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Voting Information

Dickinson ISD has contracted with Galveston County to coordinate the bond election. The DISD bond referendum is open to all voters residing within the DISD boundaries. Because the district is using Galveston County, Dickinson ISD voters can vote at any of the polling locations within the county. For a complete list of early voting and election day voting locations, see page 7.



Frequently Asked Bond Questions

Do you have questions about the Dickinson ISD 2023 Bond? We have compiled answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the proposed bond projects, financial information and voting details. *Turn to pages 4-5 for more information*.

BOND 2023 DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees calls for \$120 million bond referendum for May election

Dickinson ISD is asking voters to consider a \$120 million bond referendum during the May 6 election. The Board of Trustees approved calling for the election at the February 6 board action meeting. The projects identified in the bond referendum focus on the increasing student enrollment, additional safety and security, and the growing student interest in career and technical education programs.

If the bond is approved, the district's tax rate of \$1.294 will not increase. The growing housing population, appraisals and refinancing of existing debt all contribute to keeping the tax rate the same.

The district's Facility Task Force asked the Board of Trustees to call for the bond election during a formal presentation in January. The Facility Task Force, which consists of a cross section of the district made up of 62 parents, grandparents, business and community members, educators, and students from across Dickinson ISD, began meeting last October with district administration to review demographic projections, various scenarios to address identified district needs, financial capacity, and priority needs at multiple campuses and district facilities.

The group also visited Career and Technical Education facilities in other school districts. These meeting discussions and the school visits were used to reach consensus on the recommended bond projects.

"As we travel Dickinson ISD's 61 square miles, especially west on FM 517, south on Highway 3 and south on I-45, it is easy to see the new development that will result in increased student enrollment for the next 10 years. The recommendations by this

committee address long-term growth needs and provide the district with the space needed so that it will not be necessary to call for another bond referendum for several years," said Robert Bragg, member of the Facility Task Force.

The projects included in the May 2023 Dickinson ISD bond referendum include:

- 1. Construction of a 1,400-student capacity education complex to serve students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade \$68,134,676
- 2. Safety and security upgrades including technology and infrastructure and access control \$1,504,704
- Construction of a Career and Technical Education facility and upgrades to the existing CTE space at Dickinson High School -\$50,360,620

"Dickinson ISD is a fast-growth district, and we are committed to providing high quality experiences in safe and secure learning environments for our students. Because of the support of Dickinson ISD residents, six bond referendums since 1999 were all successful, and we have been able to accommodate our growing enrollment and facility needs. Our enrollment continues to increase surpassing 12,200 students this school year. The Facility Task Force developed a recommendation that is fiscally sound, aligns with our district's mission and goals, and it will prepare DISD for future growth," said Carla Voelkel, DISD Superintendent.

A special Bond 2023 section has been added to the Dickinson ISD website, found at www.dickinsonisd.org/bond2023.

A Message from Superintendent Carla Voelkel...

Dear DISD Resident,

For the past few years, Dickinson ISD has been identified by the Texas Education Agency as a fast-growth school district. Currently, we are ranked 16th on the Houston New Home Ranking Report. This ranking is determined based on annual starts, vacant developed lots, and future lots for home construction. Each day we serve more than 12,000 students, and the district is predicted to grow by 3.3% to 3.6% each year. In the next 10 years, 17,000 students are expected.

Dickinson ISD has been proactive in planning for growth by building additional facilities and transitioning grade levels. In May 2007, voters approved the bond proposition which provided Calder Road Elementary, additions at Dickinson High School, and the Education Support Center. In May 2014, voters approved the bond for a new facility on the west side of the district, and in 2016, Lobit Education Village opened, and it serves students in PreK to 5th grade. In May 2016, voters approved the bond proposition for a second junior high, and in 2018, Kranz Junior High opened on the east side of the district for students in 7th and 8th grade. Also in 2018, the Ninth Grade Center at Dickinson High School opened. Because of outstanding bond and construction management, the Ninth Grade Center was constructed without asking voters to approve an additional bond. When the 2023-2024 school begins in August, our third junior high, which was approved by voters in November 2020, will open, and it is in the southern portion of the district. As recommended by the 2020 Facility Task Force, major transition of grade levels will also occur in August. Elementary campuses will house PreK to 3rd grade, middle schools will be home to 4th and 5th grade, and three junior high campuses will house grades 6, 7, and 8.

