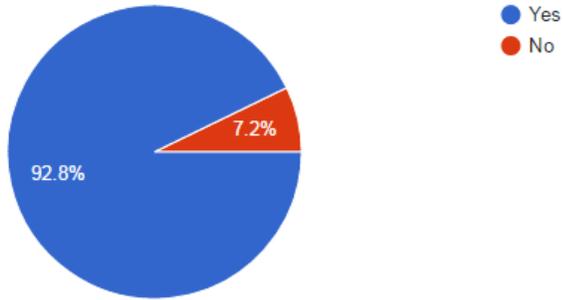
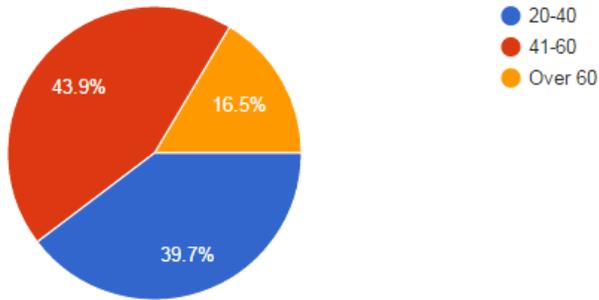


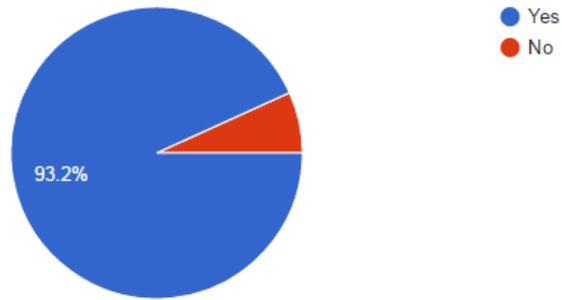
Are you an HISD taxpayer? (236 responses)



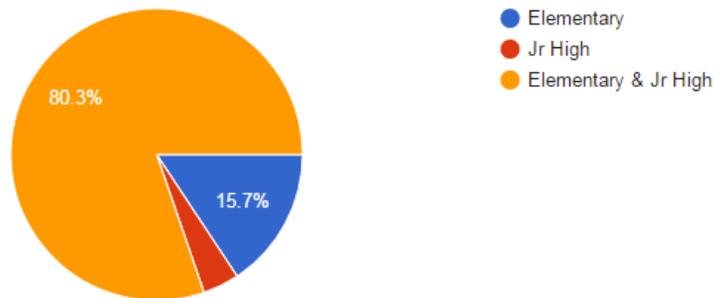
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Do you believe we need a new school (Elementary/Jr. High) (236 responses)

