

## A message from Superintendent Dr. Rich Dear:

"With families drawn by our small town values and high quality of classroom instruction, Godley ISD's student population will almost triple over the next ten years.

To manage this growth, a Long Range Facilities Planning Committee was formed with close to 60 parents, grandparents, students, teachers, and business and community leaders from across our district. Their goal was to address our growing school enrollment while representing the needs of taxpayers.

Over the course of multiple meetings, the volunteer committee reviewed financial data, safety conditions, current academic needs, projected student growth and community input. After extensive analysis, they put together a \$889,000,000 bond proposal which the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place on the May ballot.

With our commitment to fiscal responsibility, this bond package will NOT increase the property tax rate for homeowners or businesses. Funding for bond projects will come from new homeowners and businesses moving into our 122-square-mile school district.

I hope you take a moment to review the facts about the bond referendum, and please bring your friends, family and neighbors to vote in the May 6th election."

*Dr. Rich Dear*



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## Tax impact of Godley ISD bond referendum: **NO INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX RATE.**

- If approved by voters, there will be no increase in the Godley ISD property tax rate. With passage of the bond referendum, our property tax rate will remain 6.5¢ lower than it was in 2018.
- As always, homeowners 65 and older who have filed their homestead exemption will never see an increase in their property taxes.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ.

A new state law requires all school bond referendum propositions to include ballot language that reads, "This is a property tax increase." This ballot language is a result of school districts that struggle to meet the strict financial guidelines set by the state. However, this is not the case with Godley ISD as we have received the highest rating possible from the state for financial transparency and will continue looking for new ways to save tax dollars.

**THIS BOND WILL NOT RAISE THE PROPERTY TAX RATE.**

**Early Voting is April 24 - May 2. Election Day is Saturday, May 6.**



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**Our kindergarten students will have three times  
as many classmates by the time they start high school.**



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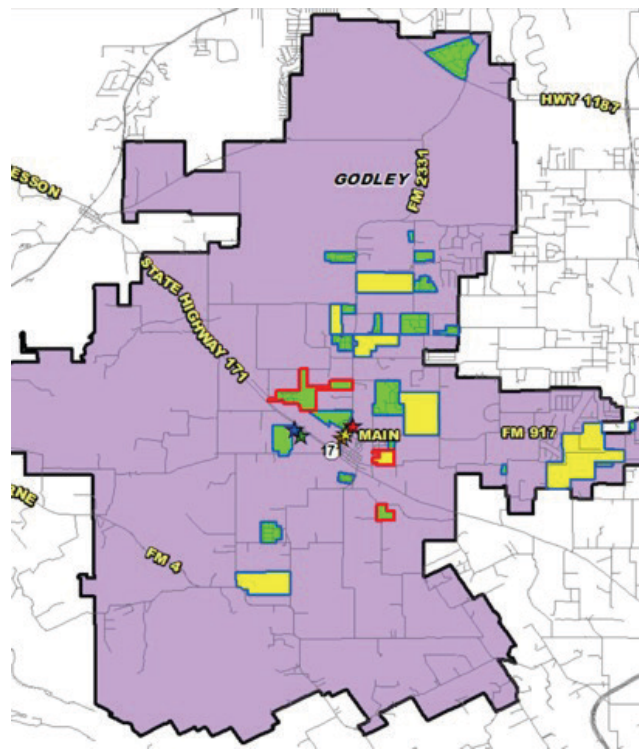
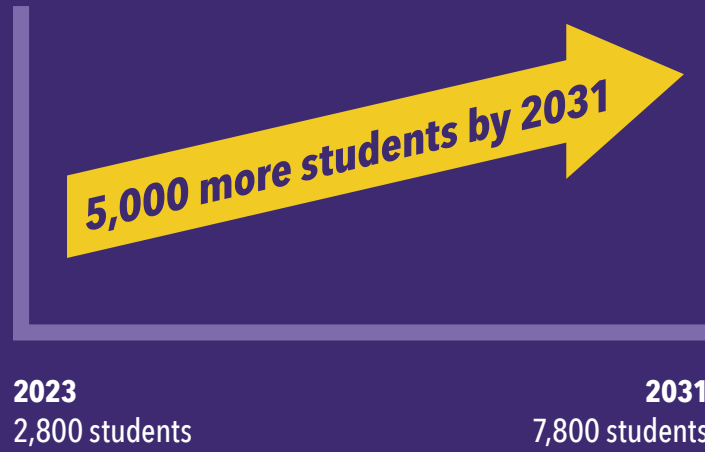


