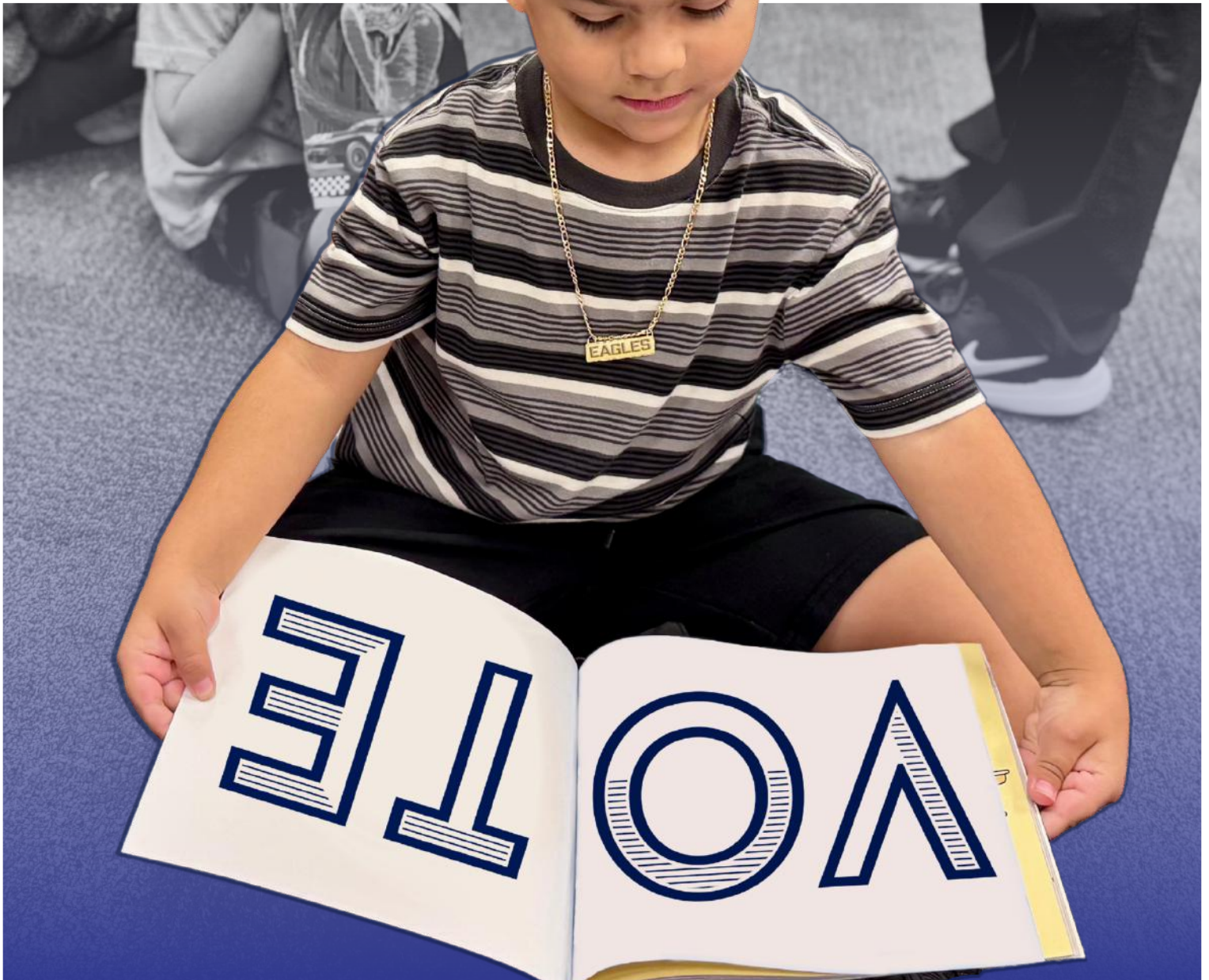


DECATUR ISD BOND

MAY 2026 ELECTION

Early Voting Begins
Monday, April 20

Election Day
Saturday, May 2



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MAY 2026 ELECTION

The Decatur ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved calling for a bond election to appear on the May 2, 2026 ballot. The bond package, totaling \$137 million, will be presented to the voters in two separate propositions.

