*Texas City ISD Community Survey Results*

The following are the results of the Texas City ISD Community Survey that was administered by a third-party July 24-29, 2022. Survey respondents totaled 1,173 and after two qualifying indicators were applied (being a registered voter and living in the school district) a total of 1,049 qualified surveys were analyzed. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3%.

**Survey Items and Information:**

A citizen’s advisory committee is working with the school district to identify facility and equipment needs of Texas City ISD for a potential November 2022, bond issue. Would you be willing to help the committee by taking a brief survey? The survey will take less than 8 minutes of your time and community input is very important to the Citizens Advisory Committee that have been working several months on this issue.

1. Are you registered to vote and reside in the Texas City Independent School District?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Only surveys from respondents that lived in the district were analyzed
* Female respondents totaled 813
* Male respondents totaled 222
* Did not respond to item 14

1. Thinking about local elections for a moment – would you say that you vote in All, Most, Very Few, or None of the elections when a school bond issue is on the ballot?

\_\_\_\_\_\_All \_\_\_\_\_\_Most \_\_\_\_\_\_Very Few \_\_\_\_\_\_None

* All elections 384
* Most elections 426
* Very few elections 171
* None 68

1. Do you have any children or grandchildren who currently attend a Texas City ISD school?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 685
* No 364

The following questions are designed to assess your current understanding of Texas City ISD, and perceptions of issues associated with a potential bond issue.

1. Are you aware that a Citizens Advisory Committee was authorized by the school district and has met for several months to review facility and equipment needs of Texas City ISD?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 459
* No 590

1. Are you aware that a district committee worked for several months in 2021 to develop a district Ten-Year Facilities Plan and several of the facility needs identified in this plan are now projects being recommended for a bond issue?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 441
* No 608

1. Are you aware that school taxes are frozen for individual homestead owners 65 years of age or older and will not increase if a school bond issue is passed?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 680
* No 369

1. Are you aware that the state’s homestead exemption for taxpayers increased from $25,000 to $40,000 after the May 2022 Texas election and this will be a benefit to homeowners in Texas school districts?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 531
* No 518

1. Are you aware that Texas City ISD is currently working with local industry to complete multiple Chapter 313 Agreements that will be financially beneficial to district taxpayers and the school district?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 286
* No 763

1. Are you aware that Standard & Poor’s Financial Rating Service has assigned a rating of “AA”, a highly favorable rating for school districts?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 373
* No 676

1. Are you aware that the State of Texas guarantees the repayment of bonds issued by school districts, thus school district bond sales receive better interest rates?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 378
* No 671

Please consider the following tax and financial information as you respond to the following survey questions:

**Note: The Community Survey was released when the best estimate of tax rate impact was an increase of 3.9 cents and the following examples provided were accurate at that time. However, after survey responses were received, certified district values were made available and the resulting impact to the tax rate is 0 cents. The total of all projects will not result in a tax rate change.**

If all projects are approved at an election in November, the total amount will be **$158.6 million.** This would result in a potential school tax increase of a maximum 3.9 cents and homeowners are encouraged to view the following tax impact information to determine the approximate monthly and yearly increase in school taxes:

Home State Local Home Value Homeowner Homeowner

Appraised Homestead Homestead Less Monthly Annual

Value Exemption Exemption Exemptions Increase Increase

$50,000 ($40,000) ($10,000) $0 $0 $0

$100,000 ($40,000) ($20,000) $40,000 $1.07 $12.82

$150,000 ($40,000) ($30,000) $80,000 $2.14 $25.63

$200,000 ($40,000) ($40,000) $120,000 $3.20 $38.45

$250,000 ($40,000) ($50,000) $160,000 $4.27 $51.27

$300,000 ($40,000) ($60,000) $200,000 $5.34 $64.09

$350,000 ($40,000) ($70,000) $240,000 $6.41 $76.90

$400,000 ($40,000) ($80,000) $280,000 $7.48 $89.72

$450,000 ($40,000) ($90,000) $320,000 $8.54 $102.54

$500,000 ($40,000) ($100,000) $360,000 $9.61 $115.36

Considering the potential tax impact statement provided above, and with the knowledge that if all projects listed in this survey are approved, a potential bond issue would total $158.6 million, please respond to the following questions concerning facility and equipment projects being considered for a November 2022 bond issue:

