



Lufkin ISD Board of Trustees Call for May 2026 Bond

Lufkin, Texas — The Lufkin Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved calling a School Bond Election for May 2, 2026.

A Bond Advisory Committee composed of a diverse group of 75 Lufkin ISD community members and leaders met five times over three months. Their charge was to evaluate the district's long-term facility priorities and to help develop the long-range facility plan and vision. A recommendation was then made to the Board of Trustees in January.

"I want to thank our community committee members and the Board for their time and commitment," Superintendent James Hockenberry said. "This bond proposal reflects the priorities identified by the committee, including addressing aging facilities and enhancing safety and security, while also building a broader understanding of long-term facility master planning."

Texas school districts do not receive state funding for school renovations or new construction. Instead, they must receive funds through school bond elections. The 2026 Bond will ask voters to consider an \$140.25 million package in two propositions.

Proposition A is for \$98.25 million and includes renovations to Lufkin High School, renovation and expansion of the Career and Technical Education Building at LHS, and a new Ag Barn. The proposition also includes safety and security, and new buses.

Proposition B is for \$42 million and includes the construction of a new Lufkin High School Stadium.

If voters approve \$98.25 million for Proposition A in May, the estimated impact would be \$5.00 per month for a home valued at \$190,000 - the average value in Lufkin ISD. If voters approve \$42 million for Proposition B in May, the estimated impact would be \$2.29 per month on the same home.

If voters approve both propositions, the estimated impact would be \$7.29 per month for a \$190,000 home in Lufkin ISD.

The estimated financial impact of Bond 2026 includes the \$140,000 standard Homestead Exemption and the \$200,000 Over-65 Homestead Exemption approved by state voters in November.

Since 2019, state law requires all bond propositions for any school district to have the phrase "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE" on all ballot language for bond propositions.

There will not be an increase in taxes for senior citizens or disabled persons as a result of this proposed bond. School property taxes are frozen for senior citizens and disabled persons and will remain unaffected by the passage of the bond election, provided they have applied for and received the Over 65 Homestead Exemption with the appropriate appraisal district and have made no major improvements or additions to their residence. Check your most recent Notice of Assessed Value Change to see if you will be impacted.



The district will begin providing the community with comprehensive voter education on all aspects of the 2026 bond package.

“We want to make sure that our community is well-informed with the facts surrounding this bond proposal,” Hockenberry said. “We will be sending out voter education information by mail, digitally, and on social media. Our primary responsibility is to communicate only the facts about the bond.”

Bond project information and voting locations will be available on the district website at lufkinisd.org/bond.

To register to vote or to find out your registration status, call the Angelina County Elections Department at <https://www.angelinacounty.net/elections/>. The last day to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 2.

Early voting begins April 20 and ends April 28, and Election Day is Saturday, May 2.