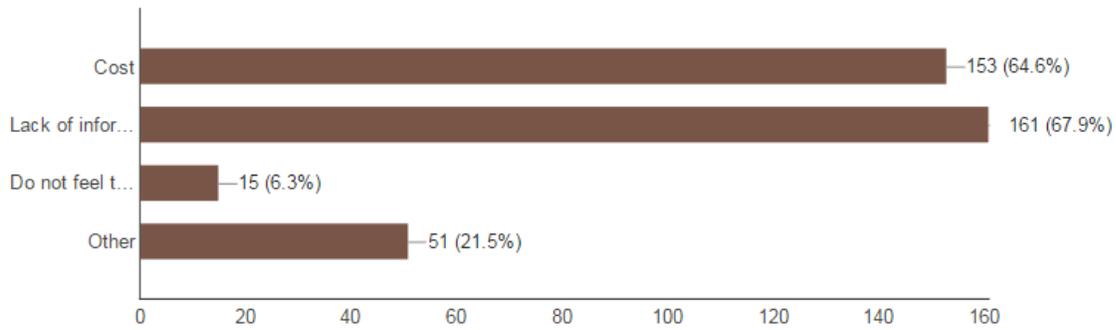


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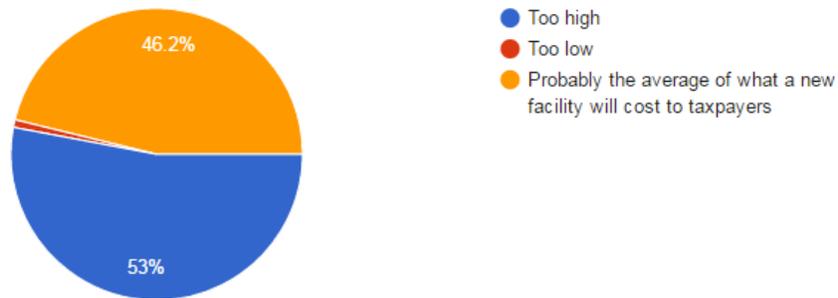


In reference to the last bond election, what do you feel the reason(s) were to as to why it was unsuccessful (please select all that apply):

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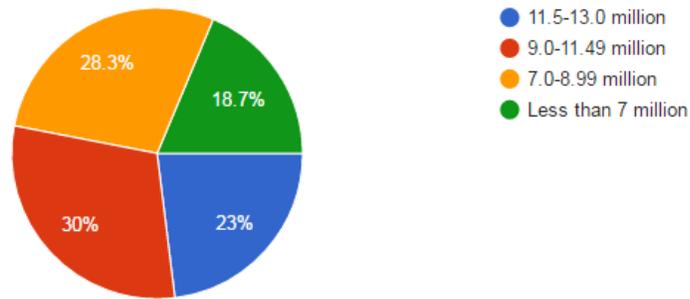


Do you feel the last bond proposal for \$11.25 million was: (236 responses)



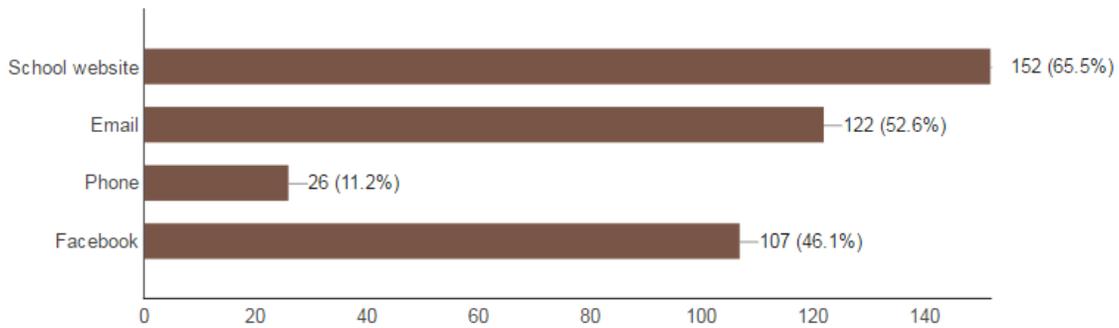
What bonding amount would you be willing to support if provided the necessary information to justify the cost?

(230 responses)



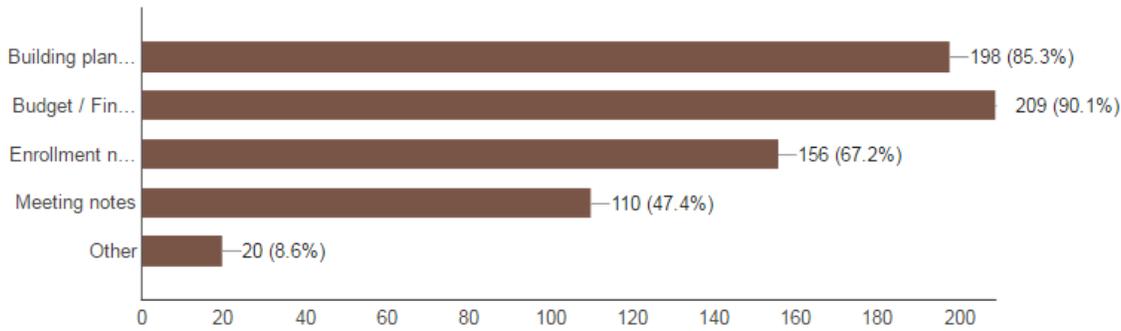
How would you like to receive communication pertaining to possible new school construction? (Please select all that apply:)

