

# Sheldon ISD

Every Child, Every Day



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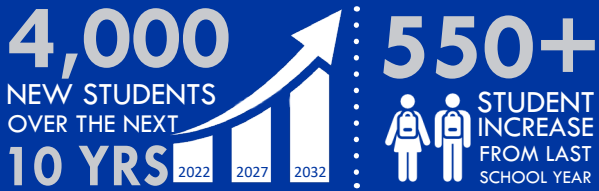
# BOND 2022

**ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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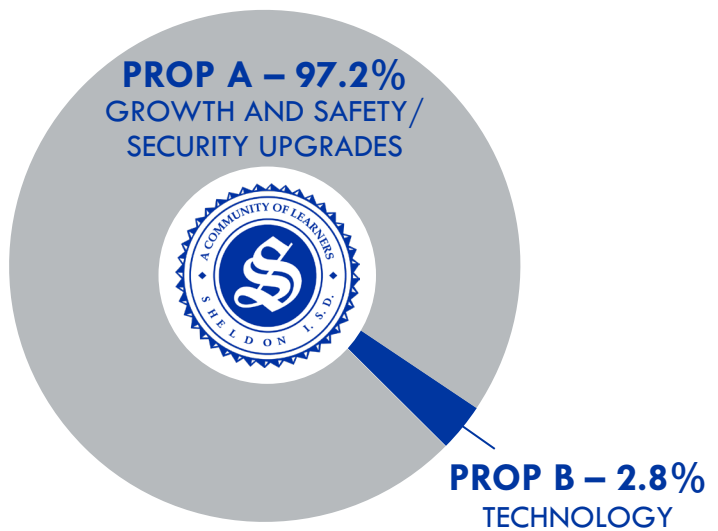
**October 24, 2022 - November 4, 2022**

## SHELDON IS GROWING!



SINCE THE 2016 BOND, SHELDON ISD HAS EXPERIENCED MORE THAN A **20%** GROWTH RATE TOTALING AN ADDITIONAL **2,600** STUDENTS.

## \$247.7 MILLION BOND



## PROPOSED PROJECTS



### PROPOSITION A: \$240,800,000 GROWTH, SAFETY/SECURITY UPGRADES, AND BUSES

- Enhance safety and security in all buildings
- New 9th and 10th grade campus
- Null Middle School expansion
- Cravens Early Childhood expansion
- New school buses to include GPS tracking, cameras and radio
- Facility upgrades to existing buildings



### PROPOSITION B: \$6,900,000 TECHNOLOGY

- Upgrades and replacements for 1:1 devices for all students
- Upgrades to classroom technology to include interactive monitors in classrooms

The \$247.7 million bond election will address **enrollment growth, safety and security enhancements and technology upgrades.**

## APPROXIMATE TAX IMPACT

**2022 BOND**  
**\$247.7 MILLION**



**+4 PENNIES**

The 2016 Bond was an increase of 12 pennies.

APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY	AFTER 20% LOCAL EXEMPTION	AFTER \$40,000 STATE EXEMPTION	YEARLY INCREASE	MONTHLY INCREASE
\$150,000	\$120,000	\$80,000	\$32.00	\$2.67
\$175,000	\$140,000	\$100,000	\$40.04	\$3.34
\$200,000	\$160,000	\$120,000	\$48.00	\$4.00

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RENTERS?

The landlord for your property is responsible for paying the school taxes for your rental property. While renters won't see a tax bill, each landlord will need to make a decision about whether or not rent adjustments are necessary to incorporate any changes to property taxes.

Monthly Rent	\$\$
Late Fees	\$\$
Property Taxes	\$\$

### WHAT ABOUT THE "SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION?"

Sheldon ISD residents **age 65 or over** will not see an increase in tax rate if they have applied for an over 65 tax exemption. To apply for exemption, visit [www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/exemptions/](http://www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/exemptions/)



## 2016 BOND RECAP



### NEW CONSTRUCTION

- New building for C.E. King High School
- KHS campus re-purposed to King Middle School
- Sheldon Lake Elementary School



### ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

- Extended parent pickup lanes and student loading/unloading canopies at ECAs
- New buses
- Security cameras & metal detectors
- Signage & card readers at main entrances



### REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES

- District-wide energy management upgrades
- Playground upgrades at ECAs and elementary schools
- Technology upgrades including cellular boost and distributed antenna system, wall-mounted monitors, and Chrome books



### ATHLETICS

- New athletic facilities
- Resurfaced tennis courts
- Renovated Middle School locker rooms

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# FAQ

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS A BOND?

Similar to a mortgage to finance the purchase of a home, a school district borrows money to finance construction, renovation and other capital projects. This is done in the form of bonds. Bonds, like a mortgage, are repaid over time. A school district must go to the voters for approval in a bond election in order to sell bonds.

### HOW CAN BOND FUNDS BE USED?

Bond funds can pay for new buildings, additions and renovations to existing facilities, land acquisition, technology infrastructure and equipment for new or existing buildings. Bonds cannot be used for salaries or operating costs such as utility bills, supplies, building maintenance, fuel and insurance.

