

Bond Referendum: November 3, 2015

Moving Forward...Learning for the Future.



The Delano School Board voted unanimously to place two school funding questions before voters at a special election to be held on November 3, 2015. This bond referendum is in response to needs determined by a Facilities Committee that was established in the fall of 2014. The Facilities Committee met six times (totaling over 450 hours), toured all district buildings, and presented a recommendation to the Delano School Board in December 2014. The district then completed demographic and feasibility studies to assess district growth and potential support from district community members. After reviewing all pertinent information and data, the process culminated in a recommendation to facilitate a referendum which was approved by the school board on June 22, 2015. This bond referendum will ask our district community to support two questions that will meet our facility needs for the next 10 years.

Question 1: *Shall the school board of Independent School District 879 (Delano) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$46,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new grade 4 through 6 intermediate school building; the construction of improvements to existing school facilities; the construction of a secure, controlled entry for the high school, including security and safety improvements; and the construction of parking and traffic flow improvements?*

Question 2: *If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 879 (Delano) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 to provide funds for the betterment of school sites and facilities, including the improvement of physical education/athletic field space, the renovation of the swimming pool and related improvements; the construction of an addition to the Tiger Activity Center at the High School and related renovations; and the construction of a Performing Arts Center addition to the High School?*

What NEEDS are being addressed?

- Improved Safety & Security
- Increase Space Capacity for Learning
- Extending Facility Life Span
- Enhancing Opportunities for Students and Community

What will these two ballot questions cost the taxpayer?

Voter Request	Estimated Annual Tax Impact*	Estimated Monthly Tax Impact*
Q1: \$46,000,000	\$329	\$27.42
Q2: \$19,000,000	\$153	\$12.75
Q1 & Q2	\$482	\$40.17

**Estimated tax impacts are based on a \$225,000 average home value in the Delano School District. Question 1 must pass for Question 2 to pass.*

Questions? Email referendum@delanoschools.org, call 763.972.3365, ext. 2111, or continue viewing Referendum 2015 links on our website for additional detailed information.