# College Station ISD November 2013 Bond Election Information

### Elementary Number Nine: Projected Cost-\$20,000,000

The enrollment continues to increase in College Station ISD, and by the 2015-2016 school year CSISD is projected to have an elementary student enrollment of 5,371 students and an elementary school capacity of 5,140. Adding elementary school number nine will give CSISD an elementary school capacity of 5,800 students and will allow the district to accommodate the expected elementary student growth for a few more years.

# Center for Alternative Learning (CAL): Projected Cost-\$15,500,000

The CAL includes Timber Academy High School (TAHS), the Venture Center (secondary disciplinary alternative education placement program) and the elementary disciplinary alternative education placement program known commonly as LEAP.

TAHS meets a tremendous need in CSISD by allowing students to earn high school diplomas in a non-traditional instructional format. TAHS is not a school for students with discipline issues or students who want a GED. It is a school that allows for students to work at their own pace, and, often times, the pace of the students exceeds the pace they would experience at a traditional high school. TAHS also allows for opportunities to combine teacher directed instruction, computer generated instruction and small group collaboration as a standard part of the educational process.

The current facility that houses TAHS only allows CSISD to serve approximately 40-50 students at any one time. Because of the limited space, the district is unable to market TAHS to the general high school population. Those who apply to attend TAHS hear about it through friends, acquaintances and the high school counselors. The vision of CSISD is to increase the student capacity of TAHS and to be able to market it to the general high school population in order to provide an alternative to the traditional high school experience.

Along with a new facility, the district will have the opportunity to re-brand TAHS (and perhaps even changes its name) to a school of choice the provides academic rigor, excellent instructional experiences and customized learning.

Venture Center and LEAP would continue to be part of the CAL. The new construction would allow for Venture and LEAP to be separated from TAHS, complete with separate entrances.

# Purchasing/Warehouse Center: Projected Cost-\$7,500,000

The district's current purchasing/warehouse space is located at 1812 Welsh, directly behind the main administrative building. As the district has grown, the warehouse space has become insufficient to meet the district's needs. CSISD currently rents a number of units in the community in order to store supplies and materials that are necessary for our operation.

The proposed new facility will be located at the corner of William Fitch and Rock Prairie where the district has its transportation center. The new facility will provide much easier access for large trucks that are making deliveries to CSISD and to provide the warehouse space necessary as the district continues to grow.

# Renovate Current Purchasing/Warehouse and Technology Department: Projected Cost-\$6,500,000

Moving the purchasing/warehouse department from its current location will allow the district to renovate that space in order to provide more large and intermediate sized meeting rooms at the central administration building. CSISD cannot meet the current demand for meeting spaces to conduct trainings or hold large meetings, and as the district continues to grow the need for more meeting space will only increase.

Currently, the technology department in CSISD is scattered over three buildings. Having the opportunity to renovate the purchasing/warehouse space will also allow the district to do some renovations that will allow the technology department to be housed in one space.

# A&M Consolidated High School (AMCHS) Renovations: Projected Cost-\$3,500,000

The district has recently completed two renovation projects at AMCHS. Both the recent renovations have allowed the district to address both infrastructure (air conditioning, roofing and flooring) issues, as well as renovate some classrooms and common areas. The proposed renovations for this bond will include a foyer for the competition gym, renovated space for the dance team, infrastructure upgrades and renovations to the locker rooms that are within the main building of AMCHS. Renovations would also provide for additional science classrooms and lab space.

## Safety and Security Upgrades: Projected Cost--\$3,900,000

During the spring 2013 semester, the district administrative team met a number of times to discuss school safety. In addition, the Long Range Planning Committee discussed safety and security issues related to CSISD. Based on the needs of each campus, money from the bond will

allow the district to construct security vestibules at the five campuses that currently don't have them, install proximity locks on each campus where appropriate, and install security cameras at each campus. The public address systems would also be upgraded to allow for better access in emergency situations as well as day-to-day activities.

#### Technology: Projected Cost--\$6,100,000

As the district meets the technological needs of its students and staff, it continues to have the need to provide an updated technology infrastructure, as well as provide technological devices (desktop computers, lap tops, tablets and other mobile devices) to both students and staff.

### Buses and Vehicles: Projected Cost-\$3,000,000

CSISD adds bus routes on a routine basis, and the district continues to have the need to replace aging buses. The bond money will be used to purchase approximately 25 buses, a new van or suburban for the Career and Technology Department and two box trucks to help the district with deliveries and to carry equipment that must sometimes travel with students for events out of town.

#### Deferred Maintenance: Projected Cost--\$12,000,000

CSISD has an on-going need to address capital projects that involve mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, roofs, flooring and foundations. VLK Architects has worked with district staff to identify capital projects that need to be addressed in the near future. Many of the campuses will receive significant attention for capital needs, including large water-proofing projects at College Station Middle School and Rock Prairie Elementary.

#### Land Acquisition: Projected Cost--\$5,500,000

The district anticipates enrolling 11,400 students in August 2013. Two demographic studies performed by an outside professional demographer have indicated that the probable student population in CSISD at 'build-out' is 25,000 students. All projections are that CSISD will continue to grow. As such, we continue to need land in order to build district facilities.

Total Cost: \$83,500,000