PROPOSITION

A

New McCarroll Middle School & District-wide Projects

\$132.7 million

PROPOSITION

B

Instructional Technology Devices

\$4.3 million

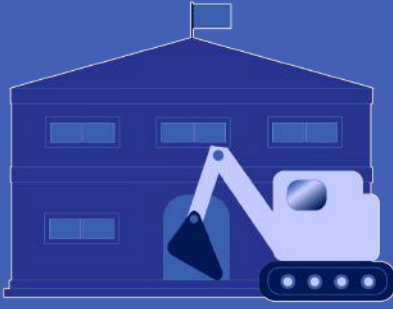


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ELECTION DAY: MAY 2

PROP A



New McCarroll Middle School

\$100M



District-wide Updates

\$18M



Safety & Security

\$3M

BOND PROJECTS FOR ALL SCHOOLS

PROP B



Instructional Technology Devices

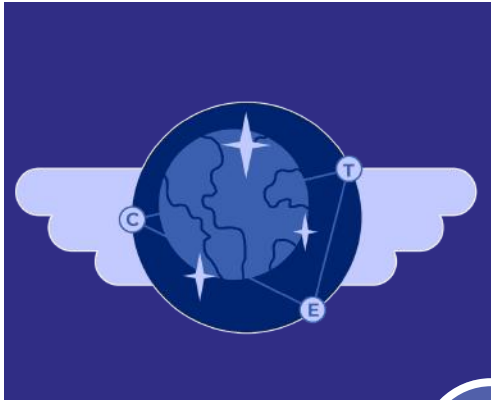
\$4.3M

	Ag Facility Expansion	Auditorium Theatrical Equipment	Boiler(s)	Computers For Computer Lab	Cooling Towers	CTE Practicum Multipurpose Space	
Carson ES				●			
Enis ES				●			
Rann ES			●	●			
Young ES				●			
McCarroll MS			●	●	●		
Decatur HS	●	●	●	●	●	●	



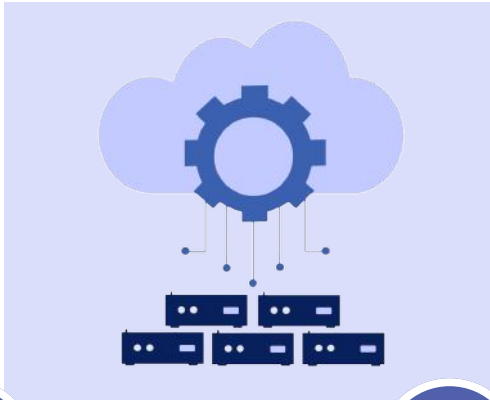
Transportation

\$4M



Career & Technical Education (CTE)

\$4M



Technology Infrastructure

\$3.7M

Flooring & Paint	Hot Water Heaters	HVAC Controls	HVAC Unit(s)	Interactive TVs for Class Instruction	Intercom System	Kitchen & Cafeteria Access (Corridor to MPB)	More Secure Entry	Roof	Security Cameras	Student Devices	Walk-In Freezer & Cooler	Wi-Fi Infrastructure
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Included in Scope
 Part of Construction in New Building

The Road Leading

MAY
2015

NOV
2023

APR
2024

MAY
2025

Past Bond Elections

- May 2015: \$13.5M
✓ Passed
- May 2023: \$331.2M
✗ Failed
- Nov. 2023: \$68.1M
✗ Failed

Long-Range Planning Committee Forms

Evaluated facilities and enrollment, aligned district priorities, and established a long-term vision to guide future planning and bond discussions

Bond Planning Committee Forms

Built on prior findings and priorities, reviewed potential projects and options, reached consensus, and recommended a path forward to the Board of Trustees

73
COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS

4 **PLANNING MEETINGS**

to the Bond Election

**NOV
2025**

**JAN
2026**

**FEB
2026**

**APR
2026**

**MAY
2026**

4 Bond Planning Meetings

Information Studied:

- District Overview
- Long-Range Plan
- Facility Conditions
- Projects & Costs
- Tax Impact
- Survey Results
- Committee Discussion Points

Recommendation presented to Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve calling bond election

**Early Voting
April 20 - 28**



**Election Day
May 2**



1254 COMPLETED SURVEYS



100% COMMITTEE CONSENSUS 6

A CLOSER LOOK AT

With feedback from



McCarroll Middle School was originally designed for a smaller student population and earlier teaching models from the 1970s. Today, many classrooms, specialized learning areas, and core building systems are operating beyond their intended capacity. Several spaces are undersized or unable to fully accommodate current instructional practices, technology, accessibility requirements, and safety standards. As enrollment increases, these facts remain and impact capacity, student safety, program delivery, and long-term facility functionality.

