

LOVELADY ISD

Bond Proposal
Information

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- TO PRESENT THE FACTS ABOUT THE BOND PROPOSAL
CALLED BY THE LISD BOARD ON AUGUST 12, 2019
- INFORM THE PUBLIC OF OUR FACILITY NEEDS
- PROVIDE SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION
- EDUCATE OUR CITIZENS ON THE BOND PROPOSAL
PROCESS
- PROVIDE FACTS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL
DISTRICT'S FACILITIES
- PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ANYONE WHO
MAY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BOND
- PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTION
DETAILS FOR VOTERS

Role of School Superintendent

- # 1 Priority is to ensure the success of ALL students at Lovelady ISD!
- Ensure the Safety & Security of the LISD Students, Faculty, & Staff
- Take care of the needs of the faculty and staff
- Work with our board of trustees to keep them informed and maintain policies.
- Manage Finances, Daily Operations, & Maintain Facilities
- Advocate for the District

HOW ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDED?

- TAXES COLLECTED BY THE CITIZENS IN THE LOVELADY ISD SCHOOL DISTRICT (Local Revenue)
- STUDENT ENROLLMENT- FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE (State Revenue)

WHAT IS AN M&O TAX RATE?

- M&O STANDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
- THESE FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE SCHOOL FACILITIES- EX.: SALARIES, UTILITIES, SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER COSTS FOR DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS.
- LOVELADY CURRENTLY PAYS AN M&O TAX RATE OF \$1.04.
- FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS THE LISD RATE HAS BEEN \$1.04 OR LESS.
- PRIOR TO THAT TIME THE TAX RATE WAS MUCH HIGHER. IN THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR THE RATE PEAKED AT \$1.41.
- HOWEVER THIS RATE FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR IS GOING DOWN TO .97 CENTS PER NEW LEGISLATION.

- THE NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE WE RECEIVED IN MAY SHOWED AND M&O RATE OF \$1.04.
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- THE BOARD WILL ADOPT AN M&O RATE OF **.97** CENTS ON AUGUST 29, 2019
 - YOUR LISD M&O RATE AS REFLECTED ON YOUR TAX STATEMENT FOR THE 2019 YEAR, WILL BE CALCULATED ON **.97** CENTS RATHER THAN \$1.04.

IS IT POSSIBLE THE M&O RATE
WE CURRENTLY PAY WILL
CONTINUE TO GO DOWN AS IT

DID THIS YEAR?

- YES.....BASED ON CURRENT
LEGISLATION THE RATE WILL
CONTINUE TO DROP SLIGHTLY
OR REMAIN THE SAME.

WHAT IS AN I & S TAX RATE?

- I&S STANDS FOR INTEREST AND SINKING OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS A DEBT TAX RATE.
- THE PURPOSE OF A DEBT TAX RATE IS TO PAY OFF SCHOOL BONDS USED TO BUILD NEW FACILITIES AND/OR RENOVATE OLD FACILITIES.
- THIS IS BASICALLY LIKE A MORTGAGE.
- LEGALLY, I&S FUNDS CAN BE USED ONLY TO REDUCE THE DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT.

HOW DOES A DISTRICT GO ABOUT GETTING AN I&S RATE FOR IT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT?

- THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST FIRST VOTE TO CALL FOR A BOND ELECTION. (This occurred on August 12th, 2019)
- ON NOVEMBER 5TH, THE VOTERS WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THESE IMPROVEMENTS.
- THIS IS THE DECISION OF THE VOTERS OF THIS DISTRICT.
- THE LISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO PUT THIS BOND PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU.
- THE TEAM OF 8 INCLUDES 7 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT.

DID LOVELADY ISD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE INCREASE IN LOCAL VALUES?

- NO
- THE STATE STUDY FOUND HOUSTON COUNTY TO BE UNDERVALUED, RESULTING IN INCREASED VALUES.

WILL LOVELADY ISD RECEIVE MORE MONEY IF MY VALUES WENT UP THIS PAST YEAR?

