



**What is a bond?**

A school bond, sometimes called a municipal bond, is a document that obligates the school district to repay borrowed money on a given maturity date and to pay interest semi-annually at a rate set at the date of sale to the bondholder.

**What are bonds used for?**

Bond funds can be used to pay for new buildings, additions and renovations to existing facilities, purchasing land, and equipment for new or existing buildings.

Bond funds CANNOT be used for personnel or operating costs. The Coppell Independent School District, like all school districts in Texas, uses its maintenance and operating (M&O) budget to fund salaries, curriculum and other operating expenses.

**Why can't we pay for new schools, additions and upgrades of current facilities out of the district's annual maintenance and operating budget?**

The state allows school districts to fund expenditures from two different sources—maintenance & operations and bonded debt service. Limitations imposed by the state's school finance system place restrictions on the usage of a school district's operating revenue. Normal capital needs, technology upgrades and major maintenance projects are funded through bonded debt service while operating expenses are funded through maintenance & operations.

**Are bond funds subject to recapture (Robin Hood)?**

No. Coppell ISD will keep 100% of every dollar raised through a bond election.

**What is the bond history for Coppell ISD?**

- 1985** \$25 million – School Sites & Bldgs
- 1990** \$29.5 million – School Bldgs & renovations
- 1994** \$41.47 million – School Bldgs/Renovations & Expansions
- 1999** \$49.875 million – Expansions/Renovations/Technology
- 2006** \$50 million – Land Acquisition/Tech/Renovation (All projects will be completed during summer of 2009)

**How was this current bond plan determined?**

The \$55.9 Million package called by the Board of Trustees following the recommendation of a 25 member bond committee comprised of parents and community members.

The bond committee completed the following in order to bring a proposal to the Board of Trustees:

- ▶ Viewed Preliminary List of Needs
- ▶ Conducted Site Visits
- ▶ Prioritized Project Lists
- ▶ Sub-Committees Attended Various Presentations
- ▶ Finalized Bond Capacity and Capital List for Board Consideration

**What is included in the current bond plan?**

The current plan consists of two Propositions. It is a five year spending plan with 111 projects that will touch all campuses. Projects are scheduled to be completed between the Summer of 2009 and the Summer of 2013.

**Proposition 1:**

▶ Technology Infrastructure and Equip.	\$15,812,000
▶ HVAC, Lighting, and Energy Management	\$8,081,564
▶ Roofing, Carpeting, and Misc. Repairs	\$5,425,736
▶ Shifting of Expenditures to Bond	\$4,053,000
▶ Library Materials and Facility Upgrades	\$2,203,000
▶ Playgrounds, Bleachers, P.E., and Athletics	\$1,942,500
▶ Band Instruments / Theater Department	\$1,405,500
▶ Land Infrastructure Development (North Lake)	\$1,000,000
▶ Campus Safety and Security	\$676,700
▶ Coppell Nature Park Educational Facility	\$300,000
<b>Total Proposition 1</b>	<b>\$40,900,000</b>

*Note: Totals Include Architectural, Engineering, Contractor, and Contingency Fees. Please visit [www.coppellisd.com](http://www.coppellisd.com) for more detailed information regarding each project.*

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## Proposition 2:

This maintenance note conversion finalizes the complex land purchase transaction for the North Lake 122 acres. The transfer of this debt to bond indebtedness allows us to avoid recapture (e.g. Robin Hood).

- ▶ Maintenance Note Conversion **\$15,000,000 Total**

## Why are we shifting M&O expenditures to the bond?

Doing this allows Coppell ISD to utilize bond dollars to replace tax dollars that are recaptured by the state (e.g. Robin Hood). This frees up M&O monies for personnel. Currently 82% of the district's M&O budget is made up of employee salaries and approximately 40% of that money leaves the district due to recapture or Robin Hood.

## Why is this bond package split into two separate propositions?

Election Law requires us to put the maintenance note conversion on a separate proposition.

## Tax Rate Comparison 2008-2009

District	M&O	Debt	Total
Highland Park ISD	\$0.9950	\$0.0950	\$1.0900
<b>Coppell ISD</b>	<b>\$1.0400</b>	<b>\$0.2390</b>	<b>\$1.2790</b>
Grapevine Colleyville ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.2500	\$1.2900
Plano ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.2634	\$1.3034
Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.3223	\$1.3623
Frisco ISD	\$1.0000	\$0.3700	\$1.3700
Lewisville ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.3400	\$1.3800
Southlake Carroll ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.4250	\$1.4650
Allen ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.4303	\$1.4703
McKinney ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.4770	\$1.5170

## How will this bond affect my school taxes?

Assumes up to 2 cent increase in tax rate

Home Value	Monthly Increase	Yearly Increase
\$100,000	\$1.42	\$17.00
\$200,000	\$3.08	\$37.00
<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$3.92</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>
\$300,000	\$4.75	\$57.00
\$400,000	\$6.42	\$77.00

After a homeowner turns 65, school taxes are frozen and will not be impacted by any increase in the Coppell ISD tax rate. (Homeowners must apply for this exemption.)

## When and Where Can I vote?

### EARLY VOTING

- ▶ All early voting takes place at Town Center (City Hall) from April 27 – May 5
  - April 27 – May 1 – 8:00am – 5:00pm
  - May 2 – 8:00am – 5:00pm
  - May 3 – 1:00pm – 6:00pm
  - May 4 – 5 – 7:00am – 7:00pm

### ELECTION DAY

- ▶ May 9, 2009 – 7:00am – 7:00pm
- ▶ Must vote at precinct location