53 YEARS OLD

CONSTRUCTED IN
1973

Core building systems are at or nearing end of useful life.



CAPACITY

FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY
686

CURRENT ENROLLMENT
856
**As of 12/2025*

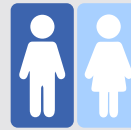


26.79% McCarroll Middle School accounts for 26.79% of total life cycle project costs across all campuses.



One main staircase serves all students during passing periods.

This campus has the highest operational costs per square foot of all Decatur ISD's campuses.



Two staff restrooms serve more than **90** employees.



Construction was prior to current building codes and ADA standards, so some areas are not ADA compliant.

Student traffic during class changes exceeds capacity of existing hallway.



PORTABLE BUILDINGS

Lack of restrooms in portables requires students to be buzzed into the main or multipurpose building, reducing instructional time due to travel.



The oldest portable is **20 YEARS OLD** and has exceeded its intended life expectancy.

Slippery ramps and the absence of awnings present potential risks of injury during inclement weather.



In an emergency, the portables' separation from the main building can lead to longer response times.



Being distant from the main building limits immediate access to instructional materials, technology, and support staff.

McCARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students and Staff

TECHNOLOGY

5 YEARS

Since the last tech refresh.



Sometimes devices are shared for testing & class assignments.

5 YEARS

Average device life span.

WIFI connection is inconsistent throughout MPB & MS.



Smartboards are incompatible with old WIFI infrastructure.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS



Band and choir classrooms lack space for current students, storage of instruments, and dedicated practice rooms.



Theatre classroom is located in a portable without nearby stage access and some stage features are inoperable.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Education, Life Skills & behavioral classrooms are



for number of students served.



Art classroom space, fixtures, and furniture are not accessible for wheelchair users.



Ag shop ventilation is inadequate for operation of tools & equipment. Instructional space does not support modern agricultural science curriculum.



Condition of athletic locker rooms, field house, and gym impact training quality, event hosting, and may present potential risk of injury.



Without designated classroom space, the dyslexia program uses two converted storage closets as classrooms.

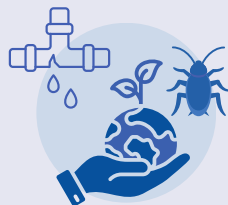


SAFETY & SECURITY



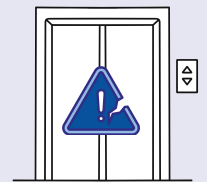
Overcapacity classrooms and hallways increase the risk of injuries and limit student monitoring.

Environmental safety concerns include the presence of pests and HVAC leaks.

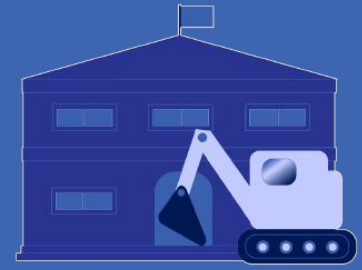


Not all exterior doors have controlled access.

