



# Purpose



The purpose of the Bond Planning Committee is to study the facility and capital needs of the District and make recommendations for a future bond program.

# Purpose



Determine if a bond referendum is needed.



Develop a package that meets our needs and can be supported by the Board of Trustees and ultimately the voters in Conroe ISD.

# Our Commitments



- Honor your time
- Provide you with all the information you need
- Adjust our plans based on your needs and feedback
- Make this process fully transparent to the public
- Be a resource to the Committee



# Our Asks



- Be present
- Enter each conversation with an open mind
- Represent yourself and your community, but work for the entire District
- Respect those that have differing opinions and seek first to understand
- Share the process with the community
- Trust yourself and this team
- Be kind



# The Committee

## 160 stakeholders/voting members

- 132 residents of Conroe ISD
- 6 students
- 59 Conroe ISD employees
- 46 parents of PreK-4
- 35 parents of 5-6
- 32 parents of 7-8
- 57 parents of 9-12
- 34 business owners
- 17 group/org. representatives
- 32 Board appointees
- By feeder:
  - Caney Creek: 21
  - College Park: 35
  - Conroe: 42
  - Grand Oaks: 36
  - Oak Ridge: 25
  - The Woodlands: 33



# Committee Resources

- Curtis Null, Superintendent, Facilitator
- Christopher Hines, Deputy Superintendent
- Christopher Povich, Assist. Supt. for High Schools
- Bethany Medford, Assist. Supt. for Middle Schools
- Shellie Winkler, Assist. Supt. of Elementary Schools
- Hedith Upshaw, Assist. Supt. of Teaching & Learning
- Tamika Taylor, Assist. Supt. of Student Support Services
- Chris McCord, Assist. Supt. of Operations
- Matthew Blakelock, Chief of Police
- Samuel Davila, Transportation Director
- Marshall Schroeder, Maintenance & Custodial Director
- Carrie Galatas, General Counsel
- Darrin Rice, Chief Financial Officer
- Karen Garza, Finance Director
- Sarah Blakelock, Communications Director
- Paula Green, Human Resources Director
- Jarod Lambert, Informational Systems Director
- Terry McClaugherty, Network Services Director
- Chris Feris, Athletic Director
- Ethan Barton, Safety Coordinator
- Tally Jo Stout, Career & Technical Education Director
- Industry Experts and Partners



# Introductions





# Process



- STEP 1: Assess facilities and capital needs
- STEP 2: Study demographics and growth projections
- STEP 3: Develop bond proposal with diverse group of stakeholders from across the District
- STEP 4: Communicate bond proposal and receive community feedback
- STEP 5: Review community feedback and put together final proposal to present to the Board of Trustees for consideration

# Meetings



Dates	Tentative Topics
Thursday, February 2	Overview; Purpose & Process; School Finance 101; Defining Consensus
Wednesday, February 8	PASA & Growth; Marketplace & Construction Costs; Financial Capacity
Wednesday, February 22	New Construction; Land; Capacity Additions; Survey Results
Thursday, March 2	Major Renovations; Master Plans; Gyms & Playgrounds
Thursday, March 9	Safety & Security; Transportation
Thursday, March 23	Infrastructure (including technology needs)
Thursday, March 30	Review; Package Building/Consensus
Tuesday, April 11	Review Consensus Items; Group Rotations: Athletics, CTE, Technology Devices
Tuesday, April 25	Financial Update; Misc. Topics
Thursday, May 11	Package Building; Community Information; Gathering Feedback; Materials
Monday, July 17	Review Community Feedback; Elect Spokesperson

5:00 - 5:30 PM • Light Snacks/Mingle  
5:30 PM • Meeting Start

Thursday • February 2, 2023

Welcome & Introductions .....	Dr. Curtis Null <i>Superintendent</i>
Purpose & Process .....	Dr. Curtis Null
Overview of the District .....	Dr. Curtis Null
School Finance 101 .....	Mr. Darrin Rice <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
Defining Consensus .....	Dr. Curtis Null
Questions .....	Dr. Curtis Null

# February 2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda





# Overview of the District

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130 Years of Excellence

# Board of Trustees



**Skeeter Hubert**  
*President*



**Theresa Wagaman**  
*1st Vice President*



**Stacey Chase**  
*2nd Vice President*



**Datren Williams**  
*Secretary*



**Melissa Dungan**  
*Assistant Secretary*



**Tiffany Baumann  
Nelson** *Trustee*



**Misty Odenweller**  
*Trustee*



# District Leadership



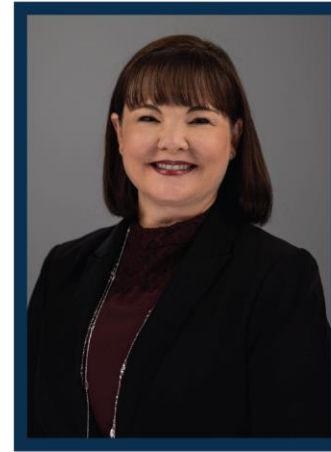
Dr. Curtis Null  
Superintendent



Dr. Chris Hines  
Deputy Superintendent Chief Financial Officer



Darrin Rice  
Chief Financial Officer



Dr. Shellie Winkler  
Assist. Supt. for  
Elementary Schools



Dr. Bethany Medford  
Assist. Supt. for  
Middle Schools



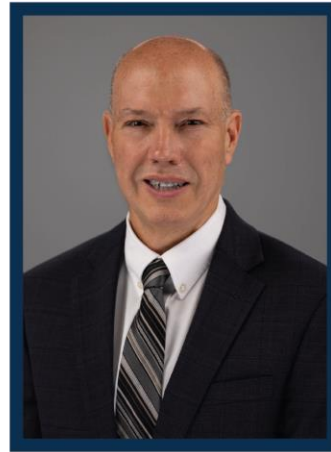
Dr. Chris Povich  
Assist. Supt. for  
High Schools



