



## Press Release

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### **Northwest ISD Community Approves \$255 Million Bond Referendum**

“We are so appreciative of the continued support in our community,” said Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. “Northwest ISD community members recognize the district’s fast growth and the need to create seats for new students in quality facilities with up-to-date security systems and technology.”

On November 6, the Northwest ISD community approved the NISD bond referendum, with 57.04 percent voting “for” the \$255 million bond. From the approximately 42,000 registered voters in Northwest ISD, 25,341 people voted and 16,835 of those voters participated in early voting. The number voting “for” the referendum totaled 14,454 and the number “against” totaled 10,887. Northwest ISD has successfully passed bond referendums since 1990.

The bond will provide for an additional 4,000 student seats and includes construction of a third comprehensive high school and the district’s sixth middle school. The high school will open in August 2015, and the middle school is scheduled to open in August 2016. Both campuses will be located in the north Fort Worth/Haslet area.

As one of the fastest growing districts in the area, NISD is projected to increase by an additional 5,800 students during the next five years. Approximately 1,800 student seats can be accommodated in existing schools. The \$255 million bond referendum will also provide updates to technology, safety and security, program enhancements and classroom space for math, science and environmental studies, facility enhancements and classroom additions to the Outdoor Learning Center, major building component replacements like HVAC systems, flooring and roofing, as well as building additions.

During the 2001, 2005 and 2008 bond elections, NISD has been able to provide seats for thousands of new students without a tax increase. The downturn in the economy in the past several years has created a flat growth of the taxable property value; therefore, the Interest and Sinking (I&S) portion of the tax rate could increase to \$0.0775. This would bring the I&S tax rate up to \$0.4125, while the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) portion of the tax rate remains at the current rate of \$1.04. The total NISD tax rate will not exceed \$1.4525.

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“Ten years ago, Northwest ISD served approximately 6,200 students. Today, that number has nearly tripled to more than 17,800 students,” Rue said. “With the passing of this bond, our students will continue to experience the same quality of education in facilities that meet our needs.”

With more than 1,000 new students enrolling each August, Northwest ISD has experienced growth that has ranged from 8 to 19 percent annually over the last 10 years. Northwest ISD currently operates 27 separate campuses, spanning three counties (Denton, Tarrant and Wise) and 14 municipalities across 234 square miles. In August 2013, NISD will open an elementary school located in Roanoke on Litsey Road, near the Seventeen Lakes housing development. Construction will begin in December, and funds are included in the 2008 bond referendum. The 103,926 square-foot campus features an expanded cafeteria and gymnasium, open space, enclosed courtyard, flex spaces, and energy efficient amenities.

For more information about the 2012 NISD bond referendum, go to [www.nisdtx.org/bond2012](http://www.nisdtx.org/bond2012).

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