During the first semester, the 2022 Facility Task Force carefully studied the needs of the district, identified growth and safety as top priorities, and presented a recommendation to the Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees. At the February board meeting, trustees voted to call for a \$120 million bond election on May 6th. The 2023 Bond will be one proposition on the May ballot to address growth and school safety. Included in the ballot proposition is a 1,400-student capacity education complex to serve students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. This school is planned for the 30-acre site purchased by the district in the Lago Mar development. A 100,000 square foot Career and Technical Education facility and upgrades to existing CTE spaces are proposed at Dickinson High School. The Career Technical Education facility will provide additional space, and it will provide students the opportunity to participate in more than seventeen programs of study offered by our CTE department. Some of these programs include: Digital Communications, Graphic Design, Animal Sciences, Cosmetology, Healthcare Sciences, Law Enforcement, Welding, Engineering, Automotive, Robotics, and much more. Many of these courses provide students with industry-based certifications and real-world experiences before they graduate from high school. A comprehensive traffic study is included with the project at DHS to improve efficiency during student arrival and dismissal. Also included in the bond proposition are additional safety and security upgrades for all campuses that will further enhance access control and

provide technology infrastructure upgrades to ensure security measures are supported and function properly.

Financial projections show that with the passage of the bond, there will be no tax rate impact. In fact, Dickinson ISD's tax rate has been reduced by 22 cents since 2018. Although state law requires public school ballot language to include the statement "this is a property tax increase," it is important for voters to understand that with the passage of the bond, there will be



no tax rate increase for DISD voters. The I&S tax rate will remain at 44 cents.

The purpose of Bond 2023 is to address growth and student safety within our district, and the purpose of this issue of Dialogue is to make you aware of the three items contained in the single bond proposition as well as share demographic projections for the future. Please read this information carefully and be informed about the upcoming bond. If you have questions after reading this newsletter, please use the Just Ask feature on our district website to submit your questions and we will respond.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of DISD students and staff! Sincerely,



Legislature requires property tax increase text on bond ballots

As part of House Bill 3 passed in 2019, all ballot language for school bond elections must include the statement, "This is a property tax increase" even when the district is not expecting a increase to the I&S tax rate. As a result, district voters will see this language on the ballot, as shown to the right, even though there will be no increase to the district's current tax rate of \$1.294.



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BOND2023 DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED PROJECTS



Construction of a 1,400-student capacity PK-5 Education Complex \$68,134,676 The location for this facility is a 30-acre tract the district purchased in 2020 at the corner of Lago Crossing and Hughes Road in the Lago Mar community. The largest growth in Dickinson ISD at this time is in this southwest portion of the district. Demographic projections show that this growth will continue with approximately 5,000 homes expected in the Lago Mar community once it is built out.



An artist rendering of the new PK-5 Education Complex proposed for Lago Mar at Lago Crossing and Hughes Road.



District-wide safety and security upgrades \$1,504,704

Safety and security upgrades would continue to address access control around and within campuses with safety film, perimeter fencing and alarm security, as well as funds for security technology, and cybersecurity.





Career and Technical Education facility & DHS CTE facility upgrades \$50,360,620 A 100,000 square foot Career and Technical Education (CTE) facility is proposed for Dickinson High School to accommodate the high school enrollment as well as provide classrooms and labs designed specifically for CTE programs. Currently, 91 percent of DHS students are enrolled in at least one CTE course and several programs have waiting lists of students wanting to participate. By moving these CTE programs into their own building, regular classrooms and science lab classrooms currently occupied by CTE would be available to accommodate more students. In addition, existing CTE facilities inside the high school campus would be renovated and updated. The planning process for the CTE facility will include a traffic study to improve efficiency during high school arrival and dismissal times.





TOTAL BOND COST: \$120 MILLION



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a bond?