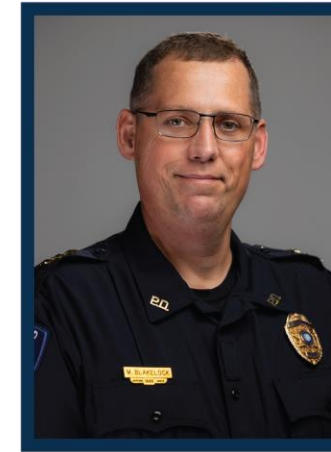
Dr. Hedith Saucedo-Upshaw  
Assist. Supt for  
Teaching & Learning



Dr. Tamika Taylor  
Assist. Supt. of  
Student Support Services



Mr. Chris McCord  
Assist. Supt. of  
Operations



Chief Matthew Blakelock  
Conroe ISD Police



Mrs. Sarah Blakelock  
Director of  
Communications

**AMERICA'S  
BEST-IN-STATE  
EMPLOYERS  
TEXAS**

**Forbes**

**2022**

POWERED BY STATISTA

**TOP  
WORK  
PLACES  
2021**

**HOUSTON★CHRONICLE**

**Best School District**

in Montgomery County

**Most Diverse School District**

in Montgomery County

**Best Place to Teach**

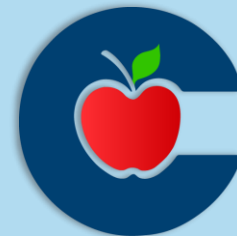
in Montgomery County

**Best School District for Athletes**

in Montgomery County



**Fastest Growing City + Best Place to Live**



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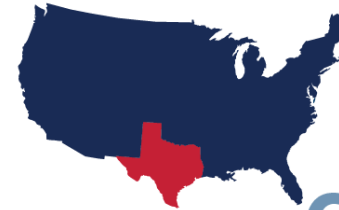
**348**  
square miles