(232 responses)



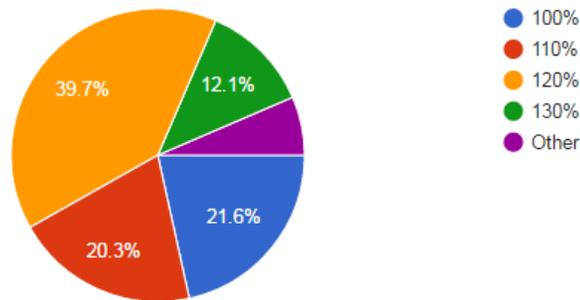
What information would you like to see communicated to help you make an informed decision? (Please select all that apply:)

(232 responses)



In anticipation of future growth and enrollment, what percentage of current enrollment of students should new building(s) be designed to accommodate?

(232 responses)



What would you want more information about to help make a better decision on the bond? (88 responses)

- Tax increase per \$100,000
- Where all the money is going to be going towards.
- Sketches and budget
- Explanations as to why some of the lower cost options aren't feasible for our school.
- Full transparency
- Sketches
- teacher needs
- Budget plans
- What do the teachers think
- teacher input and the layout and the cost in plenty of time to study it before an election
- I would like the community to be more informed of issues with current campuses.
- Floor plans
- All of the above
- Information about recent built schools from other districts about our size.

The building committee concerns me. I want to know that every need is being met for students and faculty without cutting corners just to be cheap.

1. People need to see a chart that says: if your taxes are currently \$xyz, they will increase to \$xyz after the bond passes. I think that too many people had lack of understanding in regards to how much the bond was actually going to raise taxes.
2. Would like to see research on schools built in districts similar to our size and economic status. 3. Discussion re: safety features (lock down rooms, etc).

Who is the contractor. What is the cost.

Blue prints, contractor and all work needed.

I feel I was given adequate information before. Nothing additional is required.

Building details and cost break downs. Just as much info as we can get!

Budget, building plans

How enrollment growth projections effect tax monies.

Get 3 possible bids for the project and maybe 3 different design options.

Not just more information but more information in a timely manner...not three days before the polls.

Better plans and hard estimates for construction.

The process & explanations for arriving at all vital numbers & details of the plans.

Financial documents

Cost and building plans

I was all for the bond, minus the price. We are a single income household, so an extra \$300 a year would have been a financial burden. However, we would love for girls to attend a new school. They are 2 and 3.

More detailed financials and more comparison information of other schools even if they are not in this immediate area

Local comparable bonds, Exact tax differences under new bond, Long term plan for funding if other upgrades are needed.

Answered above

Show me where the money is going.

Communication and options. Possibility of doing elementary in phases to keep current location.

Just to keep informed

Building Plans

What the actual cost to us will be

Cost and a breakdown of any overages and who they are paid to.

Effective use on building functions.

The specifics on shared facilities between Elementary & Jr. High

The budget; specifics of what that includes--details. Who bid on the job and why we choose the company that we choose.

All futur educational tools and upgrades to bring our schools up to date

Is there an rough estimate of what future enrollment will add to current tax base. I.e. Average tax contribution per new student enrolled.

The actual benefits of more space, larger cafeteria, drama theater with stage? Better traffic flow.

submitted plans, projected cost, how many bids received.

No info needed

What is the current average cost of new school construction in the area? What are the problems with the current school facilities? What is the cost of repairs for the current facility? What is the expected growth rate in student enrollment? How much will this increase the taxes in the community?

Traffic flow

An understanding of the opposition

We want a new football stadium

Break down of cost to tax payers and current maintenance of maintaining the current buildings.

I believe we need to see more specifically where the money is going.

Tax rate

Actual budgeting/cost information

Estimated life of the new buildings and traffic plans around the buildings.

More than one bid and different options for getting the price lower

To see better plans and options

Our schools basically need to be current..... it is 2016!!!