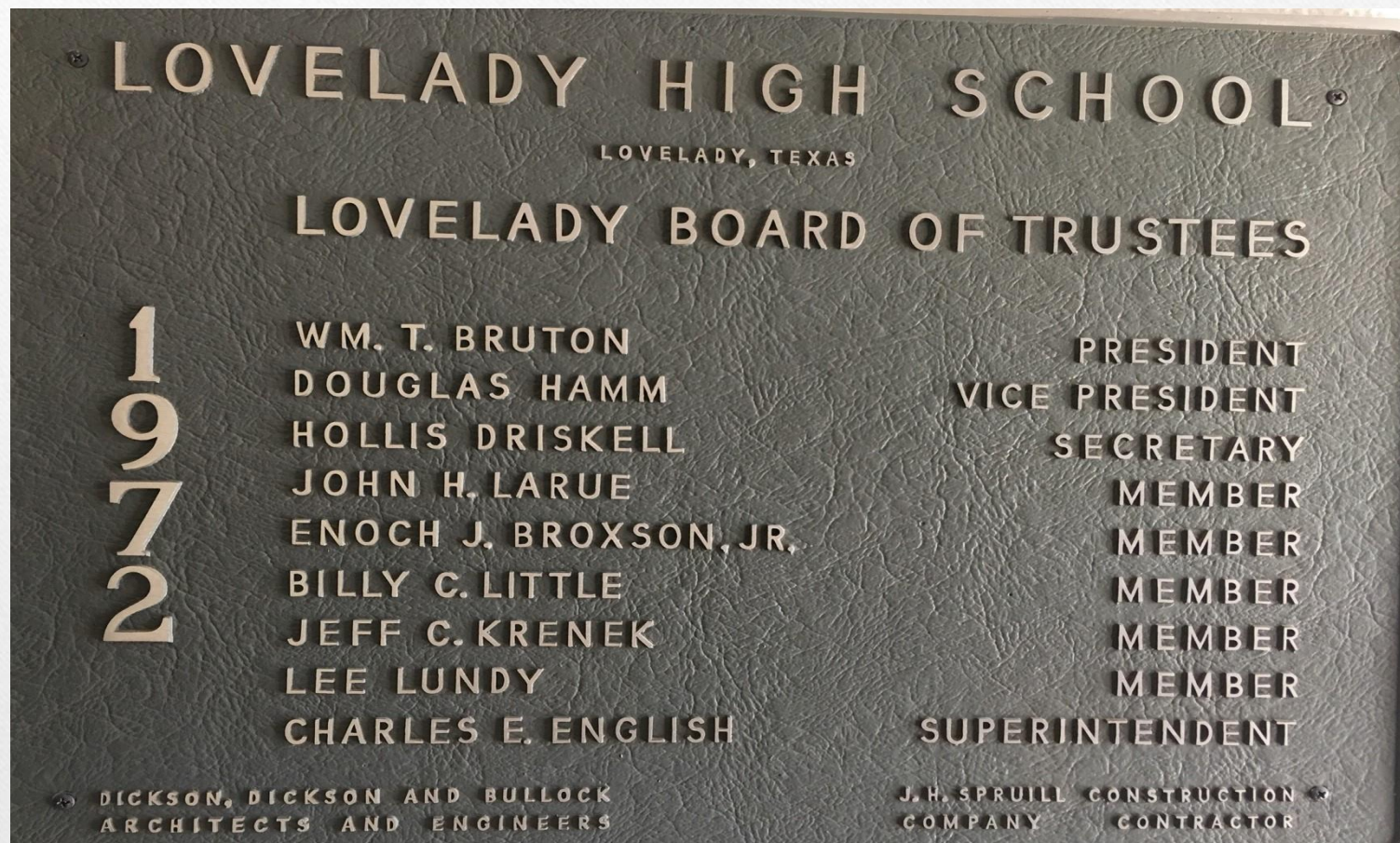
- TRUE.....THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE MORE LOCAL REVENUE FROM THE INCREASE IN VALUES.
- HOWEVER- THIS MEANS STATE FUNDS WILL DECREASE,
CAUSING OUR DISTRICT TO REMAIN REVENUE NEUTRAL.
- THIS IS HOW SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING FORMULAS WORK.

