HOW WAS THE HUNTSVILLE ISD 2021 BOND DEVELOPED?

The Huntsville ISD 2021 School Bond is a result of quality community input and careful weighing of options. The bond package derives from the work of the Long Range Master Plan committee, made up of 79 community leaders, parents, teachers, students, and local business owners representing a cross section of the district. The committee received information from district administration and industry professionals, taking into consideration future student growth projections and the district's need for capital projects. The committee's approved master plan was presented to the Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees on August 13, 2020. The Board approved the committee's recommendation and unanimously called for a $127,000,000 bond election at their meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

WHAT IS IN THE 2021 BOND & HOW MUCH IS IT FOR?

If approved by voters, the proposed 2021 Bond will provide funds for various renovations and additions across our district. At the Pre-K and elementary level, proposed funds would renovate Old Huntsville Intermediate School into the new Scott Johnson Elementary School, build classroom additions at Stewart Elementary School, Huntsville Elementary School, and Samuel Walker Houston Elementary School, convert Gibbs Pre-K into a Support and Learning Center, convert Scott Johnson Elementary School into a district multipurpose center, and fund safety & security enhancements at every campus.

Proposed renovations to Mance Park Middle School include renovating the existing SLC area into classrooms and support spaces, renovating the existing cafeteria and kitchen into a band suite, renovating the gyms and athletic spaces, constructing a new kitchen/cafeteria/stage, and funding safety & security enhancements. The 2021 Bond would fund safety & security enhancements and a new auditorium, baseball field and softball field at Huntsville High School, as well as address district-wide priority maintenance projects. Finally, the 2021 Bond will also fund comprehensive renovations to the district stadium and support facilities, including new home/visitors stands, a new press box, ticketing/restrooms/concessions areas, a new field house and score board, new tennis courts, and new practice fields for soccer, football and track & field.

The Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees called for a $127,000,000 bond referendum to fund these proposed projects.

WHY ARE THERE MULTIPLE PROPOSITIONS?

Recent legislation has required that specific bond items be presented to voters for consideration in separate propositions. Renovations to a stadium with capacity for more than 1,000 spectators is one of those items, which is why the Huntsville ISD 2021 Bond will appear on the ballot as Proposition A for $92,000,000 and Proposition B for $35,000,000 (Stadium Improvements).

HOW DOES THE 2021 BOND AFFECT THE CURRENT GRADE ALIGNMENT?

The projects proposed by the 2021 Bond will allow Huntsville ISD to realign grade levels to Pre-K through 5 at the elementary level, grades 6 through 8 at the middle school, and grades 9 through 12 at the high school. Fewer transitions means fewer campuses for drop off/pickup for parents with multiple children, more time to build positive relationships on a campus before students move, and more efficient operations (fewer campuses = less recurring costs). The proposed grade alignment is used in a majority of successful school districts across the state.
WHEN IS EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY?

Early Voting runs Monday, April 19–Tuesday, April 27. Polls are closed on Sunday. Election Day is Saturday, May 1. Voters must be registered by Thursday, April 1 to vote in the Huntsville ISD 2021 Bond election.

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

All early voting will take place at the Walker County Storm Shelter (455 SH 75 North in Huntsville). Walker County has implemented countywide Election Day polling locations, meaning you can cast your ballot at any polling location within the county, regardless of precinct. The Huntsville ISD Transportation building will be an Election Day polling place. A full list of voting locations is posted at www.huntsville-isd.org/2021Bond.