Just as homeowners borrow money in the form of a mortgage to finance the purchase of a home, a school district borrows money in bonds to finance the construction of new schools and other capital projects. Both are repaid over time. A school district must seek approval from voters in the form of a bond election to issue bonds. Bond funds can be used for the construction, acquisition, and equipping of school facilities, purchasing school buses, purchasing sites for school buildings, and the acquisition or updating of technology equipment. Bond funds cannot be used for salaries, utilities, or other maintenance and operational expenses.

We just had a bond election in 2020. Why are we having another one?

Dickinson ISD is identified as a fast-growth school district, and it is ranked 15th on the Houston New Home Ranking Report. A bond in 2023 is the next step in the long-range plan to manage the annual district growth of 3.3%. Growth is evident across the district, and six portable buildings (12 classrooms) were added for the 2022-2023 school year. Portable buildings will be added at Lobit Middle School in summer 2023.

What will happen if the Bond doesn't pass?

The current growth needs of the district will not go away. The work of the Facility Task Force aligns with the DISD Strategic Plan and the need to provide educational facilities to meet the objectives and goals of Dickinson ISD and the needs of students. If the Bond does not pass in May, the Board will review the proposal and try again soon. In the meantime, district and campus administrators will develop plans to address facility needs as enrollment requires. Additional portable classrooms will be purchased and installed at campuses.

What will be the tax rate increase on senior citizens in the district?

There is no impact on homeowners over the age of 65. School district taxes on resident homesteads may be frozen in the year the taxpayer turns 65 years of age and will not increase because of a school district bond election.

If I have questions concerning the bond, who should I contact?

Please send questions about the bond to Tammy Dowdy at tdowdy@dickinsonisd.org. You can also click on the Just Ask button located on the homepage of the district website at www.dickinsonisd.org to submit a questions about the bond referendum or any other general district question.

How can bond money be used?

The district can only use bond funds for the purposes described in the bond proposition. Should there be a cost savings from the projects, the Board of Trustees must hold an open public meeting to vote on the use of those funds for any additional capital improvements.

Did Dickinson ISD solicit input from local citizens for this new bond proposition?

Yes! Volunteers were requested, and a Facility Task Force composed of over 50 DISD parents, grandparents, business and community members, educators, and students spent three months reviewing and analyzing demographic reports, growth and enrollment projections, educational programs, district finances, and district needs. Everyone on the Facility Task Force had the opportunity to actively participate and provide input.

After studying information, visiting other districts, and exploring options, the Facility Task Force unanimously recommended the board call a bond election to focus on continued growth in the district and school safety. The bond will have one proposition that includes a new PreK-5 educational facility, a Career Technical Education Center at Dickinson High School, and additional security upgrades throughout the district.

How much will the Bond cost, and how did the district come up with this number?

The \$120 million bond proposition includes a 1,400-student capacity educational facility for PreK-5th grade, a Career Technical Education addition and CTE upgrades at Dickinson High School, and district-wide safety and security enhancements. The district has worked with architects, engineers, our financial advisor, and other districts who are currently involved with construction projects. Through these conversations, the estimated price for construction and project costs were determined.

Where will the proposed PreK-5 educational facility be built?

In December 2020, DISD purchased a 30-acre site for a future school in the Lago Mar development. PreK-fifth grade students who currently live south of Hughes Road and attend the Lobit Education Village as well as some students at Hughes Road Elementary will be zoned to the new school. This will make room for the growth that is occurring on the west side of the district near Lobit Education Village and Calder Road Elementary.

How is the district's tax rate configured?

A school district's tax rate has two components: Maintenance and Operations tax (M&O) and Interest and Sinking tax (I&S). The M&O rate is used to operate the school district. It includes salaries, utilities, repairs, supplies, fuel, etc. The I&S rate is used to pay off school district bonds. Bond sales only affect the I&S rate. DISD's current tax rate is \$1.294, which is \$.018 lower than last year's rate of \$1.312.

Will voters have an opportunity to receive information and to ask questions about the bond before the election?