The fact that the school now is x amount of years old. All these ppl against the bond must not think about all the unsafe materials inside the walls from long ago. Asbestos, etc.

Cost per foot, plans (blueprints), amount in increase to our taxes per dollar we currently pay.

Cost

Information now about who is on the steering committee and what steps they are taking to evaluate the situation.

Information as the process proceeds.

Individual board members opinions and ideas

cost to taxpayer

Local new construction cost comparison

Plans

Built a functional building not a beautiful building.

Design/cost

More detailed plans and detailed spending report

How much do they intend to spend? How much do they already have? where are they going to put the new school? Plans to demolish the old school and gym?

The exact blueprint of the school in which I am voting on. Each dollar accounted for and the way it will be spent

How much money do you have and pay off all existing debts first

How much would it really increase my taxes? confusion last time. lots of rumors, not facts.

Cost and plans

Specific details about plans, proposals

facts about school

amount of tax increase

taxes

see above

all available

information

cost

Tax increase

how bad the conditions

inflation cost

Plans, length of time, % of taxes

plans nessary room not just add on

how much increase on our taxes

What recommendations or concerns do you have about building a new elementary/junior high school campus? (106 responses)

None

None

None

Taxes

Taxes

Taxes going up

Taxes going up

Make sure we get adequate facilities & not skimp so much we get inadequate facilities

Be practical in planning. Don't try and be the best looking and cool.... Be the best school with functional and comfortable accommodations

Doesn't need to be an extremely high take school. We are a country town and I feel we need to go back to chalk boards...

I'm concerned about how some are planning to save money. Please do research on how past small schools fared with the prototype building plans. They haven't worked well for small schools but are great for large schools. Also I feel we need to build a school that will last. I'm not sure if sheet rock walls have been considered but they won't last like masonry walls.

Take a look at the newer science wing that has sheet rock walls. There are holes in it already.

We need a really nice place for our kids, not a palace

don't just do the minimum

To accommodate students and staff.

Parking and design. The new facilities that HISD has built seem to really be lacking in addressing the need for parking and the designs do not seem to be the best.

Elementary is most important currently unless the price can be reduced for both buildings. Jr.High can be built later after the original school is demolished.

I just want our children to have a safe environment to learn in.

Space

I feel like we can build the new facilities we need at a reasonable cost.

The new committee concerns me. Cheap isn't always better.

Need more space and security

1. Floorplan with room for expansion. 2. Adequate parking. 3. More conservative estimate of population growth. 4. Hiring the best / most qualified builders and contractors for a school that will be well built and allow for updates in technology.

Need separate Cafeterias and Libraries!

Personally, I would love to see two separate campuses. Lunch is a nightmare trying to feed so many students. We have kiddos eating lunch at 10:30 and as late as 12:30 to accommodate the students. If this isn't a possibility maybe having two lunch rooms with the kitchen in the center to allow them to feed the students at the same time but keep the eating areas separate. I would also like to see a design that allows for us to add on further down the road if needed. A wagon wheel design allows for no growth. Our kiddos would love what's inside the school so much more than trying to make the outside beautiful.

We don't need a Taj Mahal trying to impress ourselves and the people that visit Harleton.

We should build with enough room for growth, advancing technology, as well as a building our community can be proud of.

I worry that it will be done to cheaply with all the concerns with cost and taxes.

My biggest concern is that trying to cut the cost so much will cause problems down the road. I want a well built, sturdy building that will last as long or longer than the current Elem/Jr High. We need windows in every room! The rooms need to be a good size and have plenty of space. I am not saying we should splurge. I definitely agree that we need to build these buildings with as little money as we can but it is also important to have a safe and well built building we can be proud of.

Seek large donations naming in honor building, gyms, wings, etc. Seeking to lower the tax payers burden.

Location and what will happen with the old campus?

Spend OUR money wisely!

With detailed plans, contractors can give estimates that shouldn't vary and give us a fairly hard number to ask for bond.

