



2007 Bond Referendum approved by voters
Monday, November 12th, 2007

Dickinson Independent School District voters approved a \$107.5 million bond referendum on Nov. 6 with 60.57 percent for and 39.43 against. The voting totals included 951 votes for and 619 votes against for a total of 1,570 votes.

The bond project, which was crafted by the district's Citizen's Facility Task Force with the help of architects, identifies six main areas to be emphasized. They include expansion and renovations at Dickinson High School, a new sixth elementary campus, a new Administration Building, a new Transportation Center, maintenance projects and land purchases.

The bond projects will cost taxpayers approximately 6-8 cents on the tax rate. The Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees recently approved a tax rate of \$1.43 for 2007, resulting in a 29.4 cent decrease in taxes, so even with the increase from a bond election, taxpayers would still see a tax decrease of between 21-23 cents in the tax rate when comparing their 2006 bill to their 2008 bill. The owner of a \$100,000 home, with the \$15,000 state homestead exception, would see his or her taxes decrease between \$180-\$200 per year, from 2006 to 2008.

A new state law mandated districts reduce their Maintenance and Operations portion of the tax rate from a maximum of \$1.37 to \$1.04. Making up the remainder of the \$1.43 tax rate is the bond debt portion totaling 39 cents.

To learn more about the 2007 bond issue click on the .pdf file attachment located below. The file features a special bond referendum issue of our school district newsletter "Dialogue," including information on the proposed projects and questions and answers.

* NOTE: These unofficial totals do not include 20 provisional ballots that must be reviewed by the County Voter Registrar's Office to determine if the provisional votes can be counted or not counted. The final count will be certified by the Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees at the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting.