

Scoop from the Supt
News from Dublin ISD
Superintendent, Shaun Barnett
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Dublin ISD has a rare opportunity to take advantage of a zero to low interest rate program to advance a building program at the Junior High campus. In the summer of 2010, DISD applied for and was granted the opportunity to receive a Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) for the purpose of building a new Junior High School campus. The QSCB is a program provided by the Federal Government in which \$11 billion in tax-free bonds were issued to help fund school construction, rehabilitation, repair, and land acquisition. Due to this zero to low interest rate on the QSCB, DISD has the potential to save the tax payers between \$3.5 and \$4 million in taxes over the next 15-25 years.

The proposed project is to build a new Junior High School campus and to remodel the Junior High School Gym. Remodeling the gym includes removing the wooden bleachers on both sides, removing the below-ground dressing rooms on both sides, installing retractable bleachers on both sides, and adding new dressing rooms. This will make the gym much safer for visitors and students, and will bring the gym into compliance with modern building codes for handicap access. Other projects included in the proposal are to remodel the current Junior High School building (old high school), build an activity/pe gym at the Elementary school, reopen the Elementary cafeteria, air condition the Intermediate school gym, build restroom facilities at the baseball/softball fields, and build dressing facilities at the football field. These are all needs that have been identified by a community committee, the DISD Administration, and the DISD Board of Trustees.

I encourage anyone wanting to see the condition of the school buildings or the gymnasiums to schedule a time to take a tour of the buildings. The item will be taken to the voters during the regular election scheduled for November 8, 2011. Get as much information as possible to help you make your decision in the November election. Election sites will be as follows:

Early Voting

October 24—November 4, 2011
8:00AM - 5:00PM Monday-Friday
Erath County Dublin Annex
219 S. Grafton
Dublin, TX

Election Day

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
7:00AM - 7:00PM
Erath County Dublin Annex
Erath County Courthouse
CenturyLink Telephone Office
Texas Bank

While it is not appropriate for me to ask you to vote a certain way, I would like to ask you to vote. Get as much information as you can so that you can make an informed decision when you vote. There will be several opportunities for you to gather information pertaining to the bond proposal.

- Open House at Dublin Elementary – Thursday, October 20, 2011 @ 5:30 – 701 N. Thomas St.
- Open House at Dublin Intermediate – Monday, October 24, 2011 @ 6:00 – 609 N. Thomas St.
- Community Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 7:00 – Dublin JH Auditorium – 419 N. Camden St.

If I can be of any service to you, or answer any questions that you might have, please do not hesitate to contact me at 254-445-3341 or sbarnett@dublinisd.us. You may also go to the DISD website at www.dublinisd.us for more information on the construction bond proposal.