Yes. DISD has been offering several informational meetings, and has others scheduled, with local community groups and to our employees. We want everyone to know what is being proposed and to have the opportunity to ask questions. If you belong to a community organization, club or church and want to receive information about the bond at a meeting, please contact Tammy Dowdy at tdowdy@dickinsonisd.org so a presentation can be scheduled

For more information, visit www.dickinsonisd.org/bond2023

BOND2023 DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRIC

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is going to be the tax rate impact on district taxpayers?

There is no increase in the overall tax rate anticipated with the proposed \$120 million bond proposition. DISD has the capacity to issue this additional debt without a tax rate increase because of expected property value growth and the fact that existing debt is continuously monitored, refinanced, and paid off early. Financial projections show that with the passage of Bond 2023, the I&S tax rate for DISD taxpayers will remain at \$0.44.

What will be the fiscal impact to a DISD homeowner if the bond passes?

The amount of school district tax that is paid by a homeowner is dependent on the appraised value of the home, which is determined by the County Appraisal District. No increase to the Dickinson ISD I&S tax rate is anticipated with the proposed \$120 million bond proposition. However, homeowners who received a higher appraised value from the County Appraisal District will see an increase in their school taxes.

Why does the ballot say, "This is a property tax increase?"

State law requires that all school district bond referendum ballots be printed with "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE" even when the district is not anticipating an increase to the I&S tax rate. As a result, district voters will see this language on the ballot even though there will be no increase to the I&S tax rate by the district.

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How many years will the additional tax burden last?

It is a 30-year commitment. However, the District will take advantage of refinancing opportunities and will always be looking for ways to reduce the taxpayer burden.

What about rising property values?

DISD does not determine property values. State law requires County Appraisal Districts to appraise properties at least 95% percent of market value.

Upon approval of the bond package, is the entire amount issued all at once?

No. The district will issue bonds to cover costs of projects only at the time they are needed. Each must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Were other projects considered in addition to the projects that were recommended?

Yes. The Facility Task Force reviewed projects for accommodating growth, safety and security, facility improvements, aging facilities, athletics, and fine arts. The total cost of all projects reviewed exceeded \$300 million. District growth and safety were the top priorities, and the Facility Task Force recommended projects that were within the bonding capacity of DISD and would not increase the I&S tax rate.

Why wasn't a second high school included in the Bond 2023 proposition?

In education, the industry standard is that a school is considered over capacity when it is at 120%. The reason for that overage is that to justify opening a new campus with full staff and full operations, you must have enough students to populate the new school and not be running two schools at half-capacity. Another reason a second high school was not recommended is the cost per square foot. Currently, the average construction cost per square foot to build a comprehensive high school is \$354.00, plus an additional 15%-20% for design, furnishings, and equipment. Even with a tax increase, the amount of money needed to build a second high school far exceeds the bond capacity of DISD. The committee moved forward with the recommendation to add a comprehensive Career Technical Education Center at DHS after examining options and visiting two other districts. A Career Technical Education Center will expand CTE opportunities for DISD students, and it will free up regular classrooms and science lab classrooms currently used for Career Technical Education instruction. This plan will make room for students at DHS. Also included with this plan is a comprehensive traffic study at DHS to improve the efficiency of traffic flow during student drop off/pick up.

What is the size of districts with more than one high school?

DISD surveyed school districts in Region IV and provided below is a chart showing the size of districts and the number of high schools in the districts who responded to the survey.

Surrounding districts and total enrollments

District	Size of District (square miles)	Total Enrollment	High School Campuses
Alvin ISD	252	29,241	4
Brazosport ISD	200	11,600	2
Clear Creek ISD	110	40,575	5
Cleveland ISD	143	11,612	1
Conroe ISD	348	71,000	6
Cypress Fairbanks ISD	186	118,155	12
Dickinson ISD	61	12,215	1
Friendswood ISD	14	6,100	1
Hitchcock ISD	69	1,850	1
Katy ISD	181	93,000	9
Klein ISD	88	54,000	5
Santa Fe ISD	72	4,384	1
Texas City ISD (including La Marque)	78	7,873	2
Tomball ISD	83	21,430	2
Waller ISD	328	8,958	1

Bond 2020 Project Update...