Concerns: transparency of options & decisions made by committees & school officials; superintendent needs to be polite & open with the public, not condescending.

None. We need new facilities!

That Our taxes will go up, a lot! BUT, We will vote yes to a new jr and elementary, only if we get a new football stadium

The only concern is not building it efficiently and modern enough to sustain for 30-40 years to come

Use for existing structures.

Do it as basic as law allows

That the campus be able to expand in the design for future growth, tell high school design constructed still doesn't accommodate enough people, gym too small, auditorium too small etc.

We do not need a high tech school. Go back to chalk boards. Kids now need to go back to basics.

Possibility of building elem in phases at current location

a campus that would be Parent/Teacher/Student friendly and a safe environment.

No wasted space, high efficiency

Don't cheap out on it. Do it right.

Parking pick up and drop off

That there will be unnecessary or wasted space like there is at the high school

Taxes, of course, and that the new facility will have as many problems as the high school.

Wasted or excessive building construction

If we don't build a new facility soon, our current facilities will not pass code inspections, such as air quality, square footage in classrooms, and bathroom accommodations

I am excited for our kids. Please include anything that will further the education of ALL students.

I believe they should be separate facility's 1-5 and 6-8

The bond was not thought out or planned well. Many people feel like the administration was trying to push the bond through in a hurry just to get it passed. Some administration even voiced that the tax payers in our area were not smart

enough to know about the details and be informed. But the truth is, there were no details given, just an ask for a blank check. And \$11.25 million was not the cost. Money that the school has from the lack of doing upgrades and repairs over the years adds to that number. And even after it did not pass, those repairs and upgrades are still not being done. If the school administration cannot use our money wisely now to take care of our kids and school, what should make us think that they will take care of or maintain a \$14+ million dollar facility.

Build for the growth we need. Build in the style of OUR community, not some other community.

Why not build a new elementary only and then use the old elementary as expansion for the junior high? This seems like it would save a substantial amount of money and provide expansion room at both levels.

Debt and proper upkeep.

Cost and time frame

begin building further back on the property and use more land to spread out the building area and provide more outdoor spaces for recreation and classes

Better traffic flow. Make sketches of plans and if possible virtual tour available for viewing on school web page and Facebook.

The economic makeup of the people in the community are not financially able to support more taxes. The buildings need replacing but we have got to stop accepting transfers of students living out of the district to slow some of the growth or we will be in this situation again, soon. I am also concerned that we did not receive enough bids last time to get a fair price.

plan in stages- one campus at a time

Cost waste. Consider different materials that will produce a facility of quality...metal, wood, no brick or use 1/2 brick, etc.

Take it all into consideration. Design and build a facility that focuses on the IMPORTANT ISSUE - the EDUCATION of the children. Just look at the website and you will see what the focus is.....sports, cheering, extracurricular activities! Are there more articles highlighting academic achievement? Sorry to say, there is not. What percentage of HHS students end up as professional sports stars? Bring back helpful skills for the future of our students, like welding, home economics, building trades, auto mechanics, computer technology, farming & ranching skills, etc., and build for that vision.

Location

Update and add on to what already exists.

Cost and space

I'm concerned with the delay

We don't need a big Fancy school. Just one big enough for our students. All the bells and whistles is not needed.

Taxes going up. But We will vote yes to a new school only if they add a new football stadium into the deal

I do not wish to see a bond that only partially addresses the issues. Go all-in.

Cost to tax payers

What is going to happen to the old building?

I feel that we should not allow for too much growth but allow for the possibility of adding on if needed. Harleton enrollment has averaged the same for several years and we do not want to overshoot for growth. I also feel that although the facility should be nice and attractive to the eye that the main focus should be function and money should not be wasted on making the campus "pretty".

What happens to the existing buildings when the new ones are put in use?

Just that it be big enough since more kids are coming to our schools

be smart with space and cost.

none... it's long over due!!!!

A separate pick up line for Jr high an elementary. Also, either a guard at intersection to direct traffic or male signs. All parents taking turns every single morning would cut down on traffic.

