



# EASTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The purpose of these community meetings is to gather data and opinions from the public that will assist in developing a long term plan to address facilities.

- Welcome and introductions were made and the tone of the meeting was set to brain storm two specific questions...
  1. What specific questions does the community want answers to that will assist in creating a vision that addresses facility needs?
  2. How do we get more community input and participation?
- Questions presented from the group
  1. What is the district amount of district debt that would be moved from the M& O side to the I&S side of the budget and what does that mean?
  2. What is the time frame and process for calling a bond election?
  3. How do we keep the focus on students and academics?
  4. How do we meet ADA requirements for our existing building
  5. What are the ADA requirements for a building as old as our HS?
  6. What is the cost associated with bringing the HS up to ADA standards?
  7. When it comes to ADA are we grandfathered in any way?
  8. Does the group want to form a smaller focused visioning group as well as host community meetings?
  9. Can we get hard financial numbers for renovation/upgrade before we consider new construction?

\*Answers to these questions will be presented at the next community meeting August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the auditorium\*

- Misc items mentioned:
  1. Parent concerns from a community member whose student has needs for accessibility issues that will need to be met when they get to EHS.
  2. As we address the facilities we need to keep in mind the importance of the educational experience we provide the students. There was a concern that we are falling behind the surrounding communities. We should remember to focus on students and teachers as well as facilities when discussing continuous improvement.
- Item to clarify:
  1. It was brought to my attention (from someone unable to attend the meeting) that they were told that the message conveyed was that a bond election would happen in November. This is FALSE. For a bond election to occur the board would have to call for an election in November. This has not happened nor is it on a future agenda to occur.

I want to say special thank you to all who participated. I also want to encourage you to attend all future meetings and invite others. Together we will make a difference!

If it is good for kids, it is our duty to make it happen!