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The successful passage of six bond propositions totaling \$519.5 million on Saturday, September 11, 2004 is attributed to unprecedented community involvement in the process and strong voter approval in all parts of the city.

As a result of overwhelming voter approval, Austin School Trustees will proceed to:

- Build eight new schools and 92 additional classrooms to relieve overcrowding;
- Renovate existing campuses and athletic facilities;
- Upgrade campus security;
- Purchase low-emission school buses; and
- Refinance District debt.

Board President Doyle Valdez says the District will remain fully accountable to the public as the building program moves forward. "Timely completion, sound workmanship, and the wise use of bond dollars will be our standard. This Board of Trustees pledges public accountability for every project—because we know the Austin community deserves nothing less," President Valdez said.

President Valdez saluted the citizen groups who spearheaded the Bond Election:

- The *Citizens Bond Advisory Committee* and its tri-chairs, John Blazier, Sheryl Cole, and Vince Torres.
- The *Committee for Austin's Children* and its four chairs, Gus Garcia, Melissa Knippa, Willie Mae Kirk, and Jim Marston.
- Members of the *Community Safety Task Force* and the *Interscholastic Sports Task Force*.

The Bond Initiative was endorsed by Education Austin and other professional associations, the Austin Council of PTAs, the Greater Austin Chamber, the Hispanic Chamber, and other community and business groups.

"The level of community input and support was unprecedented in this initiative," President Valdez said. "Austin benefits from the commitment of these groups — and the many volunteers who helped make this success possible."

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Meanwhile, AISD's *2002 Health & Safety Bond Initiative* is nearing completion on the third year of a four-year implementation schedule. All of the first-year projects that focused on mold remediation and roofing are complete. The multifaceted, second-year projects that not only dealt with mold remediation and roofing, but also with ventilation, site drainage, and window replacement are nearing completion. Of these 20 projects, 18 are finished.

The Construction Management Department is currently nearing completion on 32 of the 37 third-year projects, which have included various ventilation renovations and improvements to meet public accessibility and safety requirements. The discovery of asbestos-containing materials during renovation projects caused extended schedules on a minimal number of third-year projects. However, because of adequate contingency planning, Construction Management has been able to meet these unforeseen circumstances with virtually no disruptions on campus.

AISD Profile 2003-04

Our Students*

Early Education – Grade 5	42,301
Grades 6-8	16,511
Grades 9-12	20,195
Total	79,007

Students by Ethnicity*

African American	10,743	(13.6%)
Asian	2,168	(2.7%)
Hispanic	42,123	(53.3%)
Native American	197	(0.2%)
White	23,776	(30.1%)
Total	79,007	

Budget Summary

Total Budget	\$737,362,722
Operations	\$662,977,363
Food Service	\$27,185,624
Debt Service	\$47,199,735
Taxable Value	\$40,163,473,828
Assess. Value/Student	\$515,207
Bonded Debt	\$462,506,782
% Debt to Assessed Value	1.152%
Tax Rate/valuation	1.6137/\$100
Expenditure per Pupil	\$6,478
Recapture Payment	\$158,011,398

Our Facilities

Elementary Campuses	74
Middle/Jr. High Campuses	17
High School Campuses	12
Special Campuses	4

Other Facilities

Professional Dev. Sites	2
Science/Env. Centers	2
Agricultural Farms	3
Athletic Complexes & Administration	5
Maintenance Service Center	1
School Bus Compounds	2
Administration Centers	2
Central Warehouse	1

Our Staff*

Teachers	5,354.4
Professional Support	723.3
Campus Administration	320.0
Central Administration	64.4
Educational Aides	747.0
Auxiliary Staff	2,858.2
Total	10,067.4

*Data are preliminary, based on initial preparation of district PEIMS submissions to TEA.



I Am AISD. I love to see the happy children when they come in to eat. I know that giving them healthy food every day helps them to learn.
Josephina Sanchez, Cafeteria Worker
Pickle Elementary School



I Am AISD. I am proud of our beautiful school and of the work I do to keep our campus clean and nice. A clean school teaches the students that education is worth respecting.
Rudy Mata, Custodian
Galindo Elementary School