FACTS ABOUT PRIOR BOND ELECTIONS AT LISD

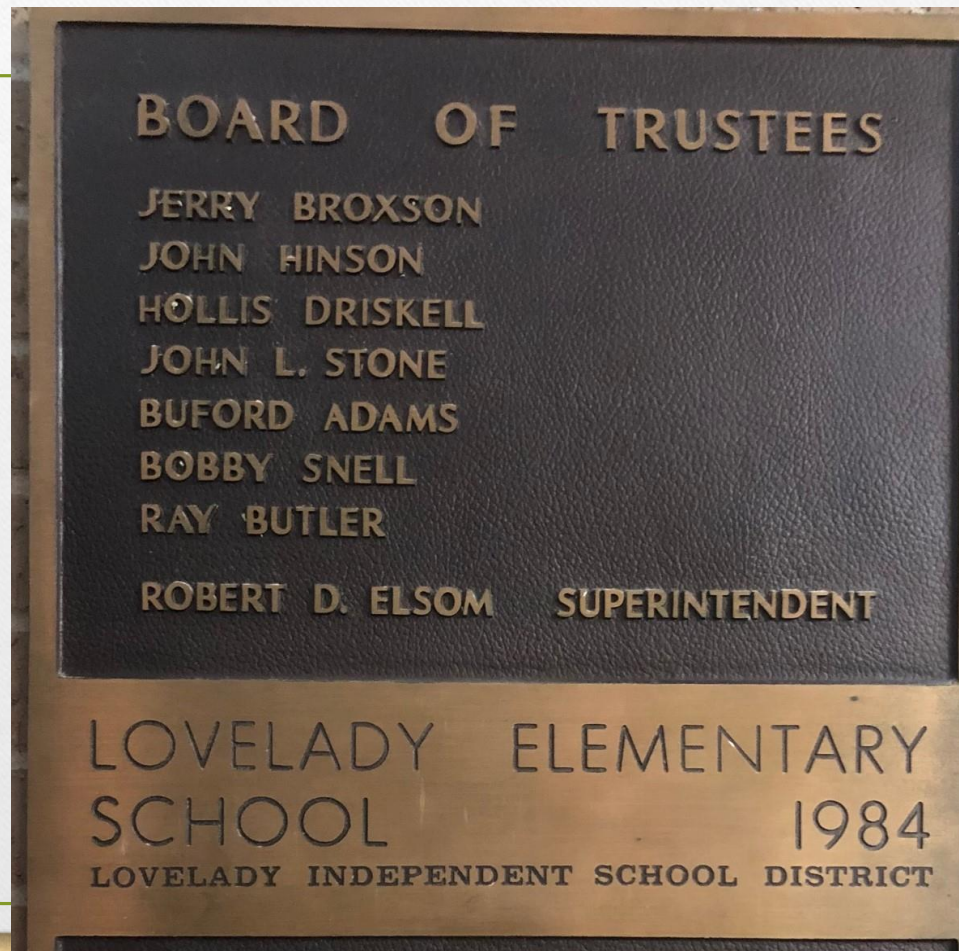
- THE HS WAS BUILT IN 1972 ON THE PASSING OF A BOND ELECTION-THE HS BUILDING IS 47 YEARS OLD.

- THE LAST BOND ELECTION AT LOVELADY ISD WAS PASSED TO BUILD THE ELEMENTARY CAMPUS ON MAY 12th 1984- 35 YEARS AGO (382 FOR AND 126 AGAINST).
- THESE BONDS WERE PAID OFF EARLY IN 1992.
- THE TAX PAYERS OF LOVELADY HAVE NOT PAID AN I&S RATE IN THE PAST 27 YEARS.
- LOVELADY ISD TAKES VERY GOOD CARE OF OUR FACILITIES AND WE PROTECT OUR INVESTMENTS.