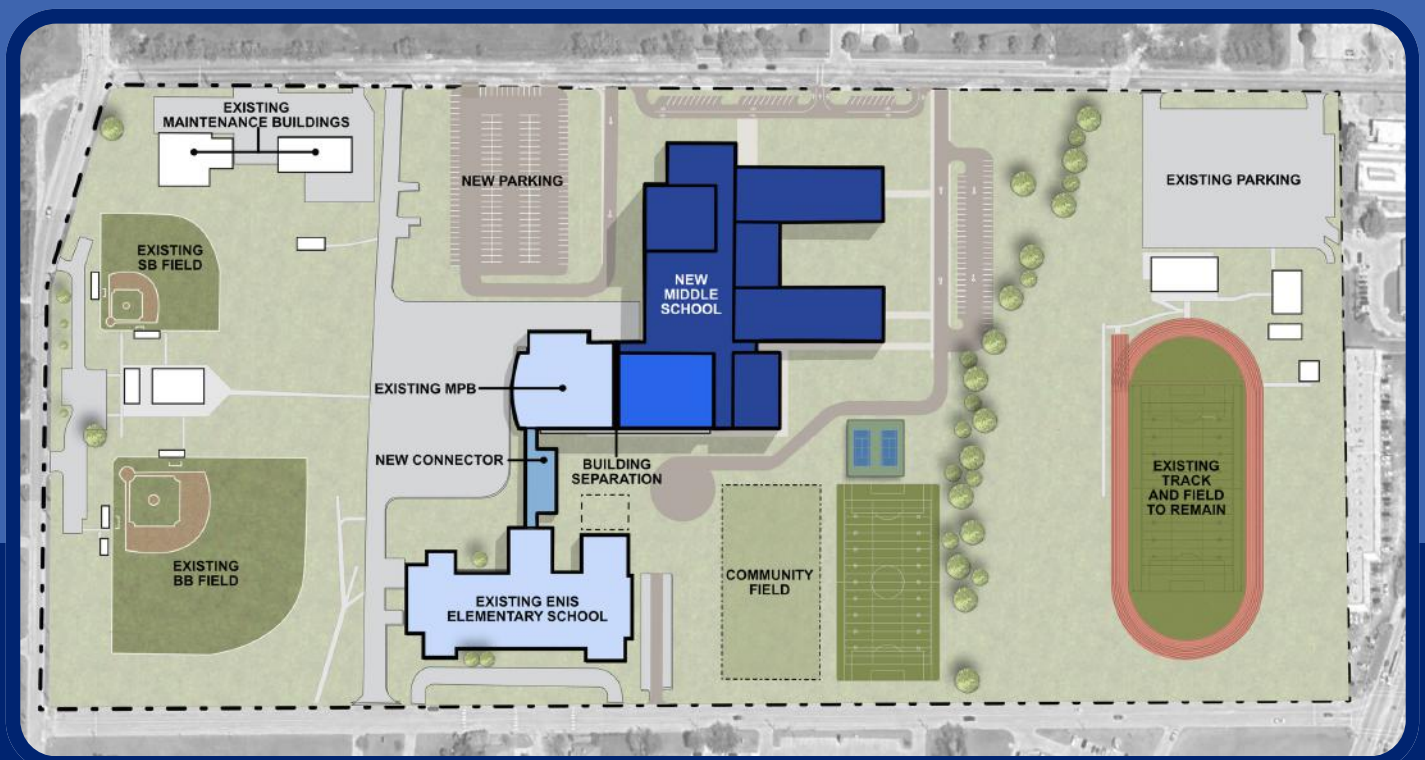
The campus elevator is nearing the end of its lifespan and experiences malfunctions.



Proposed NEW McCARROLL



The existing campus was constructed in 1973, prior to current Texas Education Agency building size standards, and after more than 50 years of service, it now operates beyond its functional capacity. The bond proposal includes construction of a new middle school designed to serve approximately 1,000 students.



ACADEMIC SPACES

- Career & Technical Education (CTE) classrooms
- Library
- Administration suite

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Three gymnasiums (including existing facilities where feasible)
- Continued use of existing track and field and tennis courts

FINE ARTS SPACES

- Band rehearsal hall
- Choir rehearsal hall
- Cafeteria with performance platform

TRAFFIC FLOW

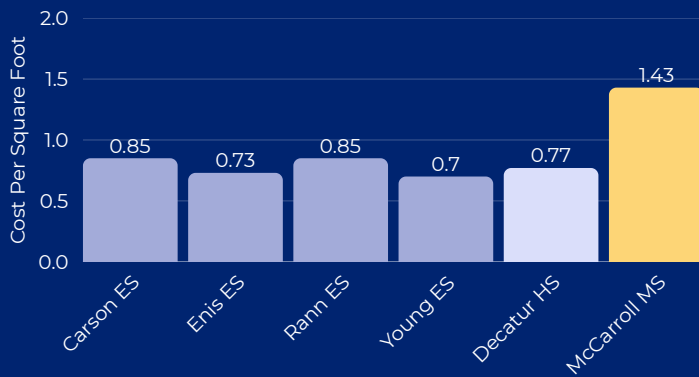
Separate parent and bus drop-off areas

SHARED FACILITIES

The multipurpose building would be internally divided to maintain separation between McCarroll & Enis campuses.

WHY REPLACE?

Operational Costs For DISD Schools
Per Square Foot

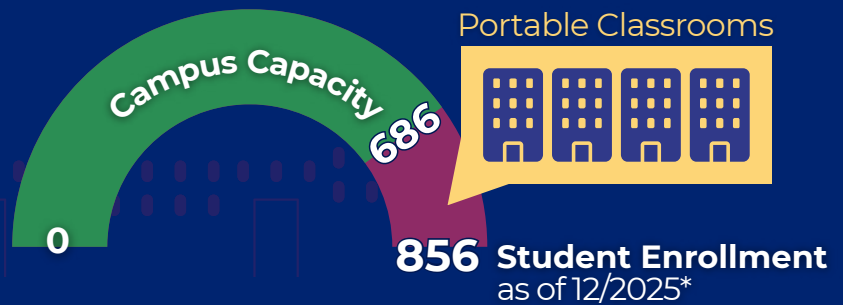


OPERATIONAL COSTS & EFFICIENCY

McCarroll's operating costs are almost **twice as much** per square foot than any other Decatur ISD school due to age and condition.