1. Would you support improving district safety and security by making facility and equipment improvements **at an approximate cost of $1.34 million?** Improvements would include campus intercom upgrades, security alert systems, perimeter fencing where needed, audit all fire alarm systems, and additional security cameras and other safety and security items.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 931. (88.8%)
* No 118. (11.2)

1. Would you support building a new Ag Barn/Instructional Facility at the existing site of the current facility **at an approximate cost of $7.03 million?** The existing facility is old and deteriorating, too small and inadequately equipped, and will not accommodate the number of students who would like to participate in the programs that utilize this facility.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 811 (77.3%)
* No 238 (22.7%)

1. Would you support building a new Early Childhood Center at a centralized site in the school district **at an approximate cost of $37.23 million?** The existing campus is poorly designed, classrooms are too small, and the building does not accommodate all instructional resources needed by young students. All students at the Early Childhood Center are identified at-risk and an age-appropriate facility is required to meet the needs of current students and children of families not currently being served.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 810 (77.2%)
* No 239 (22.8%)

1. Would you support building a new La Marque HS, at the existing site of the current school, **at an approximate cost of $79.92 million?** The new school would serve 800 students and would serve the community for decades. The existing auditorium and competition gym would be renovated and will continue to be used. The existing high school has significant and costly problems with building systems and does not support modern education practices in its current condition. Renovating the school would cost as much as building a new school and is not a viable option.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 795 (75.8%)
* No 254 (24.2%)

1. Would you support renovating an existing storage building for the purpose of creating a new TCISD STEM Robotics Center that will include Labs, Student Workstations, and Classrooms for robotics and other STEM courses **at an approximate cost of $1.3 million?** Marathon Petroleum has donated $1 million that will be used for this project and $1.3 million is needed to complete the facility renovation and equipment purchases.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 882 (84.1%)
* No 167 (15.9%)

1. Would you support building a new La Marque HS stadium **at an approximate cost of $21.78 million?** The new stadium at La Marque HS would replace the existing stadium that has significant problems due to age and poor condition of major facility systems.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 676 (64.4%)
* No 373 (35.6%)

1. Would you support renovations and improvements to Texas City HS Stadium that would include replacement of visitor bleachers, replace the existing press box, renovations to the field house, and provide additional bus parking **at an approximate cost of $5.7 million?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 706 (67.3%)
* No 343 (32.7%)

1. Would you support renovations and improvements to Texas City HS fine arts programs **at** **an** **approximate cost of $2.26 million?** This would include adequate rehearsal space for music ensembles, cheer, theatre arts and dance programs. Additionally, storage is needed for choir, band, and theatre arts.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 759 (72.4%)
* No 290 (27.6%)

1. Would you support renovation and improvements to Texas City HS Career Tech labs for A/V Production, Culinary Arts, Law Enforcement, Vet Medicine, and two new programs, Fire Fighter Certification and EMT Certification **at an** **approximate cost of $2 million?** These programs have expanded in enrollment and additional space and equipment are needed for student instructional needs. Currently, some students must cross a busy street to access available space at Blocker MS.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

* Yes 876 (83.5%)
* No 173 (16.5%)

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Now, just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample of voters –

D.1 Please identify your age group from the following choices.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 18 – 39 309 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 40 – 54 409 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 55 – 64 156 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 65 or over 161 Survey Respondents

14 Did Not Respond

D.2 How many years have you lived in Texas City ISD?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5 years or less 111 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6 to 10 years 116 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11 to 29 years 296 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 30 or more years 512 Survey Respondents

14 Did Not Respond

D.3 Sex of respondent.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Male 222 Survey Respondents

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Female 813 Survey Respondents

14 Did Not Respond

D.4 Are you an employee of Texas City ISD and live in the school district?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No.

* Yes 225 Survey Respondents
* No 810 Survey Respondents

14 Did Not Respond

Texas City ISD and the Citizens Advisory Committee are utilizing a third party to administer this survey and to report survey results. Survey results may be found on the district website in the next few weeks and the school board will review the results of the community survey and the CAC recommendation before deciding if a bond issue should be called. Thank you for completing this survey.

**Note: Texas City Board of Trustees voted to call a school bond election on August 16, 2022.**