LOVELADY HIGH SCHOOL- BUILT IN 1972 NOW 47 YEARS OLD



LOVELADY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BUILT IN 1984- NOW 35 YEARS OLD



FACTS

- MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN TAX PAYERS IN THE LOVELADY ISD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS, AND WE HAVE NEVER PAID AN I&S RATE FOR OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES.
- I WAS IN THE 5TH GRADE WHEN I MOVED INTO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
- THE TAXPAYERS PASSED THIS DEBT RATE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

FACTS

- AS FACILITIES GET OLDER THEY COST MORE TO MAINTAIN.
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- FACILITIES DO NOT LAST FOREVER.
 - LOVELADY ISD HAS GROWN OVER THE PAST 47 YEARS WHEN THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS BUILT.
 - ON AVERAGE GRADUATING CLASSES HAVE INCREASED BY 10-15 STUDENTS DURING THIS TIME.
 - CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE INCREASING BY 10% PER YEAR.

WHAT DO OTHER DISTRICTS PAY IN AN M&O RATE AND I&S RATE FOR THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICTS?

2018-19 SCHOOL RATES

School	M&O	I&S	Total
Lovelady	1.04	0.00	1.04
Big Sandy	1.17	0.099	1.269
Centerville	1.04	0.28	1.32
Crockett	1.04	0.21	1.25
Cushing	1.04	0.26	1.30
Dime Box	1.17	0.00	1.17
Grapeland	1.04	0.28	1.32
Leon	1.04	0.189	1.229
Slocum	1.17	0.018	1.189
Trinity	1.17	0.12	1.29
Latexo	1.04	0.164	1.204

If this bond passed

	M&O	I&S	Total
Lovelady	.97	.16	\$1.13

**This would be the expected
proposed rate for the 2020 Year**

BOND PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS

ELEMENTARY CAMPUS-

- ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM SPACE ADDED WHERE THE PORTABLE BUILDING CURRENTLY IS.
- THE PORTABLE BUILDING CURRENTLY USED WILL BE REMOVED FROM USE AFTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR
- ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS TO ACCOMMODATE FACILITY CAPACITY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
- RENOVATIONS TO EXISTING STUDENT RESTROOMS INCLUDING MAKING ALL RESTROOMS ADA COMPLIANT AND WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. (THESE RESTROOMS HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR 34 YEARS.)
- EXPANSION OF THE NURSES OFFICE TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS FROM GRADES PRE-K – 12TH
- ACCESS TO THE ELEMENTARY PE GYM FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY

HIGH SCHOOL

- Renovation of the building space to create more functional classroom space for students and teachers to better meet the current educational demands for students as well as the faculty and staff.
- Renovations to all restrooms to properly accommodate the students and staff with ADA accessibility.
- Renovations to the cafeteria space- Not enough capacity to accommodate the amount of kids we now feed at the HS campus. Class sizes at LHS have increased by an average of 10-15 students per grade level since the construction of the building in 1972. The 7th and 8th grade campus has been added to the HS campus facility.
- Construction of a multi-use auditorium/gymnasium to address capacity issues when hosting graduation, band concerts, Lovefest program, Meet the Lions, and sporting events for the entire district as well as our youth programs
- Current dressing and restroom facilities are inadequate for the number of students we have in our program. Coaches offices no longer exist in our gymnasium, these have been removed.
- Aging plumbing within the facilities
- Renovations to the Band Hall for a more functional and usable space for the students
- Renovations to update classrooms to meet current technology demands
- Installation of a central heating system in the building – The current heating system results in high utility costs.
- Renovations needed to update the building and outside facilities to meet current safety /security codes

How much would the bond election be for & what would it do to my taxes?

- The bond election would be for \$7.5 million
 - Based on current values, the board would adopt an I&S rate of no more than .16 cents
 - This increase would not occur until the 2020-2021 school year

WHAT ABOUT GRANT FUNDS?

