

September 13, 2019

Dear Davison Families:

As you know, the district will be asking voters to consider a bond to upgrade facilities on March 10, 2020. We began the discussion last spring when we surveyed parents, staff, students and community members about whether or not they would support a bond and what projects they believed should be included in the proposal.

There were four areas that consistently ranked as top priorities on all of the surveys. They are, in rank order:

- Renovations/upgrades to Davison High School
- Security/Safety
- Technology
- Performing Arts Center.

Over the past couple of months, Board of Education members, school staff, parents, community members, and law enforcement officials have met with our architect and construction managers in sub committees to discuss how we can make improvements in these areas. We have also held two Community Forums and have one more scheduled for next Tuesday, September 17, in an effort to inform the community of the District's critical needs as well as what some of the bond features are that we are considering and to gain input from our stakeholders.

We are still in the process of identifying the full scope of the projects to be included in the bond and should soon have a final cost. We felt it was important to first gain the input from our stakeholders to determine the scope of the projects that should be included in the bond. That being said, one mill generates roughly \$20 million for the district. For the taxpayer, one mill equates to about \$50 on a \$100,000 home, or \$4.17 a month.

We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to attend Community Forums. I invite you to attend our last Forum on Tuesday, September 17. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and will last about an hour and a half. Please note that we have moved the Forum from the Community Room to the cafeteria at Davison Middle School since the amount of people attending has grown each time. There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation to ask questions. You will also be asked to weigh in on some proposed bond features and leave feedback.

For those of you who are unable to attend the Community Forum, you can view the presentation filmed by DTV (attached). You will also find attached to this email, the PowerPoint presentation as well as a Frequently Asked Questions document. The FAQ was put together with questions asked at our two prior forums. All of this information can also be accessed under the Bond 2020 link on our home page at www.davisonschools.org. The link can be found under the Quick Links on the left side of the site.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, I want to hear them! You can reach me at kbrown@davisonschools.org or at (810) 591-0801. We will continue to keep you and the community updated as we gather more information and our architects and construction management firm begin to design plans. Thank you for your support.

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