I think we should look toward building a new elementary and when the high school bond is payed off look at building a new jr high

This increase in taxes will never go away. Even after the specific bond has expired.

Waiting too long will only cause greater need and greater cost. We MUST have a good school with good facilities in order to educate our children as they deserve and to attract new families to our area.

I am concerned that if we build another combined campus, the cafeteria and traffic issues will not be resolved. A plain but new junior high in the area between the two current campuses would make sense. An elementary could be built later. Our buildings are old but still functional.

Is it going to require more transfer students to enroll

MUST meet government requirements. Not sheetrock. Kids will tear up walls.

Voters will once again be misinformed via Facebook.

Spending too much money without thought

Better management of current resources. Maintenance etc.

Design/cost

Build a facility out of sturdy materials that will last years. Spacious enough for growth, install proper fire alarms, safety should be a huge factor.

How are they planning to pay for it? I do not want my property values and taxes to go up. Leaving the school on Hwy 154 is a good idea.

Build it big enough for growth, Harleton is noted for their excellent school's.

Build for what we have with a plan that allows easy add-on in the future.

Pay off High School first

build the basics, largest buildings possible without a lot of expensive frills. build what is necessary to insure a good education and safety for all the children and employees.

Wasting money

extreme tax increases - wasteful spending

Cost and plans

lack of details/not including updated technology we rapidly changing

get correct management

can old buildings be updated and enlarged

build new elementary

location

increase in taxes

more information

rising cost - the longer the wait, the higher the cost

Make sure that it is routed so there is no bottle neck, and that the pride of Harleton does not come in the wrong way.

I believe we need one

cost that result in increased taxes with no industry to off set it

Please share any comments you would like to offer that will help our committee provide you the necessary information you need moving forward: (54 responses)

If we're going to do this, we need to do it right. We don't need some grand building to show off but do need something that will last for future generations.

Just want to see the community growth in education

I think there needs to be a charismatic PR person to get the information out to the voters. Many more community outreaches such as to churches, businesses, community events. Ex: Information booth at the fall fest, at school sporting events, overload the community with opportunities to talk to board members and decision makers. The principals should all be involved in the committee so that they could answer questions in the offices and be an advocate for the process. Use staff members that are trusted people in the community to help. Employees that are actual tax payers would be better to get the message out to other tax payers. There is a resentment in the community of people that do not pay taxes here having an opinion or involvement in this process. Home town people should lead this campaign and guide it. Talking to voters like they are too dumb to understand or that they should just take someone's word for it really offended a lot of people in the last vote. The people that are leading this process must be able to relate to all people and not act like they are above the voters. Obviously the voters want to see a floor plan and more details this go round.

Being a teacher, I feel info will be available to me. Hopefully, there won't be any misunderstandings this time around.

Many tax paying community members do not get their information via internet. Yes, I know, unbelievable. Many rely on good old fashion mail carriers. I realize this would be a cost to someone, but at the very least an informative flyer could be produced and made available at local businesses to allow the non-internet savvy tax payers a chance to feel included.

I think good parking and a good plan for drop off and pick up would be great!

I love our school, staff, & admin. I fully trust that they will continue to try to do what's best for our students.

None

Study after study demonstrates that facilities themselves have a huge impact on student behavior, grades, teacher tenure and even community satisfaction.

Facilities are an extremely important necessity to help our students succeed. We need to make sure the buildings and accommodations are adequate not only now, but for future generations.

I would like to have regularly scheduled town hall-type meetings where questions can be addressed throughout the planning and building process. This would make people feel more included and confident that the right decisions are being made rather than the here it is - take it or leave it approach that seemed to be presented last time. Also, people could not complain that they weren't given a chance to ask questions or give opinions.

Honesty, goals, plans and listening to those that have experience in construction and how to better utilize what we have as a community. Harleton has many things to offer this committee if given the chance.

I feel I have been provided with with enough information. Nothing more than was done in the last election would be necessary for me.

Social media is very important in getting information out. I believe a big problem before the previous vote for the bond was not enough information being given to the public. Social media is a great way to get the community involved and getting their support. We need to put out discussions and more than just a random link every once in a while.