- LOVELADY ISD CURRENTLY SEEKS OUT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLIES FOR WHAT WE QUALIFY FOR.
- HOWEVER, GRANTS TO FUND FACILITY RENOVATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION DO NOT CURRENTLY EXIST.
- WE RECENTLY RECEIVED NOTICE FOR A TXDOT GRANT WE APPLIED FOR
 - LOVELADY ISD WAS SELECTED TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE “SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.” THESE FUNDS WILL PROVIDE A SIDEWALK ALONG HIGHWAY 19 FROM THE SCHOOL TO TOWN SO OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE NOT WALKING ON THE SHOULDER OF HIGHWAY 19.

DID TEACHERS GET RAISES THIS YEAR?

- YES! HOUSE BILL (3) INCREASED THE STATE TEACHER PAY SCALE
- LOVELADY ISD INCREASED STAFF PAY MORE THAN REQUIRED BY THE STATE.
- THE AVERAGE STEP INCREASE FOR OUR TEACHERS WAS \$5,000.
- THE INCREASE VARIED BECAUSE OF THE STATE PAY SCALE.

IS LOVELADY ISD RECEIVING EXPERT ASSISTANCE THROUGH THIS PROCESS?

- YES....LOVELADY ISD HAS AN ARCHITECT- GOODWIN-LASSITER-STRONG (GLS).
- THIS ARCHITECT FIRM HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS AND PRIMARILY DESIGNS SCHOOL FACILITIES. GLS HAS WORKED WITH MANY SCHOOLS IN OUR AREA- THEY HAVE AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION.
- LOVELAY ISD HAS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR- CHRISTIAN MERRITT WITH LIVE OAK PUBLIC FINANCE WHO WILL ASSIST THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE BOND PROCESS.
- **THESE EXPERTS ARE NOT PAID UNLESS THE BOND PASSES!**

IS IT POSSIBLE THE INCREASE COULD BE LESS THAN .16 CENTS?

- YES....THIS IS POSSIBLE
- THE PROJECT COULD COME IN UNDER THE PROJECTED BUDGET.
- IN THIS CASE YOU MAY SEE LESS THAN A .16 CENT INCREASE BUT YOU WOULD NOT SEE MORE THAN A .16 CENT INCREASE.

IF I AM OVER 65, WILL MY TAXES GO UP IF THIS BOND PASSED?

- NOT ON YOUR HOMESTEAD
- ALL LOVELADY ISD TAX PAYERS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE ARE FROZEN AT THEIR CURRENT RATES FOR THEIR HOMESTEAD.
- THIS INCREASE WOULD APPLLY TO TAXABLE PROPERTIES OUTSIDE OF THE HOMESTEAD.

What would my rate increase estimates be per year based on the current value of my home?

Market Value	Homestead Exemption	Taxable Value	Tax Rate Increase	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$50,000	-\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.1600	\$40.00	\$3.33
\$75,000	-\$25,000	\$50,000	\$0.1600	\$80.00	\$6.67
\$100,000	-\$25,000	\$75,000	\$0.1600	\$120.00	\$10.00
\$125,000	-\$25,000	\$100,000	\$0.1600	\$160.00	\$13.33
\$150,000	-\$25,000	\$125,000	\$0.1600	\$200.00	\$16.67
\$175,000	-\$25,000	\$150,000	\$0.1600	\$240.00	\$20.00
\$200,000	-\$25,000	\$175,000	\$0.1600	\$280.00	\$23.33
\$250,000	-\$25,000	\$225,000	\$0.1600	\$360.00	\$30.00

WHERE DO I GET MY TAXABLE VALUE?

- FROM YOUR TAX STATEMENT

- YOU MAY CONTACT THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND ASK TO SPEAK WITH MRS. MINTER
- YOU MAY ALSO GET THIS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE AT LOVELADY ISD.

EXAMPLE

Houston County Appraisal District
PO BOX 112
1512-B LOOP 304 E
Crockett, TX 75835-0112
Phone: 936-544-9655
Fax: 936-544-8213

UNKNOWN

Example

NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE

This is NOT a Tax Statement - Do NOT Pay From This Notice.

