# 2021 Election FAQs

On **May 1**, McKinney ISD will be holding an important election that will impact our students, teachers, and community for many years to come. This election will provide funding for classrooms and facilities, and will lower the tax rate by at least 3 cents.

This election includes four ballot items, all focused on one priority: McKinney ISD students.

The ballot items include an Attendance Credit Election (ACE), a Voter-Approval Tax

No. Area districts such as Plano and Frisco ISD have been paying recapture for more than fifteen years, and Allen ISD has been paying recapture for the past 10 years. McKinney ISD has been paying recapture since 2014–2015.

For MISD to be able to stop paying recapture, the district would need to lower the M&O tax rate by approximately \$0.06. The revenue decline would be approximately \$9.6 million per year. McKinney ISD would have to eliminate teachers, support positions and programs throughout the district.

# What Happens if the Election Fails?

If the Attendance Credit Election is not approved by McKinney ISD voters, the TEA will begin a "Detachment of Territory" procedure to remove \$2.9 Billion worth of property from McKinney ISD's property values.

Top 10 Taxpayers	Taxable Valuation
Encore Wire Limited	\$124,784,854
Oncor Electric Delivery Company	\$85,662,577
NREA Retreat DST	\$66,300,000

equate to a \$283 yearly tax increase per average MISD single-family home (\$354,159).

What Happens if the Election is Approved?

The M&O tax rate would be increased by approximately \$0.02. However, the I&S tax rate is going down by \$0.05. Therefore, homeowners will not see an increase in the overall tax rate. Taxes will be reduced by approximately 3 cents, saving approximately \$112.27 per average single-family home (\$354,159).

# What is the impact if the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election passes?

If approved, this ballot item would maximize the district's Maintenance & Operations (M&O) funding allowed under HB3, approximately \$3.1 million.

# What is the impact if the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election does not pass?

- 1) MISD may be required to increase class sizes.
- 2) MISD would be limited in its ability to continue to provide the quality and variety of

The 2021 Bond Program will cover projects that impact every MISD campus. The following projects have been recommended by the Project Kids planning committee and approved by the MISD Board of Trustees. Due to its conservative management of funds and commitment to paying off debt quickly, MISD is able to propose the 2021 school

# **School Bond Ballot FAQs**

# What is the school building bond ballot?

The school building ballot has two primary goals. The first is to update and renovate existing campuses. The second is to accommodate growth through campus expansions and a new school. Due to its conservative management of funds and commitment to paying off debt quickly, MISD is able to propose the 2021 school bond while at the

- Interior and Exterior Doors and Hardware
- Furniture
- Technology

# What is included in the McKinney Boyd High School Expansion?

This bond measure includes renovations at McKinney Boyd High School that include expansions in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); Career and Technical Education (CTE); and Fine Arts.

# Why is MISD including a new elementary in the school bond program?

The northern section of the district is experiencing significant growth, causing overcrowding at MISD elementary schools. Building a new school in the area would relieve the overcrowding and put the district in a position to accommodate increased student enrollment in this area.

# Are there any safety and security measures included in the school bond program?

Yes, safety and security is a top priority in the bond and will enable the district to add more security cameras, lock-down buttons and infrastructure at schools.

# Will the school bond program include any provisions for transportation?

McKinney ISD will utilize bond dollars to purchase buses. This purchase will allow the district to improve efficiencies in the transportation service we provide to students and parents and create more flexibility in the M&O budget for teachers and resources.

### What about Fine Arts & Athletics?

The bond includes fine arts and athletics equipment, uniforms, instruments and more to ensure that every student has an opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities.

# What is the Campus Technology Refresh?

The school bond includes improvements to technology infrastructure, so students and teachers have reliable access to the internet and district network. Technology infrastructure includes: Network Systems, Servers, Data Storage, Security Systems, Public Address Systems, Bell Systems, Clocks, and Audio/Visual Equipment.

# Will the school bond include any funds to address elementary playground needs? Yes, elementary playgrounds throughout the district will receive an update using bond dellars. The update will include additional fencing to improve the sefety of the play.

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# **Technology Bond Ballot FAQs**

# What is the Technology Bond Ballot?

The Technology Bond Ballot ensures that McKinney ISD will be able to continue our 1:World student laptop initiative and provide a computer for every child in the district. This ballot also provides funding for classroom, STEM and CTE computers.

# How will the technology bond impact taxes?

Due to its conservative management of funds and commitment to paying off debt quickly, MISD is able to propose the 2021 school bond while at the same time recommending a \$.03 reduction of the overall tax rate, saving approximately \$112.27 per average single-family home (\$354,159).

## What is the 1: World Instructional Technology Initiative?

In 2014, MISD began its 1:World instructional technology initiative that put a laptop in the hands of every MISD high school student beginning with that year's freshman class. Now fully implemented, the 2021 bond will provide funds to continue issuing a laptop to every student in the district in grades 3 and above and iPads for Pre-K – 2nd grade students.

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# How do these ballot items impact the total tax rate?

Due to its conservative management of funds and a commitment to paying off debt quickly, if all four ballot items are approved, McKinney ISD will still be able to lower the total tax rate. The simple reason is that the district is paying off more debt than it is taking on. That means McKinney ISD can continue to provide the programs and facilities parents have come to expect, and lower the tax rate for homeowners by at least 3 cents.

## What is the impact on persons aged 65 years or older?

MISD property taxes are frozen and cannot be increased for qualifying senior citizens who have filed their homestead and Over 65 exemption application with the Collin County Appraisal District.

# Why does the ballot language indicate that the tax rate will increase?

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed legislation requiring the ballots for all school bond elections to include a sentence that states "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE." The sentence is required even if no actual tax rate increase will occur.

Should all four ballot items pass, MISD will lower the tax rate by at least 3 cents.

#### Where and when can I vote?

Early Voting: April 19 - 27!

Election Day: May 1

# **Bennett Elementary**

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