

Clint ISD asking for \$90 million in bond election

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EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Following recommendations from a District Facility Needs Committee, the Clint Independent School District Board of trustees called for a \$90 million dollar bond election for May 13, 2006. The bond election is intended to address the continued growth of the district by building new campuses and improving existing campuses.

“Clint ISD currently has 9,350 students in twelve campuses. Our student population is projected to increase by 12,000 students in the next five years. If the community passes the bond election, it would enable the district to address the facility needs of our rapidly growing student population,” says Ricardo Estrada, Clint ISD Superintendent.

In order to keep up with the rapid growth and to continue to provide students with quality facilities, bond election projects were determined by a facility needs analysis conducted by a committee which included an architect, district employees, and community members. The needs were then prioritized by the Board of Trustees during a special board meeting. Projects will include the construction of new campuses, additional classrooms, gymnasiums, fine arts facilities, and site improvements at existing campuses as

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funding is made available.

Currently, the tax rate in Clint ISD is \$1.71 for every \$100 in property valuation. If the bond election is approved by the voters, the maximum impact on the tax rate is expected to

be 12 cents per \$100 assessed valuation once all bonds are sold. The average taxable value of a home in the Clint ISD is currently \$65,925 with an annual tax of \$870.82. The tax impact of a bond issue is expected to be an increase of \$58.97 annually. District projections include state assistance (Instructional Facilities Allotment and Eligible Debt Allotment) that may reduce the tax burden by 85 percent.