Growing **STRONG** with Deep **ROOTS**



## Godley ISD is expected to almost triple in size over the next 10 years.

- This year, Godley ISD will have about 2,800 students after having grown by 815 students in the past five years.
- Godley ISD will grow by 2,700 more kids in the next five years and 5,680 in next ten years.
- *The Dallas Morning News* recently featured Godley as one of several “boomtowns” in the DFW area due to our fast growth.



## 20,000 future home lots planned in Godley ISD:

Chisholm Trail Parkway has fueled new home development. There are current plans for 22 subdivisions with over 20,000 future lots. These new developments are driving the fast growth in our student population and are a primary reason why our enrollment is expected to almost triple in the next 10 years.

## Overview of May 6 Godley ISD Proposition A:

More than 90% of the \$889,000,000 bond referendum is designated to manage the fast growth of our district and avoid crowded classrooms, with a strong focus on campus safety and security.



- Three new elementary schools and one new middle school
- Additions at Godley High School including a Performing Arts Center
- Renovations and addition to double size of Godley Middle School
- Renovations at RB Godley and Legacy Elementary Schools
- Support for our growing fine arts, career & technical education, agricultural and athletic programs
- Districtwide safety and security upgrades, transportation projects and additional infrastructure and technology improvements

## How will the bond referendum address traffic concerns?

To help alleviate growing traffic issues near our existing schools, new campuses will be built in neighborhoods to reduce vehicle backups on main roadways during morning drop-off and afternoon pick up of our students.

## Answers to your frequently asked questions:

### Did Godley ISD administrators solicit the input of local citizens before developing the bond package?

Yes. In August 2022, a long-range facilities planning committee was formed with close to 60 parents, grandparents, teachers, students, and business and community leaders from across Godley ISD. Their goal was to address our growing school enrollment while representing the needs of taxpayers.

### What research was conducted by the long-range facilities planning committee?

After touring existing schools and reviewing financial data, safety needs, current academic needs, projected student growth and community input, the committee presented a comprehensive bond recommendation to the Board of Trustees that reflects the wishes of our community and its taxpayers. On February 13th, the Godley ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place a bond referendum on the May ballot.

### What is the breakdown of spending in the bond package?

More than 90% of the bond referendum is designated to manage the fast growth of our district and avoid crowded classrooms, with a strong focus on campus safety and security.

### How fast is Godley ISD growing?

As the fastest growing school district in Johnson County, Godley ISD is expected to almost triple in size over the next 10 years.

### What is going to be the tax impact of the bond package on Godley ISD taxpayers?

If approved by voters, there will be no increase in the Godley ISD property tax rate. With passage of the bond referendum, our property tax rate will remain 6.5¢ lower than it was in 2018.

### What will be the impact on senior citizens in the district?

Homeowners 65 years of age and older will see no increase in their school property taxes as long as they have filed for their senior citizen homestead exemption.

### Should voters approve the bond package, does the district have policies in place to make sure our tax dollars are spent efficiently?

Yes. Just like we did with the 2015 bond referendum, our team of financial professionals will keep a close eye on the spending approved by voters. Our best practices approach has helped Godley ISD earn the highest ranking from the state's Financial Integrity Rating System.

### What is the status of the 2021 bond package?

2021 bond projects are currently underway, including the career and technical education center, competition gymnasium and fine arts wing at Godley High School. The new Pleasant View Elementary School is now open.

### Upon approval of the bond referendum, is the entire amount issued all at once?

No. The district will only issue bonds to cover the cost of projects at the time they are needed and approved by the School Board.

### Who do we contact if we want more information about the bond referendum?

Godley ISD is committed to transparency. Should you have any questions or would like more information, please email us at [gisdinfo@godleyisd.net](mailto:gisdinfo@godleyisd.net).