

# Belton ISD

Update on May 2022 Bond Projects

## October 2022 Update At-a-Glance

### 1 Project currently In Construction

Elementary #12

### 4 Projects currently In Design

Elementary #13, Southwest ES, Lake Belton MS,  
and Belton HS

Belton ISD  
**BOND**  
 **2022**

Hello, Big Red Community!

In May, voters approved a \$173,825,000 bond to address growth, aging and evolving facilities, program equity, and safety and technology in Belton ISD. Our team has been hard at work to make the promised projects a reality, and I want to take a moment to update you on where we stand.

#### Instant Savings to Taxpayers

We sold our bonds in late July. The timing was perfect as there was a lot of demand for our issue, and we were able to lower the interest rate by five basis points. This created an instant savings of \$2.7 million in interest to taxpayers.

#### Tax Rate Decrease

In August, trustees adopted a decrease in the district's tax rate for the fourth year in a row. The adopted rate of \$1.3371 per \$100 assessment is a 2-cent decrease from last year's adopted rate. I commend our Board of Trustees for finding a way to ease costs on our taxpayers.

Here's a closer look at our active bond projects:

## Elementary #12



We held a groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 21 for Elementary #12 in Temple's North Gate subdivision (pictured above). Members of the Board of Trustees and local elected officials joined us for the celebration. Today you'll notice that the temporary construction fencing is up and the construction headquarters trailer has been installed. For those of you who regularly drive by, you'll be able to start seeing work underway! We estimate this project to be near completion by fall 2023 and will gauge a possible opening date as we get closer.

## Elementary #13

Elementary #13, to be located in the Hubbard Branch subdivision, is in the design phase. A groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled soon with visible progress on construction starting shortly thereafter. We can't wait to see this school come to fruition.



## Belton High School - Additions & Renovations

This project is in the design phase. It includes the first phase of a new Career & Technology Education addition, renovations to the existing CTE facilities, and a new band hall. The scope of the project also includes interior renovations and improvements to the HVAC system and roofing. Issues in the theatre arts space will also be addressed. The expected completion date is the summer of 2024.

## Lake Belton Middle School - Addition

This project is in the design phase. It includes adding a new band hall, PE locker rooms, an athletic training room, and a concession area and restrooms in the gym foyer. The scope also includes

improvements to the HVAC system and interior finishes. The expected completion date is the summer of 2024.

## **Southwest Elementary - Addition**

Southwest Elementary's addition will include a new gymnasium, classrooms, a teacher's area, and restrooms. The project is in the design phase. Work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2024.

## **Buses - Purchase #1**

The district recently purchased 20 new buses. Fifteen of the buses hold up to 77 passengers and will be used for route services and extracurricular travel. Five of the buses hold up to 54 passengers and are equipped for special-needs riders. These buses will be incorporated into the district's fleet as we receive them in the coming months and complete inspections and registrations.

Thank you for taking the time to stay updated on what Belton ISD is doing with the funding the community supported. Additional updates will be shared throughout the process. You can find more information on the May 2022 bond projects at [www.bisd.net/bond\\_2022](http://www.bisd.net/bond_2022).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent