EARLY VOTING: WHEN & WHERE TO VOTE

Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, and ends Friday, Oct. 30, 2020

In-Person Voting: Main Polling Place for Early Voting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TBD	TBD	**TO BE DETERMINED (TBD)** The postponement of this election to November 2020 requires voting information to be updated closer to the election date. G-PISD will provide further details as soon as we have them available from election officials. ***Thank you!***
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By-Mail Voting: Ballot requests may be sent to:

Pamela Hill, Elections Administrator San Patricio County, Texas 410 West Market St. P.O. Box 579 Sinton, Texas 78387	Applications for voting by mail should be mailed to be **received** (not postmarked) no later than **(DATE TO BE UPDATED)**.

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2020

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	
G-P County Precinct(s)	**Polling Location**
TBD	This information will be updated when available.
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

Any registered voter whose primary residence is within the boundaries of the Gregory-Portland Independent School District is eligible to vote. **To become a registered voter, a voter registration card must be submitted to the San Patricio County Voter Registrar no later than 30 days prior to election day (the last day to register for the November election is Oct. 5, 2020).**

Voter registration cards may be obtained by contacting G-PISD Administration, the County Voter Registrar's Office, or visiting our website to find a link for voter registration online: **www.g-pisd.org/bond** *(You can also visit this website to access a link to find out whether you're registered.)*

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DID YOU KNOW ... Upon reaching the age of 65, homeowners can apply for an over-65 homestead exemption. **School district taxes are FROZEN in the year the taxpayer turns 65 years of age.**

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BOND ELECTION INFORMATION

www.g-pisd.org/bond

Información sobre la emisión de bonos del Gregory-Portland Independent School District, el dia 3 de Noviembre, es disponible en Español. Para obtener información en Español, por favor llame al distrito 361-777-1091 o visitar: www.g-pisd.org/bond

DEAR G-P CITIZENS,

The Gregory-Portland ISD Board of Trustees voted to call for a bond election following a recommendation from community members who served on the 2019-20 Facilities Steering Committee (with some also having served on the Community Leadership Team). **Originally, this election was to be held May 2, 2020, however impacts due to COVID-19 resulted in Trustees unanimously voting to postpone this election until November 3, 2020.**

The committee represented a cross-section of the G-PISD community, and met many times in the Fall of 2019 and early Spring of 2020 to analyze the needs of students and staff in the District. Community members were also able to assess the financial ability of the District to address those needs. Input was sought from financial advisors, facility planners, students, teachers, principals, administrators, and community members, and that information was provided to Trustees prior to the final bond project list being approved by the Board.

This brochure provides factual information to answer questions about the bond proposal so voters can make an informed decision on Election Day. We hope you will take the time to study the issue and vote. As you review this information, please visit our website or call us if you have further questions:

G-PISD Administration Office - (361) 777-1091, ext. 1018 | www.g-pisd.org/bond

Thank you - Dr. Paul Clore, G-PISD Superintendent

HOW WILL THE BALLOT READ?

GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD - PROPOSITION A

☐ FOR
☐ AGAINST

"THE ISSUANCE OF $98,486,333 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD - PROPOSITION B

☐ FOR
☐ AGAINST

"THE ISSUANCE OF $9,253,667 OF BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OR UPDATE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

**__IMPORTANT NOTICE__: Texas House Bill 3 (2019) requires that school bond propositions must include the following statement: "This is a property tax increase."

G-PISD will require no increase to the total tax rate with this bond proposal.

HOW WILL THE BOND PROCEEDS BE USED?

PROPOSITION A – PROJECT LIST:	ESTIMATE ($)
Career & Technology Education (CTE) Equipment for New CTE Facility*	$3,506,498
Chiller/Central Plant Facility/Building Envelope	$12,000,000
Property Acquisition – 24.85 acres behind G-PHS	$981,575
Middle School Addition	$10,732,500
Middle School Athletics Complex	$8,199,215
Kitchen Equipment – Middle School	$445,000
Old East Cliff Renovation	$327,491
Early Childhood Center (Pre-K/Kinder)	$37,612,295
Ag Science Classrooms	$7,000,000
Administrative Support Center	$526,250
All-Purpose Practice Facility	$9,763,816
Fine Arts Equipment Replacement/Rotation (5 yrs)	$745,000
Athletic Uniforms Replacement/Rotation (5 yrs)	$116,640
Cheer Uniforms/Rotation (5 yrs)	$27,500
Buses (5 yrs)	$1,650,000
Service Vehicles and Maintenance Equipment (5 yrs)	$381,881
Playgrounds (S.F. Austin & T.M. Clark)	$970,672
Safety & Security	$1,000,000
Maintenance District Upgrades/Deferred Maint. (5 yrs)	$2,000,000
Kitchen Equipment – Replacement (5 yrs)	$500,000
PROPOSITION A – TOTAL	$98,486,333

PROPOSITION B – PROJECT LIST:	ESTIMATE ($)
Technology 1:1 Classroom Device Initiative	$7,151,327
Technology Equipment Replacement/Rotation (5 yrs)	$2,102,340
PROPOSITION B - TOTAL	$9,253,667

TOTAL BOND PACKAGE (PROPS A & B) - $107,740,000

Highlighted (light blue) lines above denote Reimbursement Resolution items (projects that were, are, or will be completed with District M&O dollars but can be reimbursed with I&S (bond) funds if approved by voters) totaling $36 Million.

WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT ON TAXPAYERS?

G-PISD's total tax rate was $1.35 (per $100 valuation) in 2018. In 2019, the total tax rate decreased to $1.26835. **The proposed bonds, if approved by the voters, will require no increase to the total tax rate**. Additionally, the total tax rate is projected to decrease over time (per latest projections from advisors at BOK Financial) with industrial growth in our local area.

G-PISD RECENT TOTAL TAX RATE HISTORY

$107.7 million, expected pay-off of bonds in 2039, assuming 3 bond sales, and an estimated 4.40% interest rate for planning purposes

Tax Year	Total Tax Rate
2007	1.61
2008	1.36
2009	1.36
2010	1.36
2011	1.37
2012	1.35
2013	1.35
2014	1.35
2015*	1.30*
2016	1.35
2017	1.35
2018	1.35
2019	**1.26835**

**In 2015, a state-mandated formula temporarily drove the tax rate down.*

FUTURE PROJECTIONS SHOW A DECLINE IN G-PISD TOTAL TAX RATES, WITH (or WITHOUT) APPROVAL OF BOND 2020:

FUNDING BOND 2020: INDUSTRY & RESIDENTS

In 2019-20, local business / industry comprised 87.9% of the District's total assessed valuation (with single-family residential properties comprising 12.1%). Based on the shift in valuation as seen in 2019-20 following industrial growth, estimates show approximately 88% of Bond 2020 will be funded by industry (with residents funding 12%). **Bond 2020 requires no increase to the total tax rate.**