

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – 1998 BOND PROGRAM

Following the unanimous support (7-0) of the Board of Trustees on July 13, 1998, North East Independent School District (NEISD) issued and passed a bond referendum on September 26, 1998 valued at \$366.870 million dollars. The bond program included four separate propositions which all met with voter approval as detailed below:

Proposition 1 – Provide new facilities, facility additions and renovations, infrastructure replacement, deferred maintenance requirements, Title IX mandates, update campus library collections and reimburse the District maintenance and operations (M&O) fund balance for a total of \$261 million dollars. Included in this proposition were the construction of four new elementary schools (Hardy Oak, Royal Ridge, Wetmore, and Roan Forest) and one new middle school (Tejeda), replacement of one elementary school (Castle Hills), classrooms for growth, nurse station renovations and additions, kitchen renovations and additions, library renovations and additions, Title IX mandates, update campus library collections, major replacement and upgrade of facility infrastructure (mechanical, electrical, plumbing and energy management systems), and deferred maintenance requirements (flooring, painting, hardscape and paving, foundation repairs, roofing replacements, and drainage) at campuses throughout the district.

Funding Summary for Proposition #1

Mandates – Title IX and HVAC	\$4,942,220		Middle School	\$20,500,000
Infrastructure Replacement	\$98,321,427		Castle Hills Replacement	\$9,309,460
Facility Improvements	\$43,650,794		Elementary Schools	\$47,200,000
Deferred Maintenance	\$12,622,762		Classrooms for Growth	\$1,926,591
Update Library Collection	\$2,781,000		Reimburse District M&O	\$19,745,746

Proposition 2 – This proposition targets all five existing high schools for modernization with facility additions and renovations, provides Fine Arts program upgrades at selected high schools, constructs a new transportation facility to reduce “dead-head” miles costs, and purchases land for future facilities for a total of \$60.09 million dollars. Included in this proposition was construction of a replacement facility for MacArthur High School, additions and renovations, infrastructure replacement and Fine Arts program upgrades at Churchill, Lee, Madison, and Roosevelt High Schools, construction of a new transportation facility, and land purchases for a 7th high school, an additional athletic complex, and the new transportation facility.

Funding Summary for Proposition #2

High School Additions and Renovations			\$45,714,939
High School Fine Arts Program Upgrades			\$4,925,061
Transportation Facility	\$5,250,000	Land Purchases	\$4,200,000

Proposition 3 – Provides resources to address campus technology needs, allocates funds to upgrade networking infrastructure and purchase computers and printers for a total of \$26.49 million dollars. Included in this proposition are campus infrastructure expansions to add data ports to classrooms and labs, microwave links for secondary schools, network and telephone system upgrades, and purchase computers and printers to equip computer labs and libraries at all campuses.

Funding Summary for Proposition #3

Data Ports for Classrooms	\$2,627,715	Computers for Classrooms	\$7,157,309
Microwave Links	\$1,690,000	Equipment for Computer Labs	\$12,595,000
Upgrade Campus Networks	\$700,000	Cabling for Additional Labs	\$314,640
Telephone System Upgrades	\$619,000	Computers for Libraries	\$786,336

Proposition 4 – Provides facility improvements and upgrades that address infrastructure and safety issues at extracurricular facilities for a total of \$19.29 million dollars. Included in this proposition are football stadium renovations (new press box facility, booster club buildings, game officials dressing area, renovations for dressing and locker areas and an overhaul of the stadium bleachers), construction of a new aquatic facility with diving area filtration plant expansion, Littleton Gymnasium additions and renovations, Blossom Athletic Center (BAC) soccer stadium lighting improvements and facility upgrades, BAC baseball stadium dugout renovations to address safety concerns, Piper-Bass Student Center additions and renovations, construction of middle school cinder tracks and construction of high school all-weather surface tracks.

Funding Summary for Proposition #4

Football Stadium Renovations	\$2,384,871	Baseball Stadium Renovations	\$352,160
Aquatic Center Expansion	\$7,340,148	BAC Parking Area Resurfacing	\$456,975
Littleton Gym Additions/Renovations	\$3,532,945	Piper-Bass Student Center	\$1,073,440
Soccer Stadium Additions/Renovations	\$248,277	Secondary Schools – New Tracks	\$3,901,184

The 1998 Bond Program resulted from the input and work from parents and citizens, educators, retired citizens and professionals, community leaders, and various district departments. An eighty member bond committee researched current district facility needs and incorporated those remaining unaddressed from the 1995 bond program. The committee compiled a total facility needs assessment of over \$700 million dollars which was then pared and prioritized by four separate subcommittees to a maximum funding level of \$367 million dollars.

The bond program was planned and executed in six construction increments with 56 total projects. In addition to the original bond funding of \$366.870 million, the Board of Trustees authorized the reinvestment of bond interest earned revenues totaling over \$43.425 million to: (a) enhance project scopes of work included in the 1998 Facility Plan, (b) fund cost differences between budgeted and contract bid prices, and (c) meet unanticipated critical facility needs not identified during the bond planning process. Technological advancements which occurred during execution of the 1998 program led to the replacement of the microwave link project with an improved Leased-Fiber Cable System, the introduction of Mobile Wireless Computer Labs in lieu of additional lab cabling projects, and expansion of the Telephone System Upgrade project to include voice-mail/auto-attendant features at all secondary schools. Additionally, due to the significant capital investments planned for each of four existing high schools, long-range facility plans were developed for each campus (Churchill, Lee, Madison, and Roosevelt) utilizing the Districts High School Facilities Program Standard as the master planning model. The development of campus redevelopment master plans ultimately led to Board of Trustees approved modifications for the Churchill, Madison, and Roosevelt bond projects based on the long-range facility modernization strategy for these campuses.

Construction of all school projects included in the bond program is complete. Construction of the Transportation Facility remains on-hold pending further evaluation of a suitable site for the facility.