

EAST CHAMBERS ISD

BOND ELECTION INFORMATION

TO THE RESIDENTS OF EAST CHAMBERS ISD:

The Board of Trustees of the East Chambers Independent School District called for both a bond election and tax ratification election to be held on November 3, 2015, allowing voters to decide on a Facility Plan and Tax Rate Management Plan for the District.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Contact:

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Superintendent

This brochure is intended to provide factual information and answer questions so that voters can make an informed decision on Election Day.

The Board called for the bond election in the amount of \$10,000,000. The list of projects included in the Facility Plan, if approved by the voters, is listed on the next page of this brochure.

The Board simultaneously called for the tax ratification election providing voters the opportunity to vote for or against authorizing the East Chambers ISD to set a Total School District Tax Rate of \$1.29, which is seven cents higher than last year's actual tax rate of \$1.22 and thirteen cents higher than the "rollback tax rate."

East Chambers ISD is a state funded school district, and under the state funding formulas, the District will gain additional state funding by decreasing the voted bond tax rate by six cents while increasing the maintenance and operating tax rate by thirteen cents for a net increase of seven cents (i.e. \$1.22 to \$1.29). The additional state funding is estimated to be approximately \$590,000 in 2015/16.

We hope that you will take the time to study the propositions and vote. As you analyze the two options available to vote on, if there are any questions that you have, please call the East Chambers ISD Administration at 409-296-6100.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED PROJECTS?

- **New Elementary Campus for Grades 3-5**
- **New Center for Innovative Studies at the HS (For Dual Credit College Courses and After Hours Study with Technology)**
- **District-Wide Parking Lot Improvements**

HOW WILL THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT READ?

Statewide Constitutional Amendment Proposition:

FOR or AGAINST

"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

East Chambers ISD Bond Proposition:

FOR or AGAINST

"The issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 of East Chambers Independent School District school building bonds for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

East Chambers ISD Tax Ratification Proposition:

FOR or AGAINST

"Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.29 per \$100 valuation in the East Chambers Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate."

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED M&O AND I&S TAX RATES?

If both of the school propositions pass (the bond proposition and the tax ratification proposition), the District's tax rate will increase from last year's \$1.22 Total Tax Rate (made up of \$1.04 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and \$0.18 Bond Tax Rate) to \$1.29 Total Tax Rate (made up of \$1.17 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and \$0.12 Bond Tax Rate).

WHAT IS THE EXPECTED TAX IMPACT TO THE HOMEOWNER?

The tax bill for all homeowners with home values below \$250,000 will actually decline if the additional homestead exemption proposition passes, the bond election proposition passes and the tax ratification election passes. In other words the decreasing of the bond tax rate, the increasing of the maintenance and operations tax rate (for a net increase of seven cents) and the reduced taxable value of homesteads will result in less taxes for most homeowners in East Chambers ISD. See illustration below:

Homeowner Tax Difference With Successful Elections in November 2015			
2015/16 Home Value Before Exemptions	Home Value After Local Optional 20% & \$25,000 State Exemption	Projected School Tax Annual Basis	Projected School Tax Monthly Basis
\$50,000	\$15,000	-\$111.50	-\$9.29
85,719	43,368	-14.51	-1.21
100,000	55,000	-83.50	-6.96
125,000	75,000	-69.50	-5.79
150,000	95,000	-55.50	-4.63
175,000	115,000	-41.50	-3.46
200,000	135,000	-27.50	-2.29

**No Tax Increase above the frozen level
on the Homestead of Taxpayers 65 years of age and older
who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze**

WHAT ARE THE ECISD HISTORICAL TAX RATES?

YEAR	TOTAL TAX RATE
2008/09	\$ 1.3396
2009/10	\$ 1.2801
2010/11	\$ 1.2201
2011/12	\$ 1.2200
2012/13	\$ 1.2201
2013/14	\$ 1.2201
2014/15	\$ 1.2201*
2015/16	\$ 1.2900**

* Consists of \$1.0401 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.18 for Voted Bonds.

** If both ECISD propositions pass on November 3, 2015, the Total Tax Rate will be \$1.29, consisting of \$1.17 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.12 for Voted Bonds.

HOW DOES THE ECISD TAX RATE COMPARE?

SCHOOL DISTRICT	M&O	I&S	TOTAL
Woodville ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.0850	\$1.1250
Kountze ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.2000	\$1.2400
Anahuac ISD	\$1.0600	\$0.2100	\$1.2700
High Island ISD	\$1.1700	\$0.1000	\$1.2700
Hull-Daisetta ISD	\$1.1700	\$0.1168	\$1.2868
Hardin ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.2477	\$1.2877
* East Chambers ISD	\$1.1700	\$0.1200	\$1.2900
Beaumont ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.2750	\$1.3150
Hardin-Jefferson ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.2800	\$1.3200
Port Arthur ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.3131	\$1.3531
Kirbyville CISD	\$1.0400	\$0.3450	\$1.3850
Liberty ISD	\$1.0600	\$0.3343	\$1.3943
Warren ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.3800	\$1.4200
Texas City ISD	\$1.1700	\$0.2598	\$1.4298
Dayton ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.3917	\$1.4317
Hamshire-Fannett ISD	\$1.1700	\$0.2618	\$1.4318
Port Neches-Groves ISD	\$1.0400	\$0.4044	\$1.4444
Crosby ISD	\$1.1700	\$0.5000	\$1.6700

* If both ECISD propositions pass on November 3, 2015.

WHERE AND WHEN TO VOTE?

Any registered voter whose primary residence is within the boundaries of the East Chambers ISD is eligible to vote in this election. For voters that are not already registered, you may become a registered voter for this election by having your voter registration card post-marked no later than 30 days prior to the election date of November 3, 2015.

Election Day

November 3, 2015 From 7:00 A.M. Until 7:00 P.M.

Voting Location:

Winnie Stowell Community Building
335 Park Street
Winnie, Texas 77665

Permanent Branch Early Voting

Vote Early At One of the Following Locations from October 19 - October 30

Chambers Co. Courthouse
Annex 2128
State Hwy. 61
Anahuac, TX 77514

Justice of the Peace, Pct 1 Courtroom
East Chambers Co. Courthouse Annex
211 Broadway Ave.
Winnie, TX 77665

Justice of the Peace, Pct 4 Courtroom
West Chambers Co. Courthouse Annex
10616 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580

Justice of the Peace, Pct 6 Courtroom
Cedar Bayou Community Building
7711 Hwy. 146
Baytown, TX 77520

October 19 through October 23
October 26 through October 29
October 30

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Temporary Branch Early Voting

Vote Early At the Following Location on October 19 or October 20

East Chambers ISD, Administration Building
1955 State Hwy. 124
Winnie, TX 77665

October 19
October 20

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Voting By Mail

Vote Early By Mail Prior to October 23, 2015

Heather Hawthorne, County Clerk
P.O. Box 728
Anahuac, TX 77514

EAST CHAMBERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND ELECTION INFORMATION



1955 State Hwy. 124
Winnie, Texas 77665
(409) 296-6100

www.eastchambers.net

Puede obtener la informacion en espanol relativo la eleccion del bono escolar en la oficina de administracion de East Chambers ISD

o puede llamar (409) 296-6100.