

Facts and Questions

Quick Facts:

- The original structure that now serves elementary grades was constructed in 1948
- An addition was made to that wing in 1950 that now serves secondary students
- The secondary science labs, all constructed in 1962, do not meet current State standards
- Elementary enrollment has increased by approximately 5% since June of 2015.
- Additional classrooms or portable classrooms will be required to support continued growth

Why did the District call for a bond election?

With the exception of three Kindergarten classrooms, analysis revealed that all of the elementary school classrooms fall short with respect to their size as required by the Texas Administrative Code which dictates the size for instructional spaces for schools in Texas. Likewise, over 75% of the classrooms at the secondary campus, including science and computer labs, fall short with respect to their size as required by the Texas Administrative Code. Further, given the age of the district's facilities, the current state of electrical service, technology, code compliance, accessibility, safety and security were also considered. The recommendations from the community task force provide a mechanism to create adequate space for all grades and appropriate spaces for instruction now and into the future.

Why not add portable classrooms?

The District has used portable buildings in the past to meet our enrollment. However, portables do not increase core spaces such as support, restrooms, etc. Additionally, portable buildings are paid for from our Maintenance & Operations fund. That is the same fund that supports teachers' salaries, supplies, utilities, programs, etc. The purchase price for the average portable building, including installation, is approximately \$120,000.

How will the bonds be paid for?

Each year the Board of Trustees sets a tax rate in two parts. One part M&O (Maintenance & Operations) is used to cover operating costs (salaries, supplies, equipment, utilities, etc.). The second part, I&S (Interest & Sinking) pays off principal and interest due on the bonds. The maximum estimated increase to the District's I&S rate is \$0.3068/\$100 of taxable value. Refer to the "Tax Impact Analysis" section for estimated costs based on various home values.

Will my taxes go up if I am 65 years old or older?

No. The Texas Constitution provides for persons 65 years old or older, who have a qualified homestead exemption, to be exempt from a school district property tax increase.

Early Voting

**Monday, April 25, 2016 through
Friday, April 29, 2016
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Monday, May 2, 2016 through
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Voting Location:

**Ganado ISD Administration Building
210 South Sixth Street
Ganado, Texas 77962**

Election Day

**Saturday
May 7, 2016
7:00 am – 7:00 pm**

Voting Location:

**Justice of the Peace Office
Precinct 2
214 South Third Street
Ganado, Texas 77962**



Ganado

Independent School District



Informational Bond Brochure

About the May 7, 2016 Bond Election

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John Hardwick

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A Letter from the Superintendent

As you may be aware, the Board of Trustees for Ganado ISD (GISD) called for a bond election at their meeting on February 18, for May 7, 2016. There will be one proposition to consider.

Beginning in January of last year, GISD initiated a review of capital projects districtwide. With the help of a task force, made up of community members, and feedback from GISD Staff, a wide range of options were reviewed.

Due to the age of the buildings, changes in State requirements for educational facilities, and based on a review of educational adequacy, the task force recommended that the District consider replacing the current elementary and secondary buildings. Additionally, modifications to site parking and drives, will provide for efficient traffic circulation and additional "off street" parking.

This brochure has been developed to provide information to the community regarding the upcoming bond election. Please take a moment to review the information contained herein. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the GISD Administration.

Sincerely,
 Dr. John Hardwick
 Superintendent, Ganado Independent School District

Tax Impact Analysis

Home Value	Monthly Increase	Annual Increase
\$50,000	\$6.10	\$73.25
\$83,160*	\$14.20	\$170.41
\$100,000	\$18.31	\$219.75
\$150,000	\$30.52	\$366.25

- *Average GISD home value
- Assumes \$25,000 annual homestead exemption.
- Assumes bonds issued for 30 years at a rate of 4.25%. Interest rate is subject to change.
- Estimated increase to the current I&S tax rate is \$0.293 per \$100 in taxable value

Ganado ISD Bond Election

One Proposition

New Two-Story Secondary Building	\$12,092,628
New Single-Story Elementary Building	\$12,337,372
Total	\$24,430,000

New Elementary Building and Secondary Building Site Concept



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