**67**  
campuses

**71,000+**  
students in CISD



**9th**  
largest district  
in Texas



**60th**  
largest district in  
the United States



**8,700**  
employees

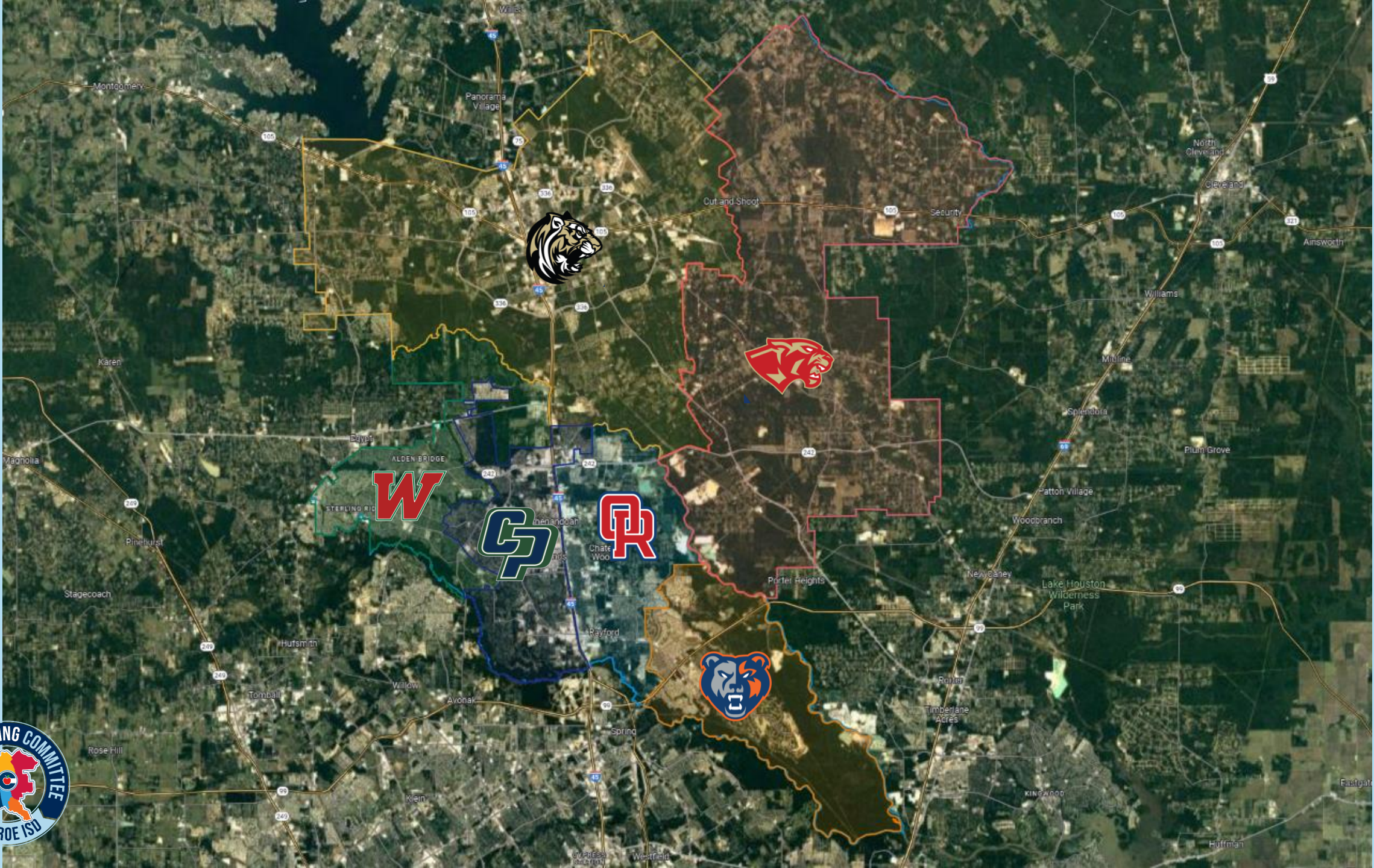


**10,000+**  
including subs



**largest  
employer**  
in Montgomery County

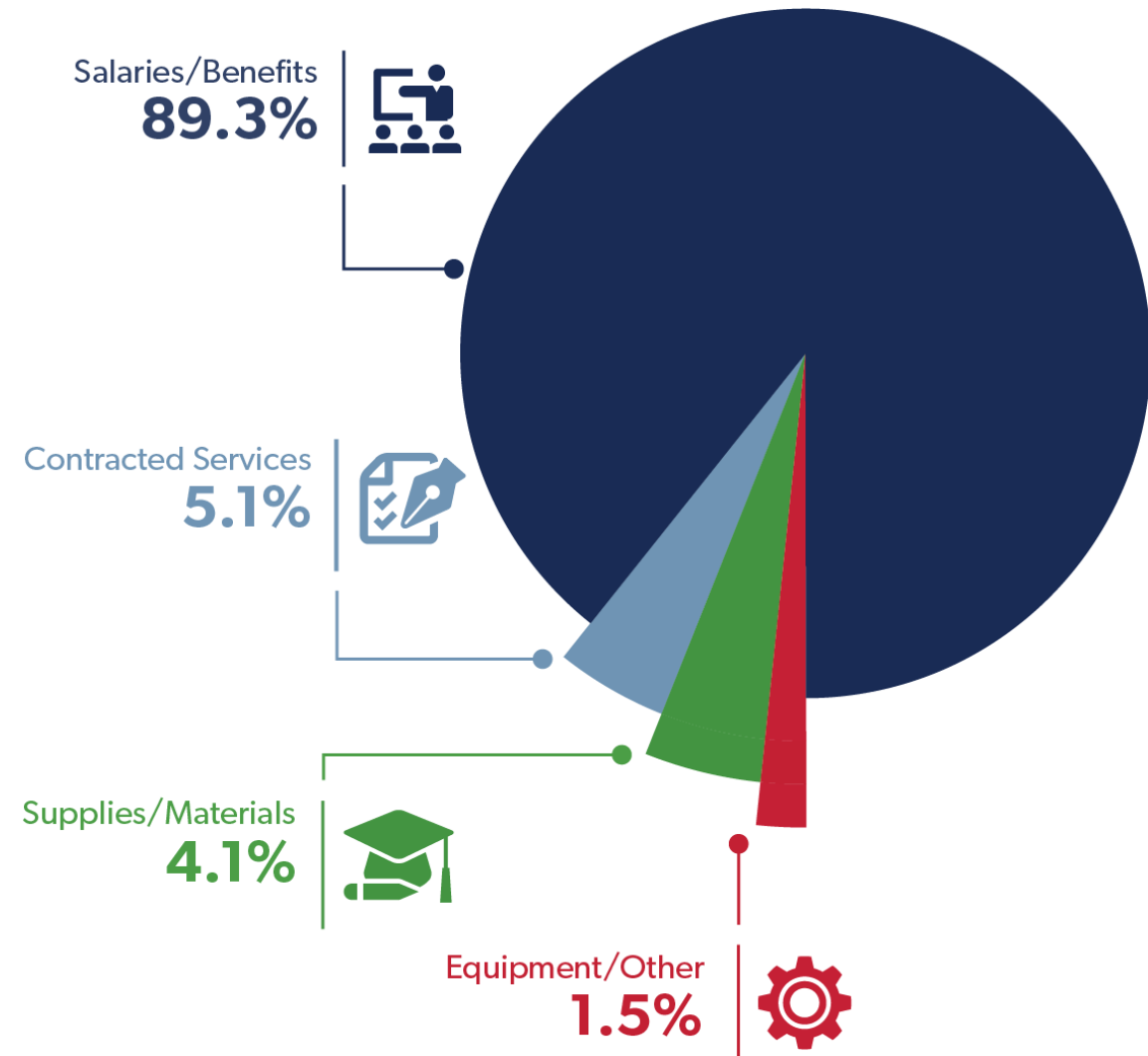






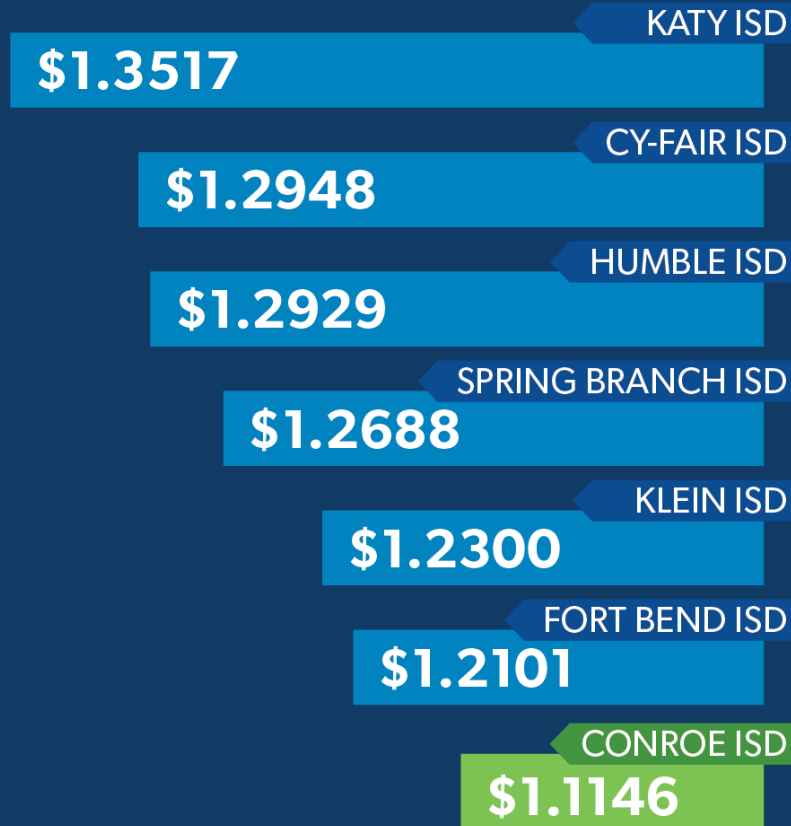
# 2022-2023 Budget

\$619,827,991



# Conroe ISD Tax Rate

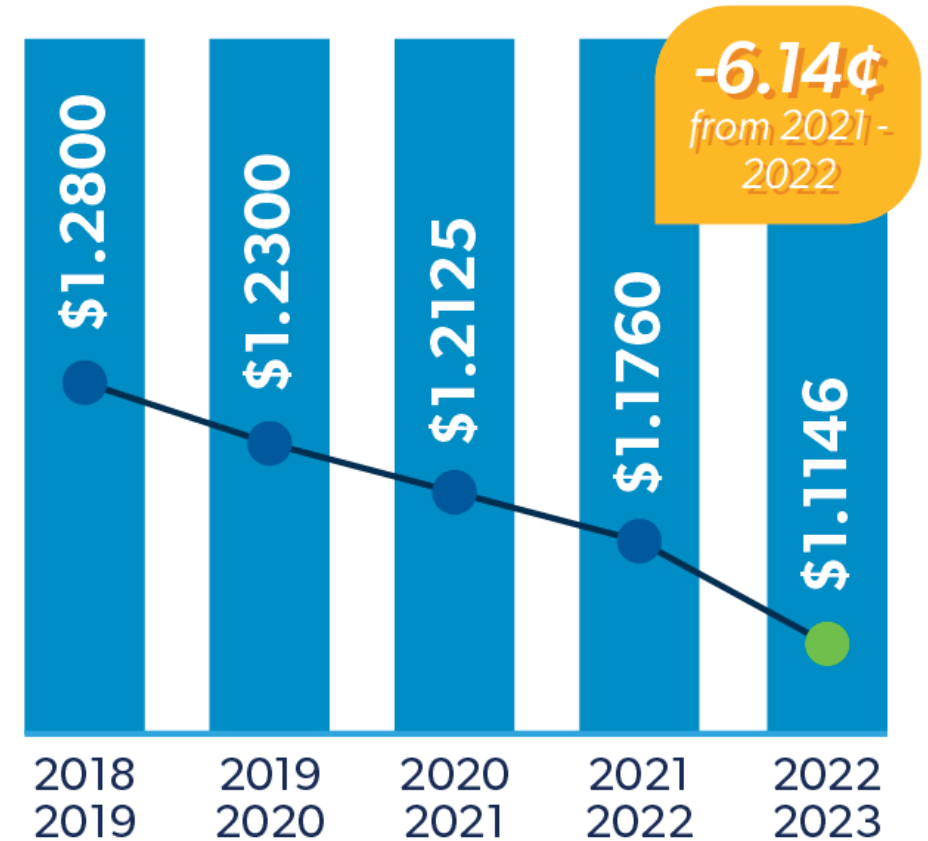