Appraisal Year - 2019

Location of ARB Hearings:

HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

1512-B LOOP 304 E

CROCKETT, TX 75835

Protest Deadline: 06/11/2019

ARB Hearings to Begin: 7/1/2019 9:00:00AM

Owner ID: 33487

Website: www.houstoncad.org

Dear Property Owner:

We have appraised the property listed below for the 2019 tax year. The appraisal is for the following property:
The 5th Year History data is not available on this property.

APPRAISAL INFORMATION	LAST YEAR	PROPOSED THIS YEAR	PROPOSED 2019 TAXABLE VALUE	ACCOUNT NUMBER / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Total Market Value	0	140,000		ACCT #: 00010-00000-00000-000000 PARCEL: 38200
Non HS Land Market Value	0	5,000		ADDR:
Non HS Structures (Buildings) Value	0	135,000		LOVELADY, TX 75851
Total Non HS Value	0	140,000	140,000	ABST/Block/Lot:
Total Proposed Taxable Value	0		140,000	LEGAL: TEST PROPERTY
				ACRES: 1.000 INTEREST: 1.000000
				CATEGORY: A1

Taxing Units	Last Year's Taxable (less exemptions)	Proposed Taxable Value	Proposed Exemptions	Proposed Taxable (less exemptions)	Estimated Tax Rate	Proposed Tax Estimate
HOU CO	0	140,000	0	140,000	0.5400000	756.00
LOVELADY ISD	0	140,000	0	140,000	1.0400000	1,456.00
HOU CNTY HOSP	0	140,000	0	140,000	0.1494050	209.17
ESD #2	0	140,000	0	140,000	0.0726470	101.71

WHAT IF I HAVE AN AG EXEMPTION ON MY PROPERTY?

- OUR TAX RATES APPLY TO THE TAXABLE VALUE AND **NOT** THE MARKET VALUE.
- YOUR TAX STATEMENT WILL REFLECT THIS TAXABLE VALUE WHICH IS THE AMOUNT YOU ARE ACTUALLY TAXED ON.

Local Examples for Ag Exemption Property in our District

- 96 Acres in LISD – Total Market Value = \$291,000
- Total Taxable Value with Timber only Ag Exemption = \$40,000
- This individual would see the following in their tax rates from 2018-2020
- 2018- LISD Tax Rate \$1.04 -Total Taxes Paid 96 Acres = \$416
- 2019- LISD Tax Rate .97 cents -Total Taxes on 96 Acres = \$388
- 2020- IF BOND PASSES LISD Rate \$1.13 -Total Taxes on 96 Acres = \$452
- The Increase on this property from 2018-2020 would be a \$36 increase annually

Continued Ag Exemption Example

- 525 Acres in LISD – Total Market Value = \$790,000
Total Taxable Value with Timber & Ag Exemption = \$84,000
- This individual would see the following in their tax rates from 2018-2020

- 2018- LISD Tax Rate \$1.04 -Total Taxes Paid 525 Acres = \$874 per year
- 2019- LISD Tax Rate .97 cents -Total Taxes on 525 Acres = \$815 per year
- 2020- IF BOND PASSES LISD @ \$1.13 -Total Taxes on 525 Acres = \$950
- The Increase on this property from 2018-2020 would be an increase of \$75 annually

FORMS AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT THE INCREASE WOULD DO TO YOU

Taxable Value Amount

Off of Current Tax Statement
(Enter Here)



Proposed Lovelady ISD Tax Rate
(M&O) .97 + I&S .16 = \$1.13



Per 100

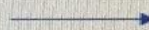


Maximum With Bond Passing
Proposed Tax Estimate

LISD Tax Comparison Worksheet- 2018 Year, 2019 Year, 2020 Year

2018 Year

Enter Amount of LISD Total Taxes Paid in 2018



2019 Year

Year we are
about to
pay by this
January

Enter Total Taxable Value Amount
Off of Current Tax Statement



2019 M&O Rate
Set by LISD



If Bond Passed
2020 Year
Tax Estimate

Enter Total Taxable Value Amount
Off of Current Tax Statement



M&O Rate .97
I&S Rate .16



Can I come by Lovelady ISD to request a tax estimate?