N/A

Use common sense

When honest & respected members of the committee resigned, that spoke volumes to the community. Be sure there are more honest & respected members that we can rely on for correct information.

We will vote yes to a new jr and elementary, only if we get a new football stadium

I think we simply need more information and possibly some presentation from different vendors

Make a Facebookpage dedicated to keep all information public

Pick up and drop off students

Be forthcoming with all information asked of the committee in a timely manner and don't act put out or arrogant when called upon to explain your actions. We don't work for you. You work for us.

As a teacher, I am highly concerned about the air quality of our facilities. I never have allergy issues until I start back teaching each year. There is black on my walls under the vents from the A/C. No one has satisfied my questions regarding black mold or asbestos in our building.

Please be open and honest. Share all information --even the information that you do not feel we are interested in knowing. By not sharing it all, it makes us feel you are hiding things.....

Ask all the questions. Do the homework. This bond, if it had passed, would put us in the top 5% of school taxes in Texas. I love our schools and our teachers. They are the best of the best and our kids and school faculty and staff deserve the best, but there is nothing in Harleton. There are no businesses (except a couple) to help citizens offset the extreme taxes that were proposed. There are plenty of other schools that have passed bond elections much less than ours and they have even paid it off early. We can plan well and not break the bank.

I am thankful for HISD.

transparency in all decision making

Make well known benefits of better traffic flow and larger better equipped learning areas.

I feel that our superintendent and board want what is best for our kids and community. I feel comfortable with them making the decisions

Post all meeting transcripts concerning the new building project on school district website & post in a public place for those without internet access for all public to view.

It would be a healthier environment for the kids, I feel there is a lot of mold in the old buildings, making it dangerous to asthma & allergy kids.

Quit taking in transfers if we don't have room, facilities and personell to accommodate them. We would still be in a 2A district without the transfers.

We will vote yes to a new school only if they add a new football stadium into the deal

As stated above

I believe Dr. Coleman in overpaid. I believe if your on the school board the member should not work or have a business that works for the school.

Be honest about the plans

Just keep everyone updated. The parents who pay from out of district should have 0 opinions.

Keep the people informed

I don't think that we should continue to have so many transfer students at \$500 per semester (if that is still the rate). Our taxes are very high and it just doesn't seem fair, they should stay in their district or move.

Keeping us updated on all the plans

I believe the problem last time was a lack of confidence. Continued updates might keep the rumor mill from building distrust.

Please refrain from providing information pertaining to a metal building. Carl Wright should not play ANY part in designing the new facilities. Otherwise, our children will gain their education from a barn.

TRANSPARENCY

Provide the community of ways that current waste is being eliminated to help pay for improvements.

Try to keep things simple and costs will be down

You could leave the elementary and just build a jr high if the school is still safe and functional. If the elementary and jr high are unsafe then demolish it and build the new one there on that site.

social media is a big communication tool these days. share info on facebook, twitter, etc along with the Marshall and Longview papers. Communication is the key!

Thank you for your hard work

inform community

money not being used wisely

when plans are complete for new construction make available to interested people

common sense

get thing done this time

Build a building that will last. It will be cheaper in the long run.

Other Comments:(60 responses)

CS11

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To be a successful building to accommodate all students and staff.

Our new facility was compared to Taj Mahal. Laughable!!

I liked the plan to share cafeteria, library and as many other facilities between the Elementary and Jr. High as possible.

Our community deserves to have a school that we can be proud of. Unfortunately, I think that a lot of voters feel that any amount will be too much to spend. Hopefully, increased transparency, careful planning, and improvements on the design / floorplan will increase a higher turnout of voters who want better facilities for our children.

Hope to hear about the next meeting!

The question asking how much we should spend is a little unnecessary. I am not qualified or knowledgeable enough to give an estimate on this situation but there needs to be more detail on planning and plans in place of what is going to be built.

Not just a guess of what the school wants and what they think they will need.

Put more effort into community outreach. You have to be as loud and as visible as the opposition.

