

Lancaster ISD May 2026 Bond Election



Lancaster ISD Trustees Call \$376 Million Bond Election. Voters will have the opportunity to vote on the four propositions on May 2, 2026. This bond proposal invests in Lancaster ISD schools by improving facilities, strengthening safety and infrastructure, expanding career and technical education opportunities, and preparing for future growth, all with no tax rate increase.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will this bond increase my taxes?

No. This bond is structured so there is no tax rate increase. Lancaster ISD can do this due to increased property values and paying off existing debt.

Why will the ballot say, "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE"?

State law requires that exact language on all school bond elections. Even when the tax rate does not increase, the ballot must include that wording.

What will the bond pay for?

Facility improvements across all campuses, safety and security upgrades, a new Career and Technical Education Center, technology upgrades, athletic facility improvements, and repairs to aging systems.

Why is the district proposing this bond now?

Many campuses have aging infrastructure and systems, and construction costs continue to rise each year.

Why can't the district use state funding?

The state does not fund school construction or renovations. Bonds are the only way to fund these improvements.

What happens if the bond does not pass?

District-wide repairs and upgrades will be delayed and costs may increase over time.

Will every campus benefit?

Yes. Every campus will receive improvements based on current facility conditions.

Why build a CTE Center?

It expands opportunities, provides hands-on learning, and prepares students for careers and certifications

Why is the bond addressing the newer campuses Lancaster Middle School, West Main Elementary, and Pleasant Run Elementary?

Construction-related issues were identified and addressing them now prevents more costly repairs later.

How were projects selected?

Through a facilities assessment and review by a Capital Outlay Committee.

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What will happen to 9th grade students under this plan?

All 9th grade students will attend Lancaster High School, creating one comprehensive high school experience.

What will the Barack and Michelle Obama 9th Grade Campus be used for after the transition?

The campus will be repurposed for enrollment services, a student and parent resource hub, staff offices, and professional development space.

Why is the district closing or repurposing certain campuses?

The district is aligning facilities based on enrollment, building conditions, and long-term efficiency.

How will the district support students during campus transitions?

The district will implement a detailed transition plan and provide clear communication to staff and families.

Why not just fix buildings instead of repurposing them?

In some cases, continued investment in older facilities is not the most efficient use of resources.

How does this bond support student safety?

The bond includes safety and security upgrades across all campuses.

How will this bond impact teachers and staff?

The bond improves working environments and provides professional learning spaces.

Why are athletic facilities included?

Athletics are part of the student experience and require maintenance and safety upgrades.

What happens if construction costs increase?

The district will continue responsible financial planning and oversight.

How will the district ensure transparency?

The district will provide ongoing updates and project tracking.

When will the transition of 6th grade and 9th grade students take place?

The transition is not immediate. Planning will begin after the bond election, with implementation anticipated for the 2027–2028 school year at the earliest.

Has the district finalized the transition plan?

No. A detailed transition plan has not been finalized at this time.

Will staff have input in the transition planning process?

Yes. Staff will be included in the planning process.

What should staff expect right now?

There are no immediate changes. Staff should expect continued communication.

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How will the district ensure a smooth transition?

The district will take a thoughtful approach to minimize disruption and support students and staff.

How will this bond impact my individual tax bill?

This bond will not increase your tax rate. However, individual tax bills may change based on property values. The district does not control property appraisals, which are set by the appraisal district.

How will the district ensure funds are used as promised?

Bond funds can only be used for the projects approved by voters. The district will follow strict financial oversight, reporting, and project tracking to ensure accountability and transparency.

Will these projects disrupt students during the school year?

The district will carefully plan construction timelines to minimize disruption to instruction. Safety and continuity of learning will remain top priorities.

Are there any new schools being built?

No. The only new facility included in this bond is the Career and Technical Education Center. All other investments focus on improving and maintaining existing campuses.

Why is the district focusing on facility upgrades now?

Many systems, including HVAC, roofing, and infrastructure, are aging and require attention. Addressing those items now helps avoid more costly repairs later.

Why is the district moving 9th grade students to the high school campus?

This change allows students to access more academic programs, extracurricular opportunities, and support services in one comprehensive high school environment.

Will students lose programs or opportunities during the transition?

No. The goal of the transition is to expand opportunities and improve access to programs.

What happens to staff at campuses impacted by transitions?

The district is committed to supporting staff throughout the transition process, with clear communication and planning as details are finalized.

Why are athletic facilities included in the bond?

Athletic facilities are part of the student experience and require maintenance, safety upgrades, and modernization, just like other district facilities.

Is this bond too large for the district?

The bond amount reflects identified capital outlay areas across all campuses and was developed through a multi-year planning process focused on safety and long-term value.

What makes this bond different from past efforts?

This bond is the result of a comprehensive facilities assessment and years of planning with community input.

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Why are there multiple propositions instead of one single bond question?

The bond is structured into separate propositions so voters can consider different types of projects individually. Each proposition represents a distinct category of investments within the district.

Do all propositions have to pass, or can some pass and others not?

Each proposition on the ballot is voted on separately. This means voters can choose to approve or not approve each proposition individually.

What happens if some propositions pass and others do not?

If a proposition is approved by voters, the district can move forward with the projects included in that specific proposition. If a proposition is not approved, those projects would not move forward at this time.

How can community members learn more about the bond?

Community members are encouraged to review district materials, attend informational meetings, and visit the district website for more information. The official website for the Lancaster ISD Bond 2026 is bond.lancasterisd.org.

Proposition Overview

Below is a brief description of the four propositions that are included in the May 2026 Bond Election. For detailed project descriptions visit bond.lancasterisd.org or scan the QR code.



PROP A Proposition A - Facility Upgrades (\$322,005,000)



This proposition upgrades facilities at every Lancaster ISD campus, providing safe, functional, and modern learning environments. Improvements include roof and HVAC replacement, climate control upgrades, plumbing and restroom renovations, secure entries, and the construction of a new career and technical education center for high school students.

PROP B Proposition B – Instructional Technology (\$3,500,000)



This proposition addresses technology infrastructure and instructional device for students and teachers needs across the district. Aging computers, tablets, and related hardware used by students and staff will be replaced. Network and connectivity upgrades are included to support digital learning environments, covering both classroom instruction tools and campus operational technology.

PROP C Proposition C – Indoor Practice Facility (\$35,250,000)



Modernization of a 20-year-old indoor practice facility to better support student-athletes with a safer, more functional, and year-round training environment. Improvements include installation of a permanent HVAC system, expanded and improved locker room and support spaces, a renovated weight room and training area, new interior turf, facility upgrades to extend the life of the structure, enhanced safety and security features, and updated signage and branding.

PROP D Proposition D – Stadium Facilities (\$15,250,000)



Renovations to Beverly D. Humphrey Tiger Stadium and Old Tiger Stadium include restroom renovations with improved accessibility and changing tables, track replacement, field and turf replacement, repairs addressing age-related wear and tear, safety and security enhancements, and updated signage and facility improvements to ensure students can compete safely and train effectively.