## TAX RATE COMPARISON



■ Districts similar to Conroe ISD in size, performance, and demographics

## TAX RATE HISTORY

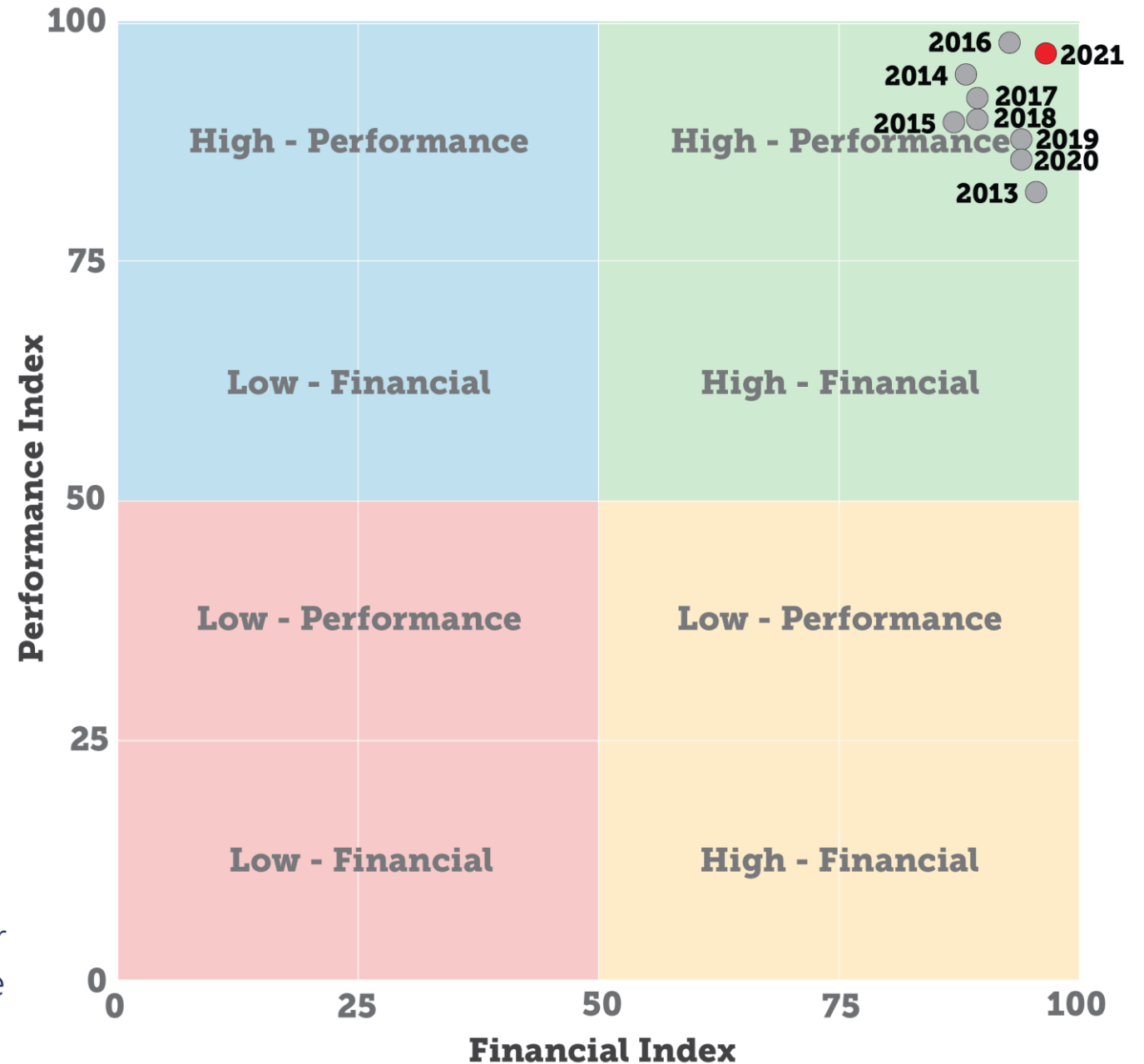
*a decrease of over 16¢ in 4 years*



# Closing the Gap



ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** among largest 200 districts for the **3<sup>rd</sup>** consecutive year by the Education Resource Group for academic and financial performance



## Committed to a layered approach with

- secure vestibules,
- security cameras,
- signal repeaters,
- extended driveways,
- election day safety and more

## Enhanced focus on

- having locked doors at all times
  - active monitoring during class change or large events
- wearing a visible badge at all times
  - visitors' badges must include time & date stamp



# Safety takes **ALL** of us!



# Enrollment Growth

For over a decade,  
Conroe ISD grew by  
an average of 1,500  
students per year.



