

A Special Message from Board President Matt Fuller

Good afternoon Montgomery ISD families and staff,

Last night's MISD board meeting created an opportunity for the future of our district and I wanted to take a moment to share my thoughts and takeaways with you. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favor of calling for a \$326.9M bond on the May election ballot and the list of items on the bond proposal will support every student in Montgomery ISD.

Our goal as a district is to ensure that we partner with you and communicate our decisions well as we aim to become The Premier school district in the state of Texas. There is no doubt that the level of excellence in our district is clearly creating growth in our community. With growth in development comes an increase in enrollment in our schools and a need to not only provide capacity for the growing student body, but to do it with the best educational tools and resources available.

I have been a member of your MISD Board of Trustees for three years and it has been a complete honor to hire and work with your Superintendent, Dr. Heath Morrison. The leadership he and his staff have provided in organizing a Community Bond Task Force, empowering them to create a plan for the future of MISD and making themselves available to listen and speak to members throughout our community has gotten us to this moment. I want to encourage you to be informed, ask questions and read the communications shared by the district so that you can vote with confidence in the May election.

I am confident the questions at the top of your mind include how the bond would impact your taxes and how the projects on the bond would support your individual students. First, the board is confident that this bond proposal is fiscally sound with a very minimal impact to your tax rate, less than a penny per \$100 value with the district tax rate going from 1.26 to 1.267. Another item that will be on the ballot in May will be the option for voters to increase the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Should that pass, even with the passing of our district bond, you will see an overall *decrease* in your taxes. The visual for you to put that into actual dollars by the value of your home [can be viewed here](#).

To address how your individual student would be supported by the bond projects, I want to assure you that all of our MISD campuses will receive comparability and improvement funds from this bond proposal. The district facilities assessment that was completed in Spring 2021 showed necessary improvements to all of our facilities and that cost is a large portion of the bond. In addition, the land purchases and construction

of a district Career and Technical Education Center as well as a centralized Agriculture Science Center will benefit all of our current and future secondary students throughout the district. The improvements and development to those programs when students are offered state of the art facilities to learn in will help us to serve and educate all of our students on a premier level. The necessary purchasing of new buses to replace our aging fleet and the technology infrastructure improvements and devices for all of our campuses will also benefit all students in the district.

As we spend the next few months preparing for the election, you will be able to view graphics and project lists that will share exactly what we plan to use the bond funds towards over the next several years. I encourage you to check out the [Paving Our Path: Bond 2022 webpage](#) on the MISD website to be informed about the process and the plan. If you have questions, those can be sent to bond@misd.org or you can send a message to [the bond tab on MISD's Let's Talk platform](#) and district leaders will address your concerns and respond to your questions. You can also access the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the bond webpage.

I hope you will take the time to partner with us on the journey by being informed and sharing the facts with your friends and neighbors in the community. I am very excited about the direction Montgomery ISD is headed and what the future holds for our amazing students and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Fuller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Fuller

President, Board of Trustees

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