CAMPUS CAPACITY & STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Current enrollment **exceeds** McCarroll's functional capacity, requiring four portable classrooms to create capacity for all students.

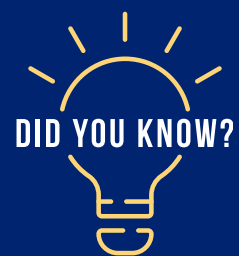


CONDITION OF BUILDING SYSTEMS



MCCARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL - FCI 79.34%

The Facility Condition Index (FCI) score indicates that all major building systems are past or nearing their life expectancy, and renovating the 53-year-old facility to today's standards would cost nearly the same as building new.



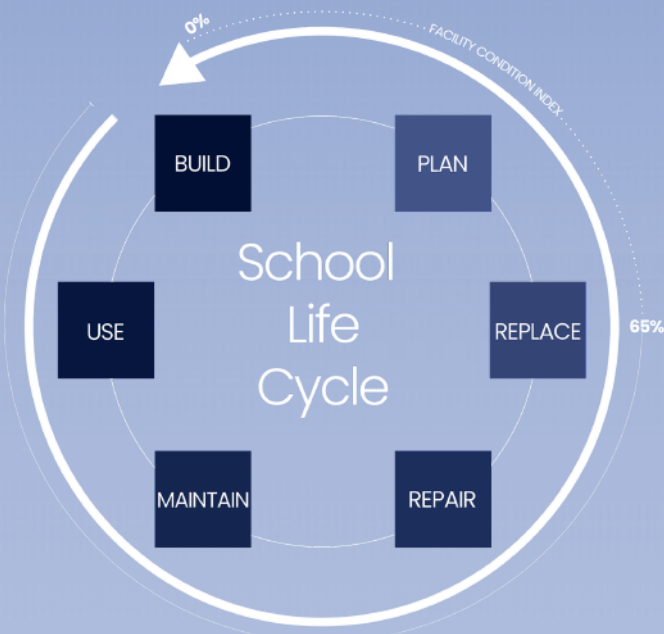
The proposed plan evolved through input from the Bond Planning Committee and feedback from a community-wide survey — allowing the district to save money by better using existing facilities, like the Multipurpose Building at McCarroll.

Proposed DISTRICT-WIDE UPDATES



- HVAC unit replacement
- HVAC controls
- Replace boilers
- Carson Elementary School roof replacement
- Replace campus walk-in freezer and coolers
- Repaint Rann Elementary School

- Replace floor finishes at Rann Elementary School
- LED lights
- Replace water heaters
- Replace plumbing pumps
- Replace plumbing fixtures
- Replace theatrical equipment at Decatur High School



LIFECYCLE OF BUILDING SYSTEMS

Recommended by the community-based Long-Range Facility Planning Committee in 2024, the district is developing plans to regularly replace and upgrade critical systems, such as HVAC and controls, that would increase energy efficiency and reduce the need for costly repairs.

15 YEARS

- Paint
- Flooring - carpet
- HVAC Equipment
- Theatrical Equipment

20 YEARS

- Roof
- Flooring - Vinyl Composition Tile
- Foodservice Equipment
- Playground Equipment

30 YEARS

- Fire Alarm System

50 YEARS

- Building
- Electrical Panels
- Fire Sprinkler System

Proposed SAFETY & SECURITY



82%

Survey respondents emphasized the importance of safety and security as their top priority.

- District-wide Access Controls
- Safety & Security Cameras
- More Secure Entry at Decatur High School