Projects expected to be completed by the end of 2023, including opening of Dickinson Junior High in August

The Dickinson ISD community will begin to see several new or updated facilities throughout the remainder of 2023 as projects voters approved in the November 2020 bond referendum will be completed.

Over the past two years, security improvements to the front entrances at all campuses have been completed. Visitors now wait in a front lobby area at campuses where they will speak to a receptionist through a transaction window or they must be buzzed into the front office.

At Hughes Road Elementary, the drainage improvements, addition of the parking area behind the school, and expansion of the front driveway were also finished.

Under construction now is the district's third junior high campus, Dickinson Junior High, which will open in August 2023. It is located in the southern portion of the district at 11611 Central Park Blvd. When it opens, all three junior high campuses will house grades 6-8. To make room at the elementary schools for the required full-day pre-kindergarten, fourth grade will transition and join fifth grade at the three existing middle school campuses.

Current Dunbar Middle School Principal Temeka Brown was named the new principal at Dickinson Junior High and she will be spending much of her time from now through August completing the many tasks associated with opening a new campus. A new campus page for Dickinson Junior High has been added to the campus section of the Dickinson ISD website at www.dickinsonisd.org, and more information about the new campus will be added to that page over the next several months.

Also underway are renovations and expanded facilities at the Transportation Center, Technology Department, and Agricultural Facility. The final Bond 2020 project to be complete is the resurfacing of the track at McAdams Junior High. This is scheduled as a summer 2023 project.



DHS Agricultural Facility artist rendering



Technology Department artist rendering



Artist rendering of Dickinson Junior High, which will open in August 2023.

Dickinson ISD Junior High Boundaries for 2023-2024

Dickinson ISD boundaries cover 61 square miles of Galveston County

Dickinson ISD is much larger than most residents are aware. The district was incorporated into an independent school district in 1941, which means 82 years ago the district boundaries were developed. This is the same for most districts in the area. School district boundaries and city boundaries are entirely different. Many times a school district will include multiple cities. In Dickinson ISD's case, while our name is Dickinson, the City of Dickinson only covers about 20 percent of the school district boundaries. We also serve students in portions of League City and Texas City, unincorporated areas of Galveston County, Bacliff, and San Leon.

Most of the district's growth at this time is in Texas City and League City. The area where Lago Mar and other new subdivisions are developing was until the last few years, vacant land. So, now as these areas are experiencing fast growth, many are surprised to find out they are in Dickinson ISD.

The map to the left shows the boundaries approved for the district's three junior high campuses in 2023-2024. The yellow color is Dickinson Junior High, orange is McAdams and purple is Kranz. The colored areas as a whole represent the entire district boundaries. The white areas along the edges are neighboring school districts. At this time, elementary and middle school boundaries will remain the

Who is eligible to vote in the May 6 bond election?

Any registered voter who resides within the Dickinson ISD boundaries is eligible to vote.

Is there a deadline to register?

The deadline for voter registration is Thursday, April 6, 2023. If you are not registered to vote by this deadline, then you are not eligible to vote in the May 6 election.

What if I want to vote with a mail-in ballot?

You may request a mail-in ballot by contacting the Galveston County Elections Clerk. The last day to apply for ballot by mail is Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

When is early voting?

For the May 6 election, early voting will begin on Monday, April 24, 2023 and it will end on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Early Voting

2803 53rd Street Galveston, Texas 77551 **Galveston Court House** 722 Moody Street

Galveston, Texas 77550

Moody Methodist Church

- Seaside Church 16534 Termini- San Luis Pass Road Galveston, Texas 77554
- **Pump House** 715 30th Street Galveston, Texas 77550
- **Galveston ISD Administration Building** 3904 Avenue T Galveston, Texas 77550
- **COM Main** 1200 Amburn Road Tech Vocational Building, Room 1344 Texas City, Texas 77591

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April 24 - 28, 2023

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hitchcock City Hall 7423 Highway 6 Hitchcock, Texas 77563

- La Marque Community Room 1109 Bayou Road La Marque, Texas 77568
 - **Carver Park** 6415 Park Avenue Texas City, Texas 77591

