

What Factors Led to Capital Improvements Program?

In 2008, the District developed a comprehensive Three Phase Master Plan that would allow all of the identified facility improvements for the District to be prioritized and implemented with three separate bond projects over time.

The first phase of this plan, in 2008, produced various upgrades and new facilities addressing the greatest needs on each campus. The second phase, in 2011, constructed a new high school instructional facility. Intentionally, the District asked the voters to focus on the most urgent instructional needs early in the bond process. With Phase II now fully complete, the board has received encouragement to follow through on the final phase of the original master plan.

Phase III will include three proposals. The base proposal, for \$14,995,000, will provide for a new band hall and gymnasium at the high school. This base plan will also include a new classroom wing for the elementary to replace the aging exterior north wing and provide better security for the campus. Additionally, the proposal includes renovation for the main cafeteria, the primary school cafeteria, and upgrades to the sidewalks and disabled seating at the football stadium.

The second proposal for Phase III is a separate voting item that calls for \$3.45 million to build a new District activity center adjacent to the high school. This activity center, including a new performance stage, sound system and lighting, will be used for student activities, large groups and special events for the school and community.

The third proposal for Phase III, also on a separate voting measure, calls for \$1.35 million to address upgrades for the District athletic facilities, including artificial turf for the football field and resurfacing of the track.

Many hours of planning and thoughtful discussion have taken place in the development of these plans for Phase III. To be transparent with the community, and consistent with the original master plan, the board intentionally structured the projects under three separate measures which stand independently.

ELECTION DAY Tuesday, November 4th 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Live Oak County Election Precincts	Polling Locations
No. 2	D&J Storage 258 FM 3162 Sandia, TX 78383
No. 3	First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 707 Frio St. George West, TX 78022
No. 4	George West ISD Administration Building 913 Houston St. George West, TX 78022
No. 5	Oakville Community Center 114 Community Center Cr Oakville, TX 78060
No. 6	Ray Point Community Center 100 CR 223 Three Rivers, TX 78071
No.12	Ruggles Ranch 917 Hwy 59 George West, TX 78022
No. 13	Swinney Switch Volunteer Fire Dept. 914 FM 3024 George West, TX 78022
No. 14	Live Oak County Criminal Justice Center 200 Larry R. Busby Dr. George West, TX 78022

EARLY VOTING*

Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 24, 2014
&
Monday, October 27 – Friday, October 31, 2014
8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Electors may cast their early votes in person or by mail at:

George West Independent School District
Administration Office
913 Houston Street
George West, Texas 78022

*Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays.

GEORGE WEST ISD

2014 Capital Improvements Program



Bond Election

Informational Brochure

PLEASE VOTE

**ON ELECTION DAY
November 4, 2014**

or

**Early Voting
from
October 20 – 31, 2014**

What are the three propositions on the ballot, and why are they separate?

Proposition 1: New Band Hall, Gym, and other upgrades
\$14,995,000

Proposition 2: Activity Center (Includes stage, sound and lighting)
\$3.45 million

Proposition 3: Upgrade Athletic Facilities (Includes artificial turf and resurfacing track)
\$1.35 million

There are three separate propositions on the ballot so that voters may vote for one, two, or all three of the items. Separation of the options gives voters more choice.

What is the taxpayer's cost for each proposal?

On a proposition basis, the tax impact is as follows:

Proposition #1 = 14.54¢/\$100

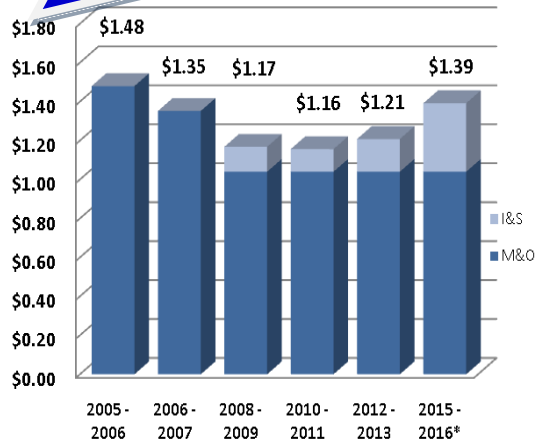
Proposition #2 = 3.35¢/\$100

Proposition #3 = 1.31¢/\$100

For more information, please contact:

George West ISD
Administration Office
(361) 449-1914

How does the proposed tax rate, including all 3 proposals, compare to previous years?



(* With the issuance of the Bonds, the District's total Tax Rate is projected to be \$1.39 in the 2015-2016 school year. This rate with the Bonds is lower than the \$1.48 rate the District set during the 2005-2006 school year.

What will it cost me for all three propositions?

Tax Impact to Homeowner			
Home Value*	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase	Daily Increase
\$25,000	\$48.00	\$4.00	\$0.13
50,000	96.00	8.00	0.27
75,000	144.00	12.00	0.40
100,000	192.00	16.00	0.53

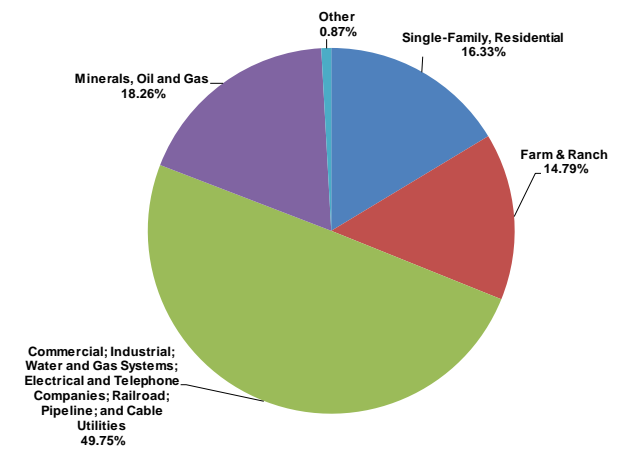
*Home values shown above are net of tax exemptions.

Phase III – George West High School

I'm over 65. Are my taxes frozen?

School taxes on the homestead plus 20 acres for people over the age of 65 are frozen. The taxes cannot be raised even if the residence is reappraised, unless the owner makes significant improvements to the property, at which time the taxes are frozen again. If you qualify for the Senior Citizen exemption, there is **NO TAX INCREASE** on your homestead plus 20 acres.

Where does the District receive its tax revenues from?



(* "Other" includes classifications such as Mobile Homes, Residential Inventory, Special Inventory, etc