

OUR KIDS COUNT!

Rice Consolidated I.S.D. 2007 Bond Referendum Polling Places

Saturday, May 12, 2007 - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Eagle Lake Community Center
100 N. Walnut Ave.,
Eagle Lake, TX 77434

Garwood Elementary School
7827 Hwy 71 South,
Garwood, TX 77442

Sheridan Elementary School
FM 2437,
Sheridan, TX 77475

Why do we need a bond election?

After a year of listening to our communities, redefining the issues, and redesigning the scope of the facilities required to meet the future needs of educating our children, the RCISD Board of Trustees has voted to present this proposal for your consideration.

PROPOSITION ONE will allow Junior High School students, grades 7 and 8, to have access to programs and facilities existing campuses cannot provide. This simply means these students will have expanded educational opportunities! Therefore, this proposal will construct new educational facilities for the Junior High level student.

PROPOSITION TWO would add a Dining Hall and an Auditorium to be used by all grades.

The Board wants you to have full and complete knowledge of this Bond proposal. Your inquiries are encouraged and welcomed.

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution whereby if proposition 1 does not pass then proposition 2 will not pass regardless of the outcome of the vote.

What does this bond referendum include?

PROPOSITION 1 - \$12,051,000

New Junior High School facilities will include:

- 16 new classrooms
- Library
- Computer labs (2)
- Science labs (2)
- Administration offices
- New water well and septic system
- Band hall
- Competition gymnasium
- Locker rooms

PROPOSITION 2 - \$4,597,000

New facilities will include:

- 7th and 8th grade dining hall
- New Auditorium for all grades

What affect will this have on your taxes?

Forecasted Impact of Tax Increases with school bonds:

Gross Homestead Value	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Prop 1- Monthly	+\$3.85	+\$9.35	+\$14.85
Yearly	+\$46.20	+\$112.20	+\$178.20
Prop 1&2 - Monthly	+\$5.28	+\$12.82	+\$20.36
Yearly	+\$63.35	+\$153.85	+\$244.35

The state is reducing the property tax rate by 25% effective in your 2008 tax statement. Therefore, the actual tax increase if Proposition 1 and 2 passes, combined with the state's decrease will be:

A NET REDUCTION of Your Property Tax

Gross Homestead Value	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Monthly Decrease	-\$4.21	-\$10.02	-\$15.91
Yearly Decrease	-\$49.49	-\$120.19	-\$190.89

How does Rice Consolidated I.S.D.'s tax rate compare to other districts?

School Tax Rates for 2006/07

Brazos ISD - \$1.535 Columbus ISD - \$1.4975 El Campo ISD - \$1.43 Bellville ISD - \$1.58
East Bernard ISD - \$1.492 Sealy ISD - \$1.4836 Wharton ISD - \$1.5658 Rice CISD - \$1.37047

I'm over age 65. How will this affect my taxes?

If you are 65 or older, your homestead property tax rate will NOT increase, if this proposal passes.

Don't forget to VOTE on Saturday, May 12, 2007