**71,216**  
Jan. 6, 2023



**+3,339**

**67,877**  
Jan. 6, 2022

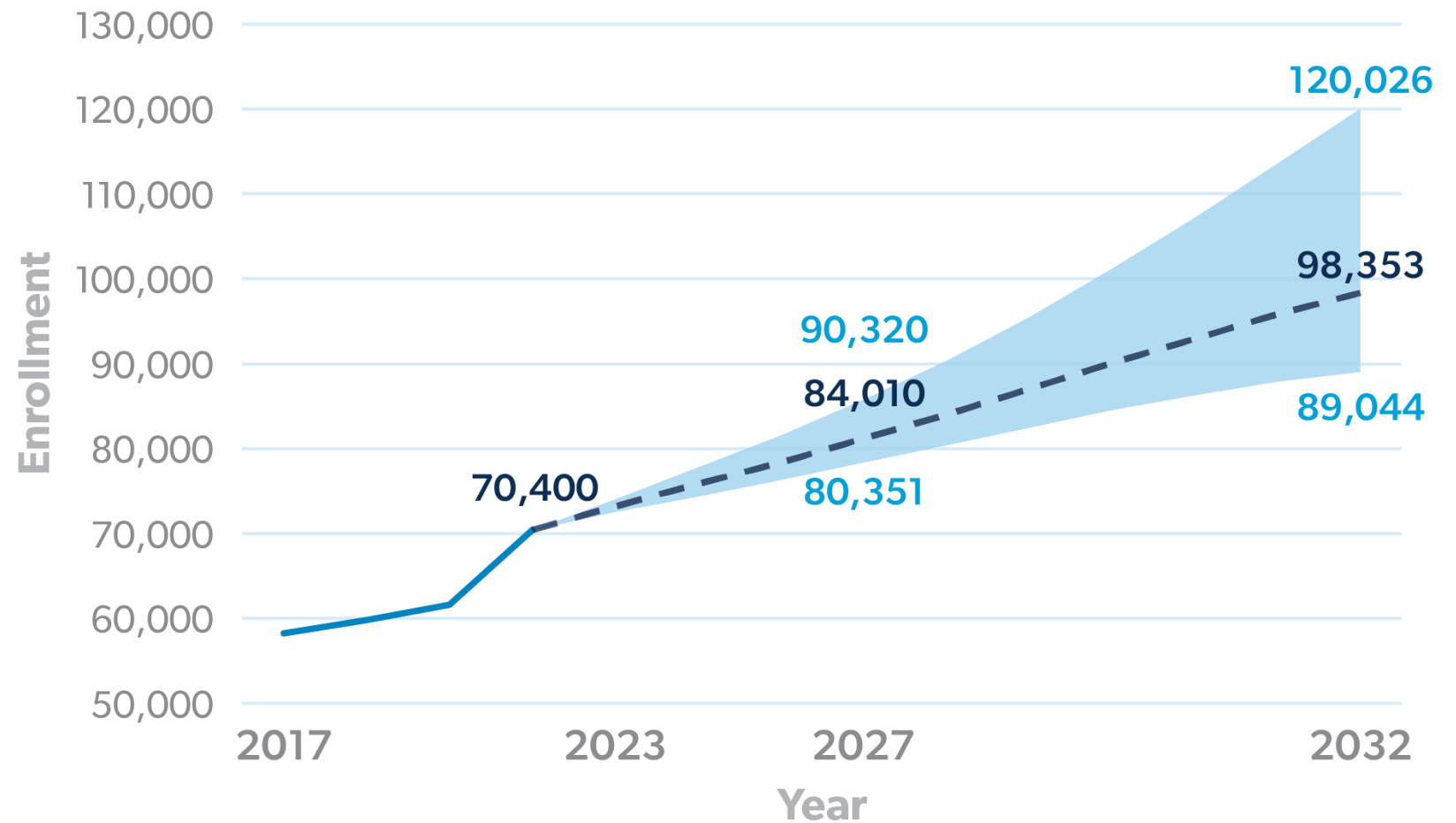


**+2,897**

**64,980**  
Jan. 6, 2021



# Three Scenarios of Growth



Low/High Range



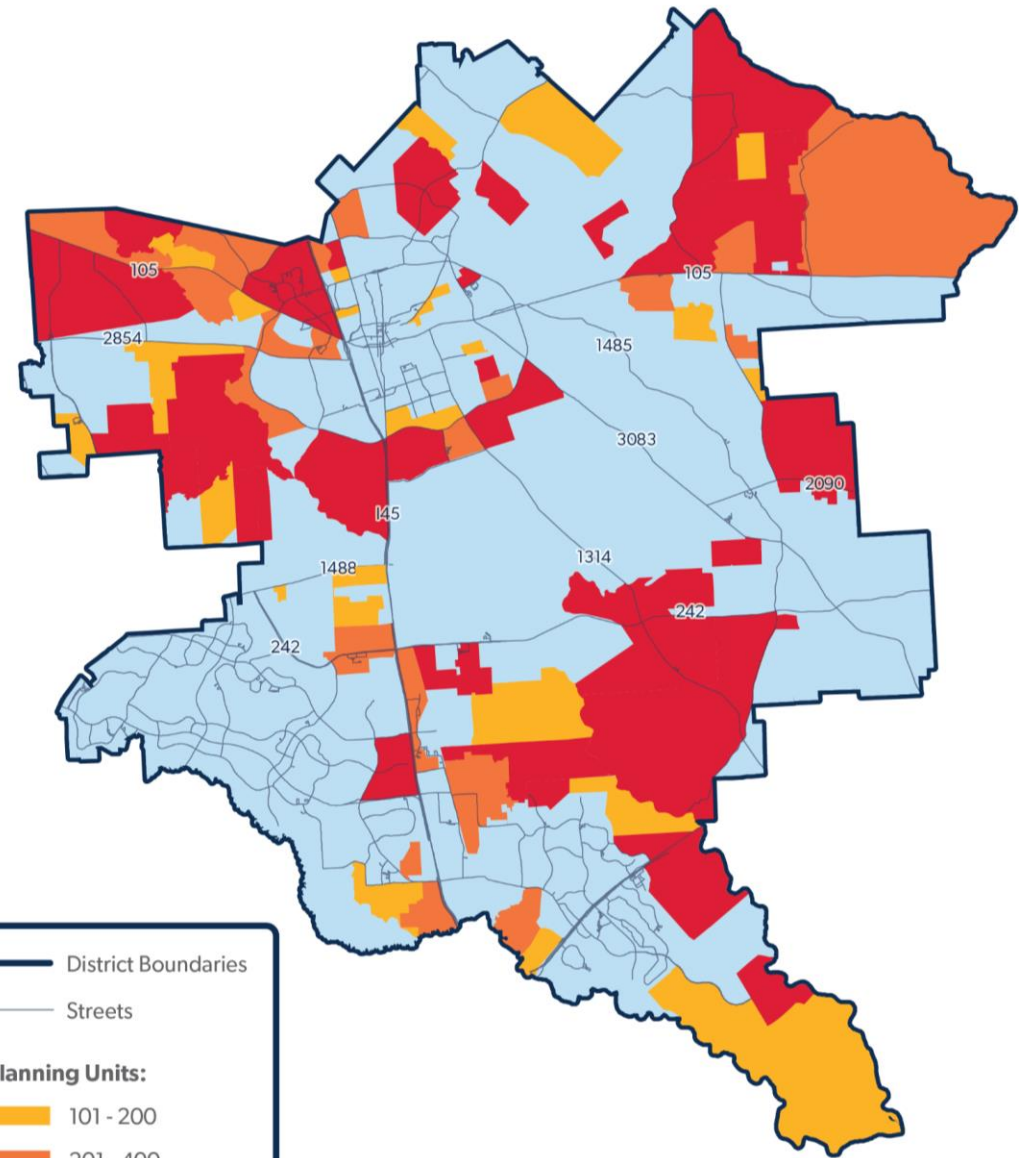
Actual



Projected



# Projected New Housing Occupancies



— District Boundaries  
— Streets

**Planning Units:**

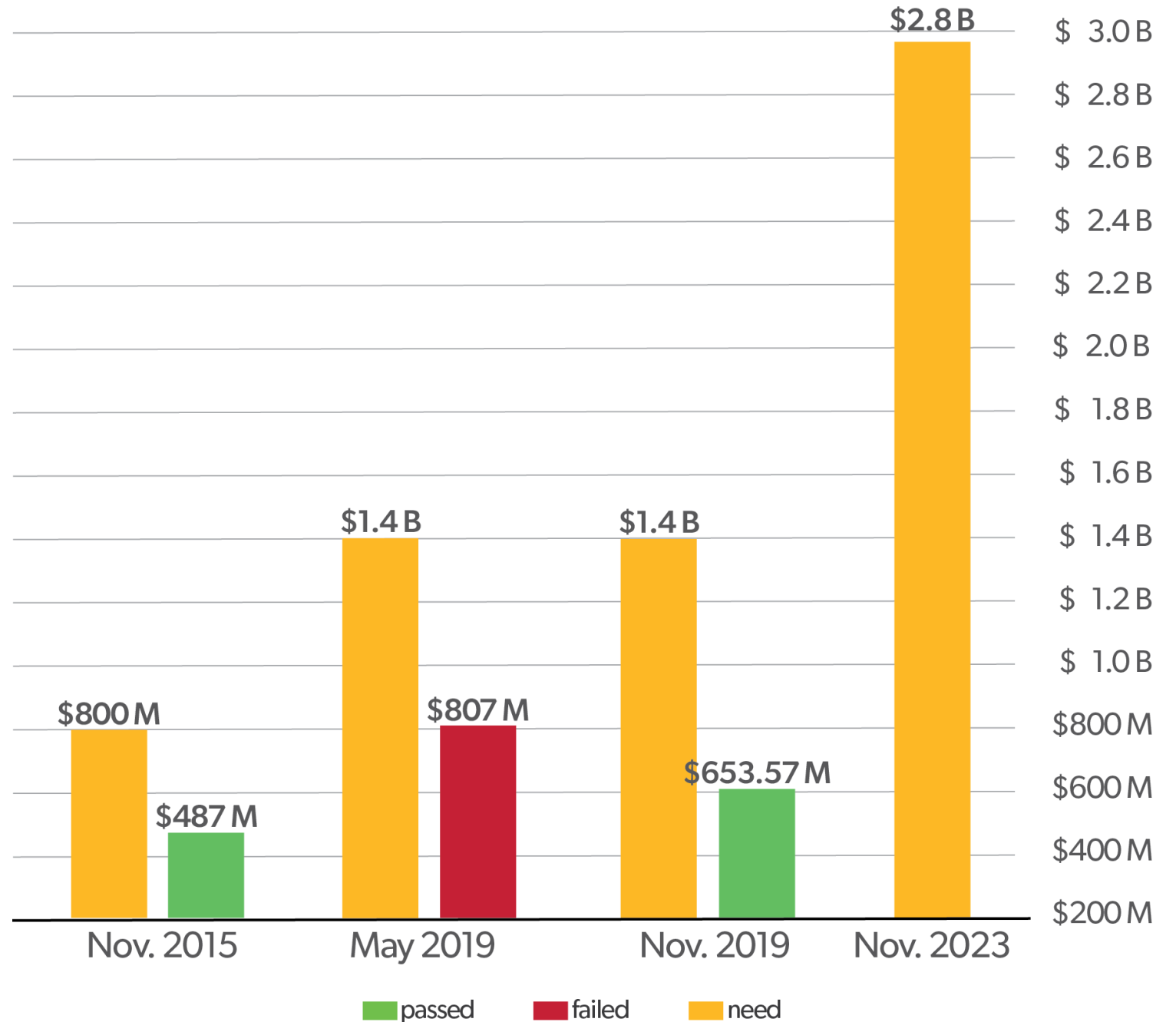
101 - 200  
201 - 400  
> 400



Single-Family and Multi-Family  
*October 2022 to October 2032*



# Bond History





# November 2019 Bond Referendum

## \$653.57M



NEW Moorhead JH - Opening August 2023



