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School Board Calls May 2022 Bond Election

The Cameron ISD (“CISD” or the “District”) Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call an election to be held on May 7, 2022, for a \$15.9 million bond package addressing Career and Technical Education (CTE) program facilities and aging infrastructure in the District.

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the C.H. Yoe Family’s donation for the construction of the original C.H. Yoe High School building. As the District looked forward to this milestone, we began to consider all that could be done with this historical building. What began as a series of “what-ifs” developed into a plan that addresses Career and Technical Education (CTE) program needs while improving and restoring the original C.H. Yoe building as well as the District’s current Ag Facilities.

After the in-depth planning process of developing the bond, the CISD Board of Trustees put these projects before voters in November 2021. Although the election failed by just a few votes in November, improving CTE and Ag program offerings and academic spaces remain a priority to the District. We reevaluated each project and considered other options while recognizing the cost implications of executing these projects later than initially proposed back in August 2021. Our commitment to providing quality opportunities for our students ultimately led the District and Board of Trustees to agree to put forth essentially the same bond package to voters this upcoming May.

“It is a goal of the District to improve the facilities in which our Career and Technology pathway courses are being taught. Facilities that are appropriate in size, and replicate the work environment will ensure quality programs and future career success,” said Superintendent Kevin Sprinkles.

The proposed projects include:

- transitioning the original C.H. Yoe High School building into a College and Career & Technical Education Center;
- renovations and infrastructure improvements to the original C.H. Yoe High School building; and
- renovations and improvements to CISD's Ag Facilities to enhance the Welding, Floral Lab, and Vet Tech programs.

Due to current market cost escalations and the projects having a later start date if approved in May than when originally considered, the total cost of the bond package has increased. If the bond referendum is approved, CISD estimates the maximum tax impact to be an increase of \$0.025 or 2.5 cents, which equates to an increase of \$18.75 per year or \$1.56 per month on a home valued at \$115,000, which is the average home value in Cameron Independent School District.

Cameron ISD residents will have the opportunity to vote on the bond referendum beginning with Early Voting on April 25 – May 3, and on Election Day, Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Cameron ISD encourages every resident to become an informed voter. In the coming weeks, CISD will speak to residents to provide facts about the bond election and answer questions. In addition, the District's website will be updated with information about the bond proposition, the proposed bond projects, and details on when and where to vote. If you reside within the CISD boundaries, but are not registered to vote, the deadline to do so is April 7, 2022.