

Reinvest in Caddo



Facility Needs Exist

It's no secret that our school district buildings need some work. The average age of a school in Caddo Parish is 60 years. In addition, our district has not built a new school since 1989 (Donnie Bickham). Many of our classrooms were never designed to meet the needs of today's students and two of our K-8 schools need an auditorium for student gatherings, assemblies and performances.

In addition, every one of our school buildings needs upgrades that will enhance safety, save energy and improve efficiency to reduce future operating costs. Most importantly, we strive to create a positive learning environment for our students.

Where Do We Start?

Beginning in 2014, Caddo has...

- ▶ examined population trends to project student movement over the next decade;
- ▶ identified our existing school building needs;
- ▶ made recommendations based on academic programs.

3 NEW neighborhood schools

23 schools receiving upgrades

20 NEW school buses

0 increase in tax rate

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VOTE
May 2!



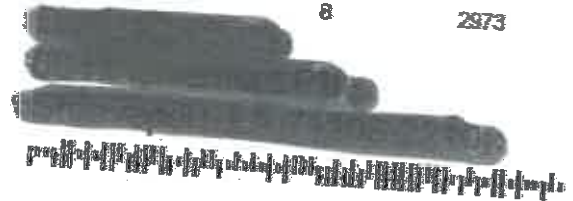
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Reinvest In Caddo...

The renewal of the bond will:

- **Purchase 20 new air-conditioned buses** to safely and comfortably transport students to and from school.
- **Renovate science labs** at ALL high schools to meet the needs of today's college and career paths.
- **Build a new wing** at Caddo Career and Technology Center to expand and enhance courses while creating additional workforce development opportunities.
- **Add wings** at Cherokee Park, Summerfield and Walnut Hill due to extreme number of temporary buildings.
- **Construct 3 new schools** throughout the district including Central Shreveport, Blanchard and Southeast Shreveport.
- **Construct auditoriums** at Walnut Hill Elementary/Middle and Herndon Magnet to create equity among K-8 programs.
- **Build activity centers** at 6 schools to have an indoor location for PE and recess at Atkins, Forest Hill, Riverside, Summer Grove, Summerfield, and Westwood.
- **Construct auxiliary gyms** at Green Oaks, Captain Shreve and Southwood for PE, sports and activity practices.



Facility Improvements...



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How Does This Improve Academics

If approved, the bond would allow the district to move funding used for maintenance and current inefficiencies directly to the classroom and supports needed for student success.

What Happens Next?

Early voting begins April 18 and the election will be held May 2. Should the voters approve the proposal, the district could start seeing funds as early as Fall 2015 with construction beginning shortly thereafter. The new schools would begin opening as soon as Fall 2017. Early voting April 18-25th.

What About Funding?

District's staff goal was to improve learning environments for students while maintaining the current tax rate. They met that goal with a proposed school bond that was approved by the school board unanimously for the upcoming May Ballot.

How Much Will It Cost?

While the bond totals \$108 million, it would not cost families any more than the current tax rate they are paying.