I know we can work together to build a building we can be proud of.

None

I will absolutely vote in favor of the school bond if the committee utilizes the above criteria.

A new school is important, but if the tax rate goes up too much, or community members are disrespected or not given enough information - then don't go to the trouble & expense again. Don't waste our time, your time, or our money.

We will vote yes to a new jr and elementary, only if we get a new football stadium

Payoff your other before you start a new. Not enough money in the community to afford a huge bond. More qualified personnel to make decisions instead of our superintendent. No favorites for bids

Maybe go look at Sabine Elementary and make to accommodate through the 8th grade.

The smell of natural gas in our building is noticeable weekly. Also, the plumbing and fixtures are out of date. There has been a time that toilet water has flowed through the lower halls and classrooms had to be evacuated. The smell of the restrooms in the hallways are overpowering and embarrassing. We are putting a bandaid on these issues rather than addressing them.

We need to pay off the high school before anything else is built. We are a poorer district and many people in the district are poor, as well. You're going to break the community paying for a school that, while it may be needed, just isn't financially feasible at this time.

use green building practices

I hope the community will see that this is much needed and vote to pass it this go around.

Stay focused on the goal of a quality education for our kids, & do not get hung up in differences of opinions, arguments, or back-biting. When dealing with others with different opinions, be respectful, honorable, and considerate. The kids are watching! How are the adults behaving on this issue? Are we setting the example?

We will vote yes to a new school only if they add a new football stadium into the deal

I, for one, am not interested in paying for a complete set of building plans only to vote against construction. I believe this was a major rallying cry for the against crowd last go-round. There also appeared to be latent animosity between a block of community members and HISD brass. I do not understand these issues, nor do I wish to. No-one likes paying taxes. I do not believe there was any other valid reason to vote against. We moved to Harleton +/-10 years ago for school and community. I feel bound to vote to continue and improve those assets whenever it is reasonable to do so. Lets build something our kids can be proud to send their kids to. Thanks, Kevin N. George

Often older structures cost the same if not more to maintain due to the cost of contractors and materials. If it cost is within 75% to maintain the current property then it is time to consider new construction. Eventually the tax payers will be throwing a \$1 at property that is value at \$.50. The offset sometimes come with a cheaper price tag in the long run to go out with the old and in with the new.

Also, if each parent dropping off in the am line would simply make sure there child has all things in hand ready to get out car, it would go way faster. I see parents all the time put car in park. Get out. Walk around. Even with older kids. Get your bags, lunch box in hand and give kisses/hugs an bye all without the parent getting out of the car. Also, there are a few parents that need to remember how to drive slow in parking lot. Kids dart out all the time in between cars. I won't name any names but I've seen one lady drive through that front lot doing at least 40. Once you accidentally hit someone's child there is no taking it back.

I feel like we should close or place more restrictions on the number of transfer students

Please do not use the architect involved in the previous bond attempt. He has a horrible reputation and his arrogance is not appreciated.

Thank you for your service. Spend wisely my friend.

I appreciate the committes work and hope we can get this underway soon as possible..Our employes and students deserves so much more

People on fixed incomes cannot afford higher taxes. a small increase is acceptable but not 30% or big increases in property values.

no bonus for superintendent for doing his job.....

CS1

CS2

CS3

CS4

There is a lot of mis-information floating around from nay-sayers. We need to make them understand that there are state guidelines for buildings. (I heard people say we only needed a steel building) CS5

CS6

CS7

KJ 1

CS8

kj 2

CS9

CS10

Concerns about empty space & volleyball space when we don't have a high school volleyball court kj3

kj 4

kj5

kj6

Lack of confidence in superintendent. All board members making frequent visits to school CS13

community mtgs with open discussion kj7

use common sense what can we afford and build accordingly CS14

CS15

kj9

CS16

kj10

kj11

kj12

Why do we have so many transfers, they only pay a one time rate and the rest of us have to carry the load. I am old and my back is tired. Let us look at some plans and then select an amount. What is wrong with a written report for communication? CS17

