



Report Card: Boerne ISD 2013 Bond

On May 11, 2013, voters approved a **\$99.5 million** bond for Boerne Independent School District. The measure passed by a margin of 73% to 26%.

Funds from the bond have been used for a broad range of improvements on all nine campuses in the district: Technology upgrades to facilitate instruction compliant with current state guidelines; construction of new, expanded and renovated facilities to accommodate growth in student enrollment; and enhancements to transportation, security and safety features districtwide.¹

The following report details the district's progress on bond-related projects through Spring 2016:



Campus Entrance Security Upgrades

- Security vestibules constructed on all nine campuses.



Air Condition Elementary Gyms

- All five elementary gyms air conditioned to improve health and security.



Classroom Technology Enhancements

- Infrastructure for wireless capacity enhanced on all campuses
- Array of desktop, laptop and mobile devices deployed to achieve ratios of 5:1 in elementary classrooms, 3:1 in secondary classrooms.
- Smartboards added to every elementary classroom and select secondary classrooms.



BMS North Classrooms & Gymnasium

- New classroom wing, CTE workshop, competition gymnasium and upgraded boys and girls locker rooms and physical education spaces constructed.



BMS South Math/Science Classrooms

- New classrooms and labs constructed.



Curington Elementary Expansion/Renovation

- Cafeteria addition, kitchen expansion, administrative offices constructed.
- Updates to classrooms throughout the campus.



Boerne High School Expansions and Upgrades

- Career & Technical Education facility constructed.
- Band facilities expanded. Culinary Arts kitchen, science classrooms constructed.
- Gymnasium updated; new visitors' fieldhouse and new baseball/softball concessions building constructed.



Transportation/Warehouse Expansion

- District warehouse and bus maintenance facility expanded to meet demand.



Purchase New Buses, Support Vehicles

- 22 new buses purchased to replaced aging vehicles; district-wide support fleet enhanced.



New Fabra Elementary Campus

- 99,000-square-foot K-5 school due to open on time and on budget, August 2016.²

Notes

1. All aspects of the 2013 bond initiative have been reviewed by a citizen-led Project Oversight Committee and a Technology Oversight Committee. Minutes from those meetings are available at www.boerne-isd.net/2013bond.
2. The 2013 bond included approximately \$3.4 million designated for renovation of the old Fabra Elementary school to serve as an administration building. However, when a proposed real estate swap with the City of Boerne did not go through because of newly discovered and potentially costly environmental impact restrictions on the city property, the district had to redirect most of the funds to purchase the 19-acre tract of land on Johns Road for the new Fabra campus.

At the same time, construction costs spiked well beyond customary contingency budgeting, again forcing the district to make a decision on the use of available funds. The district opted against scaling back the new Fabra project, choosing instead to absorb the higher costs and build the 850-capacity school as originally designed to meet the needs of our students. Again, funds originally earmarked for the renovation of the old campus were redirected.

In subsequent review of the renovation plans, the district determined it must budget \$9.1 million in order to accommodate an expanding alternative campus for deserving students, to establish a dedicated professional development center for district teachers, to properly equip and secure a technology data center, and to renovate space to house a district administrative team for decades to come. Approximately \$500,000 from the 2013 bond originally earmarked for the old Fabra repurpose is being used to cover the cost of design and civil work on the project.

In this process, the district retains the current administration building and adjacent real estate fronting Main Street – property included in the original land swap proposal – which at the discretion of the Board of Trustees may be sold to provide funds for future school sites or other district priorities.