- Yes.....YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME BY THE LOVELADY ISD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FROM 8:00-4:00.
- WITH YOUR PERMISSION WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE TAX ROLLS AT THE SCHOOL AND CAN DO AN ESTIMATE ON YOUR TAXES.
- WE CAN COMPLETE A WORKSHEET FOR YOU....PROVIDING YOU WITH AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT THIS WILL DO TO YOUR TAXES SHOULD THE BOND PASS.

IF I HAVE QUESTIONS CAN I MEET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT TO GET MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED?

- WENDY TULLOS- OUR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT WILL BE GLAD TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH YOU AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
- 936-636-7616 EXT. 221
- wtullos@loveladyisd.net

Election Facts

The Lovelady ISD Board of Trustees called for a bond election on August 12th, 2019.

The district is holding a bond election in November which proposes to construct additional classroom space to the elementary school with interior renovations to improve the safety/security and accessibility of the facility for students and staff. The high school campus and outside program facilities will receive renovations to improve the safety/security and accessibility of the facility as well as create more functional classroom and office space. Improvements for the district will include the construction of a new multiuse auditorium/gymnasium for district wide use.

WHEN DO WE VOTE & WHERE?

- EARLY VOTING- OCTOBER 21ST-
NOVEMBER 1ST
- 8:00-4:30
- EARLY VOTING LOCATION-
LOVELADY COMMUNITY CENTER
BUILDING #2 (THE CLASSROOM
BUILDINGS ON THE SOUTH END OF
THE COMMUNITY CENTER
GROUNDS)

ELECTION DAY

- NOVEMBER 5TH

- LOVELADY ISD AND THE COUNTY ARE DOING A JOINT ELECTION
- POLLING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY INCLUDE-
 - LOVELADY COMMUNITY CENTER(PRECINCTS 7&18), AUSTONIO COMMUNITY CENTER (PRECINCTS 9&10), WELDON BAPTIST CHURCH(PRECINCT 17), CROCKETT ISD (PRECINCT 3)

FINAL FACTS

- FACILITIES HAVE AN IMPACT ON BOTH STUDENT AND TEACHER OUTCOMES
- SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPACT TEACHER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND COMMITMENT
- AGING FACILITIES COST MORE MONEY TO MAINTAIN
- ARCHITECTS HAVE THOROUGHLY LOOKED AT OUR BUILDINGS AND WE ARE WORKING FROM AN EXPERT OPINION TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THIS PROPOSAL
- WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN IDEAL ARRANGEMENT OF OUR CAMPUS FACILITIES ALLOWING ACCESS BY BOTH CAMPUSES TO USE ALL FACILITIES TO ENHANCE OUR PROGRAMS
- RENOVATIONS OF OUR CURRENT BUILDINGS WILL BE A MORE ECONOMICAL LONG-TERM SOLUTION RATHER THAN COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION
- A THOROUGH FACILITIES ASSESSMENT WAS COMPLETED AND THE SCOPE WAS NARROWED TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL FOR THE VOTERS
- THIS BOND PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED ON BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO BRING BEFORE THE VOTERS OF LOVELADY ISD.

REMINDERS

- IF THIS BOND PASSED ALL LOVELADY ISD CITIZENS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER ARE FROZEN AT THEIR CURRENT RATES FOR THEIR HOMSTEADS.
- WENDY TULLOS, THE SUPERINTENDENT, IS MORE THAN WILLING TO MEET AND INFORM YOU OF THE FACTS REGARDING THIS BOND ELECTION AND THE MEASURES OUTLINED IN THE BOND.
- YOU MAY CONTACT HER AT 936-636-7616 EXT. 221
- OR wtullos@loveladyisd.net
- ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED TO INFORM VOTERS IN ALL AREAS
- EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE- EARLY VOTING OCT. 21-NOV. 1ST
- ELECTION DAY- NOVEMBER 5TH