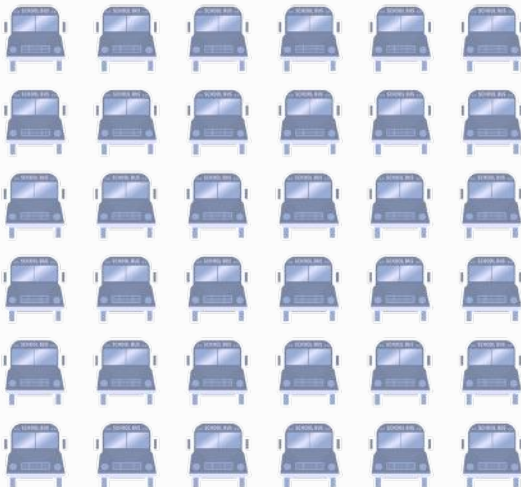


Proposed TRANSPORTATION

New Buses Bought in 2025



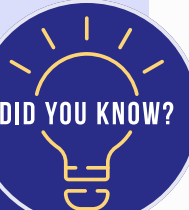
Buses Bought in 2017 or Earlier

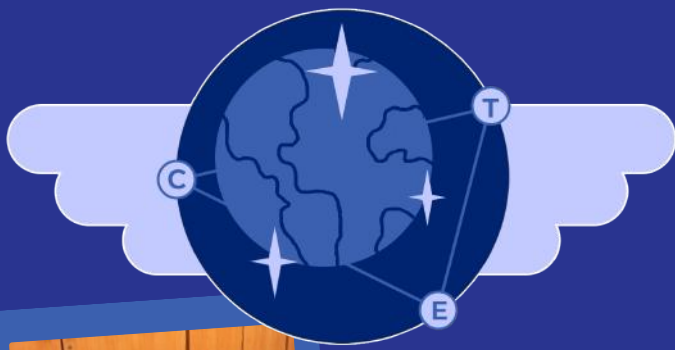


- Total replacement costs are estimated at \$8 million with approximately \$4 million expected in the next five years.
- District will develop replacement cycle for remaining buses to help manage these assets in the future over time.

36 of Decatur ISD's buses are from 2017 or older, with most nearing their 10-12 year lifespan. The district recently purchased 4 new buses.

DID YOU KNOW?





Career & Education

Proposed

Flusche Building: Multipurpose Practicum Learning Space

Renovating the Flusche Building into a multipurpose practicum learning space will give students the opportunity to expand their post-high school preparedness for potential career pathways in an experiential space that models applicable real-world career environments.

The space could be utilized by many pathway courses including but not limited to Culinary Arts, Business Management, Floral Design, Digital Communications, Graphics Design, and Interactive Media. It could also be used by the life-skills program for vocational programs and for S.O.A.R. (Student Opportunities for Achievement & Readiness).

Proposed

Decatur High School: Ag Facility Expansion

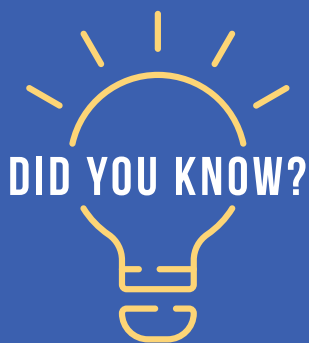
Included in the bond proposal is the purchase of professional-grade equipment for student use. DHS's welding program prepares students pursuing a career in welding by giving them the experience, skills, and opportunity for certification necessary to equip them for the workforce.



Technical Projects

Decatur ISD offers career and technical education programs in:

- Agriculture Food and Natural Resources
- Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications
- Business
- Education and Training



Students who participate in CTE programs are able to earn industry-recognized credentials and graduate high school at higher rates; by nearly 10% compared to non-CTE students.

*Stat provided by ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education).

What is CTE?

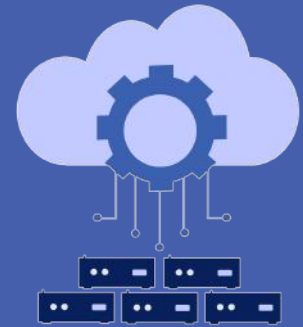
Decatur ISD's Career & Technical Education Program (CTE) provides students with industry experience.

Students are exposed to a combination of classroom instruction and placements in technical work environments where they can acquire new information, concepts, techniques and procedures related to their specific career interests.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares students for institutions of higher learning and provides training and opportunities for entry-level employment or higher.

Decatur ISD's Career and Technical programs provide instruction that integrates academics with student's interests.

Proposed TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE



District intercom & technology infrastructure projects would address connectivity and update communications across the district.

Online assessments and classroom systems rely on stable networks, and connectivity issues can disrupt testing, cause delays, and result in lost instructional time when systems will not connect. The current core tech infrastructure, installed in 2016, has reached its end-of-life stage. Replacing and updating this will improve network performance, wireless coverage, and overall reliability.

Facts ABOUT EXISTING TECHNOLOGY



WiFi connection is inconsistent throughout Decatur ISD campuses.

Older WiFi infrastructure in our school buildings is incompatible with some devices currently in use.