May 1 - 2, 2023

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- **Nessler Center** 2010 5th Avenue North Texas City, Texas 77590
- Santa Fe Museum 13304 Highway 6 Santa Fe, Texas 77510
- **Mud 12 Building** 2929 Highway 6, 2nd Floor Bayou Vista, Texas 77563

- **Dickinson City Hall** 4403 Highway 3, Meeting Room 2
 - Dickinson, Texas 77539
- **Dickinson Community Center** 2714 Highway 3 Dickinson, Texas 77539
- **Kemah Community Center** 800 Harris Avenue Kemah, Texas 77565
- **Clear Lake Shores Club House** 931 Cedar Road Clear Lake Shores, Texas 77565
- **Education Support Center** 2425 East Main Street League City, Texas 77573
- **COM League City** 1411 West Main Street Room 103 League City, TX 77573
- First Baptist Church Friendswood 202 Heritage, Club 56 Room Friendswood, Texas 77546

Election Day

Moody Methodist Church 2803 53rd Street Galveston, Texas 77551

Galveston Court House 722 Moody Street Galveston, Texas 77550

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Saturday, May 6, 2023 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- La Marque Community Room 1109 Bayou Road La Marque, Texas 77568
- **Carver Park** 6415 Park Avenue Texas City, Texas 77591
- **Nessler Center Surf Room** 2010 5th Avenue North Texas City, Texas 77590
- **Hitchcock ISD Board Room** 7801 Neville Road Hitchcock, Texas 77563
- Santa Fe Museum 13304 Highway 6 Santa Fe, Texas 77510
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- First Baptist Church Friendswood 202 Heritage, Club 56 Room Friendswood, Texas 77546
- Friendswood Fire Department 1 1610 Whitaker Drive, Meeting Room Friendswood, Texas 77546



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DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DISD enrollment at 12,238 students and expected to grow by 4,700 over next 10 years

Each school year, hundreds of new students enroll in Dickinson ISD schools. When schools released for Spring Break, enrollment was up by 389 students over the same time in 2022 with a total of 12,238 students attending one of the district's 14 campuses.

The largest increases are found at the elementary and high school level with 185 additional elementary students districtwide and 112 more students at Dickinson High School. Lobit Elementary, which is the elementary campus zoned to new homes in Lago Mar, Seacrest, and Pedregal, has seen substantial growth with an increase of 112 students over the past year. Demographer reports show that the district will continue to see enrollment increases over the next 10 years with projections of 14,254 students in five years and 16,926 students in 10 years.

No tax rate increase if Bond 2023 is approved

If the Dickinson ISD May 2023 bond referendum is approved, taxpayers will not see an increase in the tax rate. The tax rate will remain the same as the current tax rate of \$1.294. If a Dickinson ISD taxpayer sees an increase in their taxes it will be because the appraisal on their home was increased by the Galveston County Appraisal District. Dickinson ISD does not control home appraisals. The school district only controls the tax rate, which will remain at 1.294.

The tax rate consists of two parts. The first is the Maintenance and Operations rate of .854 cents. The M&O rate pays for day-to-day operations and expenses, such as salaries, utilities, supplies, repairs, and fuel. Eighty percent of the M&O funds cover employee salaries alone. When compared to a family's household budget, these are expenses similar to groceries, minor house repairs, utilities, car fuel, and routine services.

The second part of the tax rate, 44 cents, is for Interest and Sinking. These funds can only be used for principal and interest payments on debt issued for new construction, renovations, land purchases, and buses. These can be compared to household expenses such as a mortgage, major home renovations, land purchases, and car purchases.



What is Dickinson ISD's Projected Growth? Ten Year Forecast by Grade Level | Vesr (Oct.) | EE | PK | K | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th | 17tal | 6rowth | 6rowth | 12018/19 | 77 | 373 | 794 | 785 | 831 | 868 | 847 | 874 | 925 | 893 | 806 | 935 | 855 | 642 | 657 | 11,162 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 | 8

Traducción al español sobre el Bono2023

La información sobre el referéndum de bonos de Dickinson ISD 2023 ha sido traducida al español y está disponible en el sitio web de Dickinson ISD en www.dickinsonisd.org/bond2023.



