



PRESS RELEASE

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On May 7th, Ector County voters overwhelmingly rejected the bond proposal brought forward by the ECISD Board of Trustees. During the bond campaign, Ector County residents took to social media to voice their frustration with many aspects of the proposed plan. In particular the composition of the bond committee, the proposed location of the new high school, overall costs, and an apparent underutilization of some school facilities combined with an ever increasing tax burden on taxpayers were voiced as major concerns.

Although the bond was defeated, there was widespread consensus among voters that ECISD schools - in particular our two high schools - are in need of serious improvements.

This is the second bond proposal that has been recently rejected by voters. While voters did approve the Tax Ratification Election election in 2018, a previous bond issuance was rejected in a similar proportion as the recent May election.

Since the defeat of the May bond, we have received many calls and inquiries asking “where do we go from here?”. After much reflection and deliberation we believe that a more comprehensive study of our school district’s needs should be completed by a more independent and diverse group of Ector County residents than has occurred in the past. Unlike the Trustee and District formed committees of the past who limited the scope of the committee’s work, we believe that nothing should be off the board to deliver better facilities to our students while keeping a keen eye on the burden to taxpayers.

To this end, we are announcing the formation of A BETTER WAY FORWARD. Our hope is that this group can serve as a catalyst for an honest and open discussion of our school district’s needs particularly as it concerns facilities and that plans might be formed that both improve the day to day lives of our students and staff while also protecting the finances of our taxpayers.

We are asking concerned residents from all four corners of our district - west, south, north and east - to join us as we begin work to formulate plans to move our school district forward. It is our hope that we will receive the full support of the ECISD Trustees, administration, and staff as we analyze the needs of our district and form plans to cost effectively meet those needs and we welcome their participation.

Further details will be announced soon and our first organizational meeting is being planned for early July, 2022. Anyone interested in joining the committee or receiving additional information should email ECISDBetterWay@gmail.com

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