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MEDIA ADVISORY

Frenship ISD Trustees Call for \$85.2 Million Bond Election on May 10, 2014

The Frenship Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the call of an \$85.2 million bond election for May 10, 2014 that is aimed to benefit the students of Frenship ISD by accommodating the district's continued student enrollment growth. The Trustees called the election Monday during their monthly meeting.

More than 75 percent of the proposed bond is dedicated to campus construction and renovation with the construction of a Ninth Grade Center and an eighth elementary campus as the two major projects. Other projects included are technology and security upgrades, maintenance improvements, extracurricular advances, and land purchases.

FISD's current enrollment in the fifth through eighth grades is 2,605, a total that will surpass the 2,550 capacity of Frenship High School in August 2017. This enrollment will continue to climb with anticipated growth in the near future as well. The Ninth Grade Center would alleviate current enrollment capacity concerns at FHS.

An eighth elementary campus would also help manage campus enrollment capacity concerns in FISD. This year, kindergarten and first grade enrollment numbers have elevated to more than 700 students each; these are the first two classes in the history of FISD to surpass 700. Demographic studies show this trend is likely to continue with future classes.

FISD is currently completing construction of the district's seventh elementary campus, the final project of the 69.7 percent voter approved 2007 bond totaling \$128 million. This campus, located on North Milwaukee Avenue, is scheduled to open in August 2014 and will improve elementary enrollment capacity concerns in the northern part of the district.

The 2007 bond included the construction of three FISD campuses – Oak Ridge Elementary, Heritage Middle School, and the seventh elementary campus. Since 2007, FISD's enrollment has grown by more than 2,100 students.

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