### WHERE CAN I VOTE?

Harris County now allows voters to vote at **any location in the county** during Early Voting and Election Day. To view all polling locations, visit [www.harrisvotes.com/polling-locations](http://www.harrisvotes.com/polling-locations)

### WHY IS A 9TH AND 10TH GRADE CAMPUS ON THE BALLOT WHEN THE DISTRICT OPENED A NEW KING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020?

When the district purchased land for the new King High School building, there was a **master-planned concept (shown below)** to include King High School and a future 9th and 10th Grade Campus. Most 6A high schools (like King High School) limit building capacity and enrollment numbers at 3,500. Administratively, enrollment numbers higher than 3,500 students is challenging for a campus to manage daily operations like safety, security, transportation, food services and educational programs

Demographic studies have shown a build-out enrollment of approximately 20,000 students district wide. Based on this enrollment, the master-planned concept includes plans for a 9th and 10th Grade Campus and a Senior High School (11th and 12th grades). C. E. King High School has a building capacity of 3,500 students and a 9th and 10th Grade Campus would be designed to accommodate 2,000-2,500 students. By remaining a one high school district, Sheldon can continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars by not duplicating programs at multiple schools like career and technical education, fine arts, athletics, and other specialized programs. One high school allows for a spirit of community pride and the ability to remain competitive in academic and extracurricular activities. Additionally, a 9th and 10th Grade Campus allows for a smooth transition from middle school to a senior high school environment.

### WHY DOES SHELDON ALLOW FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT?

Sheldon ISD board policy provides an opportunity for limited open enrollment. Currently, 255 out of approximately 11,000 Sheldon students are enrolled under limited transfer provisions. The district has two categories for limited open enrollment. The first type of limited open enrollment allows full-time employees who reside outside the district to enroll their children. The ability for employees to bring their children to work with them is a recruiting tool that Sheldon ISD uses to hire and retain highly qualified teachers. Currently, 220 students (approximately 2%) are children of employees who reside outside of Sisd.

The second category of limited open enrollment is for students who do not reside within Sheldon ISD boundaries. For the 2022-23 school year, 35 students (.3% of student enrollment) are enrolled under limited open enrollment transfers. Specific requirements (grades, attendance and conduct) are reviewed before a transfer is approved. The district began this type of transfer after discovering surrounding districts offered open enrollment which meant other districts had an opportunity to take our students and our funding. By allowing limited open enrollment transfers, Sheldon ISD can recapture funding that could have been lost.



### WHAT IS SHELDON DOING TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE?

Since 2016, Sheldon ISD has made tremendous growth in academic achievement moving from a district that Texas Education Agency initially listed as improvement required to the current rating of a B based on performance in the 20221-2022 school year. After the passage of the 2016 bond the district progressed from improvement required (2016; this status was appealed to TEA and TEA waived the improvement required rating) to 74 (2017), then a 78 (2018), and an 85 (2019). Due to the pandemic, school districts were not rated in 2020 or 2021. With ratings paused during the COVID pandemic, the 2021-22 school year ratings have now been released, and Sheldon ISD is proud to be at a B rating with much progress, despite the learning loss of students during the pandemic.

The passing of the 2016 bond election provided many opportunities for the district to be able to upgrade facilities, technology and academic programs. Funds from the 2016 bond were used to build campuses like King High School and Sheldon Lake Elementary that could serve students in specialized programs like our nationally designated STEM program and the expansion of our Career and Technical dual credit programs, to name a few. Additionally, the district's Early College High School was able to expand to serve more students. Year over year **approximately 40% of Sheldon ISD Early College High School seniors graduate with an Associates degree. The national average is 30%.** The ability to create new programs and expand existing programs is a direct reflection of the passage of the 2016 bond and could not have been done without the support from the community.

While state accountability ratings are an important tool, the measurement of student performance goes much further than one standardized test. Sheldon ISD is committed to providing personalized learning opportunities to ensure all students graduate college and career ready. Here are a few highlights since your support of the 2016 bond referendum:

- The Class of 2022 earned **\$2.8 million in scholarships.**
- Last year, Sheldon ISD had **seven Dell Scholars of 500 nationwide.**
- Sheldon ISD is **one of only 30 districts in the state of Texas** and one of 373 school districts in the U.S. and Canada honored by the College Board by being **placed on the Annual AP® District Honor Roll** which identifies districts that have made significant improvements in Advanced Placement participation and scores.
- Students in 9th-12th grades earned **330 industry-based certifications** last year.
- Sheldon ISD's STEM programs (1st - 12th grade) are **nationally recognized for innovation in the classroom** and student achievement.
- Fine Arts programs like theater arts, dance, band and choir routinely receive the **highest rating and advance in state competitions.**
- Since the passage of the 2016 bond, the athletic programs have seen **consistent improvement while moving into 6A competition.**



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