

## What Factors Led to Capital Improvements Program?

### The History of Bishop Schools:

In 1914 a two-story red brick building (known as Bishop High School) with raised basement was constructed on Sixth Street in the area of the present Bishop Elementary Campus. The first high school graduation was in 1915 and consisted of six students.

**The Current Luehrs Junior High School was built in 1945** with additions in 1995.

**The Current Bishop High School was built in 1954** with additions in 1963, 1966, and 1995.

**The Current Bishop High School Gymnasium was built in 1949** with additions in 1995.

**Bishop Elementary was built in 1953** with additions in 1995.

**Bishop Primary was built in 1948** with additions in 1995.

**Petronila Elementary was built in 1934** with additions in 1995.

Additions in 1995 were made with the calling of a bond election in 1994 for 9.4 million dollars.

A Facility Survey was conducted in September 2005 by LaMarr Womack & Associates, LP for the purpose of analyzing District facilities to determine future facility needs. The survey results included what improvements were needed at the existing facilities, assuming their current use continues. It included but was not limited to a cursory survey of the plumbing, mechanical, and electrical systems of the buildings that house BCISD students.

**A facility committee, comprised of a diverse group of community members, was formed and first met on April 26, 2006 then subsequently met on six other occasions to study the District's facility needs.**

As a result of discussions, campus walk throughs, and much review of the facility survey, the committee unanimously made a decision to recommend to the Bishop CISD school board to address current facility conditions through a bond election. The school board met on August 15, 2007 and after hearing from the facility committee, called for a November 2007 school bond election.

### **For more information, please contact:**

Office of the Superintendent  
Bishop CISD  
(361) 584-3591

## ELECTION DAY Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

True Gin Co-Op  
1471 FM 70  
Bishop, Texas 78343

Petronila School Cafeteria  
2391 County Road 67  
Robstown, Texas 78380

Bishop Primary School  
705 W. Main  
Bishop, Texas 78343

Bishop High School Badger Den  
717 East Sixth  
Bishop, Texas 78343

### EARLY VOTING

**Monday, Oct. 22 – Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007\***  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007**  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 29 – Wed., Oct. 31, 2007**  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 1 – Friday, Nov. 2, 2007**  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Bishop CISD  
719 E. Sixth Street  
Bishop, Texas 78343

Nueces County Bishop Community Center  
102 W. Joyce Street  
Bishop, Texas 78343

*\*On Saturday, October 27, voting place hours extended to 7:00 p.m. at Bishop CISD.*

**For Election Day and Early Voting, various polling places will be available throughout the City.**

Please call Nueces County Elections office for information at 888-0676 or visit their website at:

[www.co.nueces.tx.us](http://www.co.nueces.tx.us)

# BISHOP CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2007 Capital Improvements Program

### \$24,000,000

## Bond Election



## Informational Brochure

## PLEASE VOTE

## ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 6, 2007

or

## Early Voting from October 22 – November 2

## What Are the Improvements?

**High School** – New 104,840 Sq. Ft. High School and Demolition of the Junior High School Campus

**Security Control at All Campuses** – New Visible Vestibule with Electronic Control, Door Sensors on Exterior Doors, and Security Camera System

**Stadium Improvements** – New 8-Lane Track, New Home Side Bleachers, and 6 Tennis Courts

**Primary School** – Covered Activity Area

**AG Barn** – Renovations & Addition

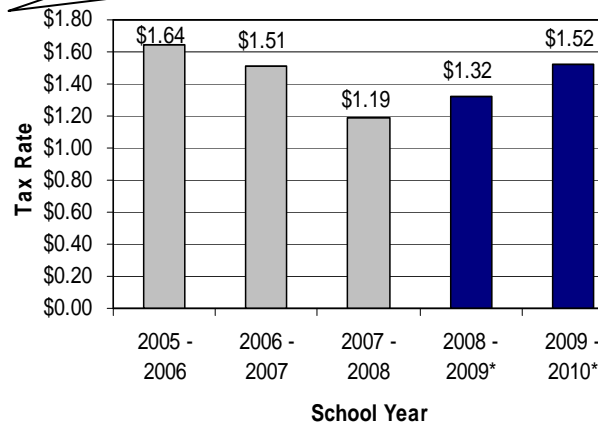
## What is the taxpayer's cost of this bond program?

The Board of Trustees have called this bond election for \$24 million. However, the District will only sell \$10 million in bonds this year and the remaining \$14 million will be sold next year. Therefore, this is expected to result in a 2008-2009 debt service tax rate impact of approximately 13¢ per \$100 valuation. In 2009-2010, there will be an additional impact of approximately 20¢ per \$100 valuation.

## I'm over 65. Are my taxes frozen?

School taxes on the homestead plus one acre for people over the age of 65 are frozen and cannot be raised even if the residence is reappraised, unless the owner makes significant improvements to the property, at which time the taxes are frozen again. If you qualify for the Senior Citizen exemption, there is no tax increase on your homestead plus one acre.

## How does the proposed tax rate compare to previous years?



(\* With the issuance of the Bonds, the District's Total Tax Rate is projected to be \$1.52 in the 2009-2010 school year. This rate with the Bonds is lower than the \$1.64 rate the District set during the 2005-2006 school year.

## What will it cost me?

School Year	Total Tax Rate	Annual Impact to Homeowner based on the following values*		
		\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
2005-2006	\$1.64	\$410	\$820	\$1,230
2006-2007	\$1.51	\$378	\$755	\$1,133
2007-2008	\$1.19	\$298	\$595	\$893
<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>\$1.32</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$660</b>	<b>\$990</b>
<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>\$1.52</b>	<b>\$380</b>	<b>\$760</b>	<b>\$1,140</b>

(\* Home taxable valuation after exemptions.

The 1995 bond will be paid off in eight years. At that time, the total tax rate can potentially decrease by 11%.

