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*Arlington ISD*  
*2009 Bond Election*

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**Tuesday, November 3rd**

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## Brief History of 2009 Bond Election

- AISD's most recent bond election was 10 years ago in 1999.
- In the summer of 2008 the AISD Board of Trustees requested from AISD Administration a list of capital needs.
- AISD Administration presented its Report on October 9, 2008.
  - core needs of \$128,689,784 were listed

## *2009 Bond Advisory Committee*

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- AISD Board of Trustees appointed a 2009 Bond Advisory Committee on March 12, 2009 and charged the Committee to independently:
  - Analyze, prioritize, and recommend to the Board funding needs through 2015 for Transportation, Advanced Technologies, and Facilities.
  - Assess and recommend to the Board funding needs for other capital items through 2015.
  - Conduct on-site campus and facility visitations as necessary to assess capital needs through 2015.

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- 32 citizens from across the AISD were appointed and served on the Committee.
- The Committee created 4 subcommittees: Transportation, Fine Arts, Technology, and Facilities.
- The Committee and subcommittees logged 22 separate meetings plus visits to 22 AISD campuses.
- The Committee deleted or reduced many items recommended by AISD Administration.
- The Committee increased many items recommended by AISD Administration.
- The Committee added new items to the list of capital needs.

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- On August 6, 2009 the Committee presented its Report to the AISD Board of Trustees with the following recommendations:

• Transportation	\$ 13,313,092
• Fine Arts	8,270,364
• Technology	60,036,000
• Facilities	<u>115,876,067</u>

Total	\$197,495,523
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## *2009 Bond Advisory Committee*

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- **Committee's Comments to the AISD Board of Trustees**
  - All identified needs are basic and required by 2015.
  - All capital needs have been eliminated from the AISD operating budget for two years due to current state funding system and deferred to a future bond election.
  - AISD must provide a high quality education in a safe, secure, and comfortable learning environment.
  - AISD must provide the tools to students and staff needed to achieve campus and district goals.

# *AISD Board Action*

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- Board of Trustees conducted a work session with the Committee to review each recommendation.
- Board of Trustees discussed needs at two other meetings.
- Board of Trustees met on August 30, 2009 in a Special Meeting and took the following action:
  - Called a Bond Election for November 3, 2009
  - \$197,500,000
  - All needs identified by the Committee were placed together on a single ballot proposition.

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## *\$197.5 Million*

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### **Transportation**

- 120 propane buses will be purchased over 5 years to replace aging, high-mileage buses.
- Funds for buses were eliminated from the General Operating budget last year due to constraints imposed by the state funding system. No buses are included in this year's budget.
- 54 of our buses currently have more than 200,000 miles.
- Propane buses are more environmentally friendly than diesel buses.
- With rebates, propane is approximately one-half the cost of diesel.

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### **Fine Arts**

- Purchase instruments, equipment, and uniforms for all of our schools.
- Funds for instruments and uniforms were cut from last year's budget and from the current year's budget due to financial constraints imposed by the state funding system.
- More of our students cannot afford to purchase their own instruments so they rent them from AISD at a reduced rate.
- Instrument purchases have not kept pace with growing student participation in our music programs.

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### **Fine Arts**

- Many of our current instruments are more than 30 years old.
- Band and orchestra uniforms are on a 10-year replacement cycle. Drill team uniforms are on a five-year cycle.

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### **Technology**

- Move AISD to a 5-year replacement cycle for technology. We have been on an 8-year cycle.
- More than 33% of AISD computers are more than 8 years old, and many of these cannot run newer software applications.
- Additional computer labs at all levels.
- Addition and expansion of classroom projection systems.

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### **Facilities**

- 1 new elementary school and additions at 2 elementary schools in east Arlington to relieve over-crowding.
- Classroom addition at Lamar High School to reduce the need for 28 temporary classrooms.
- Expansion of cafeteria at Arlington High School.
- Addition of 2 new science labs at each high school to accommodate the new curriculum requirements from the state that require students to take four years of science.

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### **Facilities**

- Safety and security additions including security cameras, keyless entry systems, fencing, and sex-offender screening software for all locations.
- Roofing and/or flooring replacement and repairs at 46 schools.
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades and replacements at 67 locations.
- Fire alarm system upgrades at 13 schools.

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### **Facilities**

- Site work including drainage work and parking lot repairs at 31 schools.
- Remodeling work to include installation of sports flooring in the gyms of 25 elementary schools.
- Repair of auditorium seating repairs and athletic lockers throughout the AISD.

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### **Property Taxes**

- If the bond proposition passes, the Debt Service portion of the tax rate will increase by about 5 cents from 2011 through 2017.
- Property taxes on a \$100,000 home will increase about \$40 over those 7 years.
- For taxpayers with an over-65 homestead exemption, there will be no tax increase as AISD taxes on their homestead are frozen.

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### **Early Voting Information**

- Early voting period is October 19th – 30th.
- Registered voters can vote at any polling site in Tarrant County during early voting.
- Early voting sites are listed on AISD's website, [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net).