5
YEARS

is the average student device life span.

since the last district-wide technology refresh.

Proposed TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL DEVICES



The current age of classroom technology ranges from 2012-2020. For staff devices, the newest laptops and computers date to 2018. From an IT security perspective, equipment past current tech standards may pose risks for security of digital information.

Bond payments on instructional devices would be structured so they are paid off in five years, and the district will establish a replacement cycle to maintain support over the coming years.



Students are required to take state-mandated tests on school-provided laptops. These tests are timed and scheduled to occur concurrently for all students. Also, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) require that students build competencies in Technology Applications, including Digital Citizenship.

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE WHILE USING TECH IN THE CLASSROOM

Students utilize technology as a tool to build real-world skills, access digital resources & curriculum, and develop critical thinking skills.

Educators monitor student behavior when using these tools and utilize technology to enhance learning when appropriate.



CREATIVITY & INNOVATION



COMPUTATIONAL THINKING



PRACTICAL TECHNOLOGY



DATA LITERACY, MANAGEMENT & REPRESENTATION



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Students learn and practice digital behaviors related to privacy, safety, and security.

Tax Impact

INFORMATION



SCAN TO SEE YOUR ESTIMATED MONTHLY TAX IMPACT.

SCHOOL FINANCE 101

Public school tax rates have two parts, and each funds different needs.



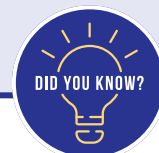
M&O (Maintenance & Operations) pays for daily school costs like teacher and staff salaries, classroom supplies, food services, and utilities. Most M&O funding goes to employee pay.

I&S (Interest & Sinking), or Debt Service, repays voter-approved bonds for major projects: building or renovating schools, buying land, and purchasing big-ticket items like technology, equipment, and buses.

By law, **I&S funds cannot be used for M&O expenses**, so bond funds cannot pay for teacher raises or operating costs.

HOW WILL THE BOND IMPACT MY TAXES?

If both propositions are approved, the maximum estimated tax impact would be an additional **2.2 cents** to the current Decatur ISD I&S tax rate.



DISD's current tax rate is the lowest it has been since 1993.

If the bond is approved by voters, Decatur ISD would remain in the same position among current area school district 2026 tax rates.

\$ **4.77**

IS THE MONTHLY IMPACT ON AN AVERAGE DECATUR ISD HOME (VALUED AT \$400,000)



A SNAPSHOT OF THE IMPACT ON 65+ HOMEOWNERS

1. What is the Over 65 Exemption?

Taxpayers who are over 65 or disabled qualify for a tax exemption. Once a property owner receives an over-65/disability homestead exemption, there is a tax ceiling on their total school taxes.

2. What is a tax ceiling?

The tax ceiling is the amount you pay in the year that you qualified for the 65 or older or disabled person exemption. This benefit is referred to as a tax “ceiling” because taxes can go lower than the ceiling, but not higher.

3. What if my home value goes up, will my taxes increase?

The appraised value can change and the tax rate will change, but the school taxes on your homestead cannot increase. Therefore, if this bond election is approved, it will not have an impact on the tax bill for homesteads that are receiving the senior citizen exemption, unless you make significant improvements to your home.

4. What is considered a significant improvement to your home?

A significant improvement would be, for example, if you build a swimming pool or add on a garage or game room to the house.

5. How do I receive the exemption?

Texas homeowners 65+ can apply for the Over-65 Homestead Exemption by submitting the proper form and proof of age to their county appraisal district. If you do not have a homestead exemption on file, or if you aren't sure, please contact your county's appraisal district.

\$0 TAX INCREASE
FOR HOMEOWNERS AGE 65+ OR DISABLED WITH EXEMPTION



On the Ballot

The bond proposal will be presented to voters in two separate propositions on the ballot. Cast your vote in each proposition.

Decatur Independent School District Proposition A

FOR ()
AGAINST ()

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$132,700,000 for school facilities, including district-wide renovations and security improvements, a new middle school, facilities for career and technology education (CTE), and student transportation, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

Decatur Independent School District Proposition B

FOR ()
AGAINST ()

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,300,000 for technology devices for students, teachers, and staff and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

EARLY VOTING APRIL 20 - 28, 2026



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
19	20 8 AM TO 5 PM	21 POLLS CLOSED	22 8 AM TO 5 PM	23 8 AM TO 5 PM	24 8 AM TO 5 PM	25 POLLS CLOSED
26 POLLS CLOSED	27 8 AM TO 5 PM	28 8 AM TO 5 PM	29	30	1	2 7 AM TO 7 PM



VOTING BY MAIL

To be eligible to vote early by mail-in ballot, you must:

- be 65 years or older;
- be sick or disabled;
- be expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day;
- be out of the county on Election Day and during the period for Early Voting by personal appearance;
- civilly committed under Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; or
- be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

Applications for ballot by mail (ABBM) must be submitted to the Wise County Elections Office and received no later than the close of business (5 p.m.) on Monday, April 20.

APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL DUE APRIL 20

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE BOND ELECTION?

Any registered voter who lives within Decatur ISD boundaries — and whose voter registration is based on their current DISD residence — is eligible to vote in this bond election.

I RECENTLY MOVED. DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER?

If you moved to a different county, yes. If you moved to a different address within the same county, no, but you should update your address online before the registration deadline.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER?

The last day to register to vote in the May 2026 election is Thursday, April 2.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO VOTE IN PERSON?

Texas requires an acceptable photo ID at the polls. Examples include:

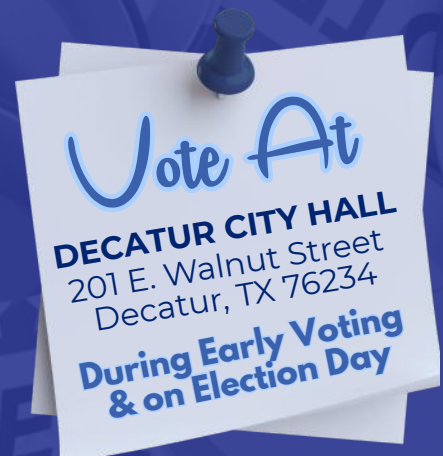
- Texas driver license or personal ID card
- Texas Election Identification Certificate
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID with photo
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate with photo

ELECTION DAY MAY 2, 2026

SATURDAY

7 AM TO 7 PM

Stay in line! So long as you are in line before 7 pm, you will be allowed to vote.



TRANSPARENCY



WHAT IS A BOND?

A bond works much like a home mortgage. It allows a school district to borrow money and repay it, with interest, over time. Bonds are sold to investors to generate funds for projects such as construction, renovations, and major equipment purchases. **Texas school districts commonly use bonds to pay for new facilities and improvements to existing campuses.**



HOW CAN BOND FUNDS BE USED?

Bond funds may be used for constructing new buildings, adding to or renovating existing facilities, purchasing land, and acquiring technology infrastructure and equipment tied to facilities. By law, **bond funds cannot be used for salaries or day-to-day operating expenses** such as utilities, supplies, maintenance, fuel, or insurance.



WHAT IS A BOND ELECTION?

State law requires school districts to receive voter approval before issuing bonds. A bond election gives voters the opportunity to decide whether the district may issue bonds to fund proposed projects, such as building new schools or renovating existing ones. In simple terms, **voters are authorizing the district to borrow money and repay it over time, similar to a household mortgage.**



HOW WILL THE DISTRICT ENSURE BOND FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED?

The district intends to convene a **Community Bond Oversight Committee that will provide accountability to verify that projects are completed on schedule and on budget.** They will help facilitate timely communication with the community about the district's progress and that the funds are spent in the manner proposed.



STARTS HERE

WHY CONSTRUCT A NEW CAMPUS INSTEAD OF RENOVATING OR ADDING AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING CAMPUS?

The Bond Planning Committee concluded that replacement was a more practical approach than renovation, since repair, renovation, or partial replacement of the existing building would cause disruption to teaching and learning. In addition, **a new campus is expected reduce ongoing maintenance and operational demands.**



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EXISTING MCCARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING?

As part of development and construction, the existing building will be demolished to accommodate the new campus. However, **opportunities to honor the heritage and history of McCarroll Middle School, such as incorporating mementos from the old building, will be explored in the design phase** of the new building prior to demolition.



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING (MPB)?

In order to utilize the facilities that the district already has, the MPB will be divided down the middle and separated internally. **An interior wall will be constructed to separate McCarroll Middle School from Enis Elementary School so that students do not mix.** The existing cafeteria, stage, and kitchen will become a part of Enis Elementary School, and they will have exclusive access to those areas. Enis Elementary School will be connected to the MPB with an enclosed corridor, providing safety to staff and students so that they do not travel outside. The existing MPB gyms and locker rooms will become a part of the new McCarroll Middle School, and a separate cafeteria, stage, and kitchen will be built within the new building.





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