

## Corsicana ISD Frequently Asked Questions

### Who decides what items are included in the bond?

The Corsicana ISD Long-Range Planning Committee was comprised of over 40 parents, teachers, campus administrators, and community members. The committee met over the course of several months to study district needs at all grade levels and campuses and the future vision for Corsicana ISD students. The group studied a district-wide facilities assessment, demographic projections, and other data and made their recommendation to the Corsicana ISD Board of Trustees for consideration. Their recommendation was approved unanimously by the board.

### Project Summary

#### Corsicana High School Renovation

Restrooms, Classrooms, Career Technology Education, Media Center, Original Gym Renovations, Fine Arts and Auditorium	\$21,828,000
Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Safety and Security	\$20,183,000
Roofing/HVAC	\$15,917,000
Cafeteria and Commons Areas	\$5,397,000

#### Transportation, Agriculture Barn and Sitework

Transportation Facility, Agriculture Barn Improvements, Site Improvements, Exterior	\$6,568,000
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#### Bus Replacement

Buses to Replace Aging Fleet and Accom. Growth	\$500,000
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#### Multi-Purpose Facility

Multi-Purpose Practice Facility (fine arts and athletics)	\$9,597,000
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Total

\$79,990,000 (approx.)

I've heard this is Phase 2 of the district's long-range facilities plan. What was included in Phase 1 and what are we addressing in Phase 2 of this long-range plan?

The 2014 bond program (Phase 1) addressed the middle school facility needs, many safety and security items, and minor renovations. The 2022 Bond (Phase 2) of the facility improvement plan addresses the aging Corsicana High School, the ag barn, transportation, and a multi-purpose facility. The current bond program will address student enrollment growth, major renovations at Corsicana High School which, expand career and technical learning spaces for students, renovate science labs and classrooms, enhance safety and security at the high school, and provide technology improvements.

The majority of the campus upgrades are related to mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems that are at or near their end of life (roof, HVAC, fire systems, public address system, flooring, plumbing, restroom infrastructure and more).

What items are included in the current bond?

The current bond will address significant renovations to Corsicana High School, relocation of the transportation center and purchase of buses, renovations and reconfiguration of the agriculture barn, and construction of a multi-purpose facility for extracurricular activities. The most significant renovations are to life cycle systems, such as roofing, HVAC, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems at the school.

What types of renovations will take place at Corsicana High School?

The updates to life cycle systems at Corsicana High School include roof replacement, HVAC replacement, fire and safety system upgrades, accessibility (ADA) compliance upgrades, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements, bathroom renovations, technology infrastructure, new flooring and wall finishes as needed and more. The renovations also include accessibility updates in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In addition, the campus will undergo modernization improvements and expansions to accommodate increased enrollment. The school will see improvements and expansion to core areas including the library media center, cafeteria, and commons spaces. New academic corridors will connect hallways, which will alleviate student crowding in the main corridor and provide additional access to academic hallways at the high school.

Science labs and Career and Technology Education classrooms will also be expanded. The improvements would include the culinary kitchen, expand graphic arts, improve the automotive and ag shops, expand space for the welding program and more. The agriculture facility, commonly referred to as the ag barn, will receive renovations and a reconfiguration of space. The district's transportation facility will also be relocated to allow for additional space and new buses will be purchased to replace an aging fleet of buses near end of life.

One of the more significant renovations in the school will be an expanded student commons space, cafeteria, and library media center to meet the needs of increased student enrollment and to provide access to improved technology and academic learning spaces.

[How will the district address enrollment growth and capacity constraints at Corsicana High School?](#)

Corsicana ISD is still experiencing significant growth in student enrollment. Expansion of classrooms and core spaces will address overcrowding and put the district in a position to accommodate increased student enrollment in the future. One of the most significant upgrades will be expansion of core spaces like the library media center, cafeteria, and student commons area. Expansion of Career and Technology Education (CTE) spaces will allow for increased enrollment in CTE programs and career exploration and preparation. Keeping up with growth also enables the district to maintain smaller class sizes.

[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 improvements include accessibility upgrades at Corsicana High School and the addition of a connector hallway to enclose academic hallways and alleviate crowding in the campuses' main corridor.

#### [Will the school bond program include any provisions for transportation?](#)

Corsicana ISD will utilize bond dollars to relocate and expand the district's transportation facility. The transportation facility additions will allow the district to improve efficiencies in the transportation service provided to students and parents and create the space necessary to accommodate buses serving our increasing number of bus riders. In addition, the bond will fund the purchase of buses to replace an aging fleet of buses near their end of life.

#### [How does the bond impact extracurricular activities?](#)

The indoor multi-purpose facility will be utilized for a variety of extracurricular activities including band, soccer, softball, baseball, drill team, football and other student groups. This indoor facility will provide a multi-use space for a wide range of athletic and fine arts practices and events throughout the day. The facility also affords programs the opportunity to practice in all weather conditions.

#### [How will the bond impact my taxes as a homeowner?](#)

Due to its conservative management of funds and commitment to paying off debt quickly, this bond will result in a 7-cent increase to the tax rate. The average homeowner will see a tax increase of approximately \$98 per year, or \$8 per month.

#### [How will the bond impact my taxes if I am 65 or older?](#)

Under state law, the over-65 homestead exemption permanently freezes the amount paid for school property taxes. Your school tax rate will not be affected by this bond program.

#### [How do I register to vote?](#)

You must register to vote at least 30 days prior to Election Day to be able to vote in this election. The deadline to register to vote is April 7, 2022.

#### [What will happen if the school bond fails?](#)

If the bond is not approved, Corsicana ISD school buildings will not be brought up to current standards, and the school district will seek short-term solutions to continue to maintain existing facilities. The district will continue to utilize funds from its Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budget to maintain schools, the same budget used to pay teacher salaries and other operational expenses. If the bond passes, these improvements will be made using bond dollars from our Interest and Sinking (I&S) budget, in the same way homeowner's use a mortgage to pay off their home.