Gordon-Reed Elementary - Opened Aug. 2022



Hope Elementary - Opened August 2021



Conroe HS Master Plan Phase 2 - In Progress



Hines Elementary - Opening August 2023



York Junior High Addition - Opened Aug. 2021



College Park HS Addition - Opened Aug. 2021



The Woodlands HS Addition - Opened Aug. 2021



Oak Ridge HS Phase 1 & CTE Center - In Progress



Runyan Elementary Gym Addition - Completed



Safety & Security Projects - Continuing



Caney Creek HS Capacity Upgrades - In Progress



Conroe HS 9th Grade Addition - Completed



Wilkerson Int. Gym Addition - Completed



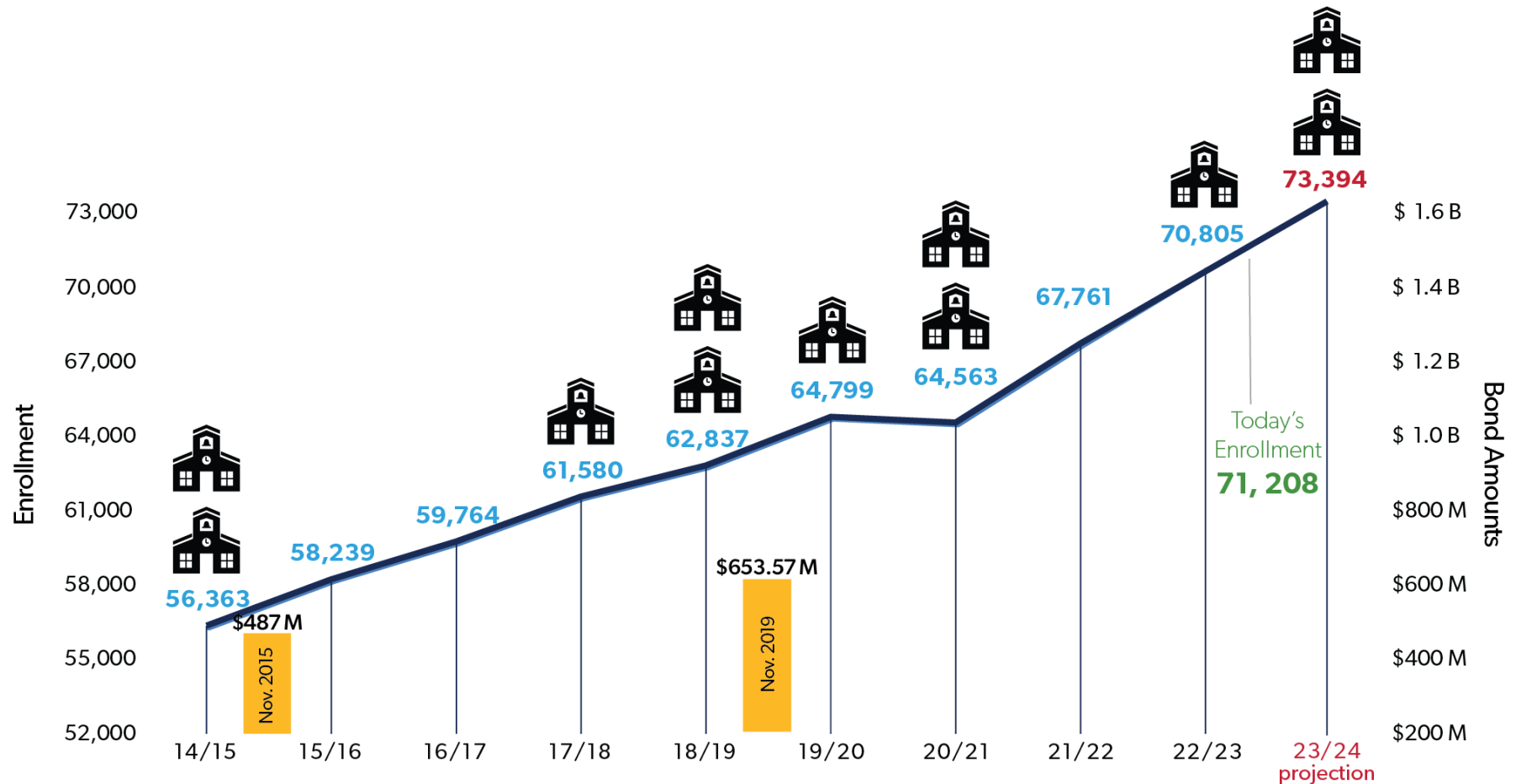
Campus Renovations - Continuing



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# Growth Trends



# Debt Per Student Comparison

School District	Bond Election Date (2022)	Bond Election Amount	2021-2022 Student Enrollment	Approx. Debt per Student	Comparative Bond Amount (Based on CISD Enrollment of 73,394)
Splendora ISD	Nov. 2022	\$201 million	4,384	\$45,800	\$3.4 billion
Lamar CISD	Nov. 2022	\$1.5 billion	39,579	\$38,300	\$2.8 billion
Montgomery ISD	May 2022	\$327 million	9,343	\$35,000	\$2.6 billion
Spring ISD	Nov. 2022	\$850 million	33,425	\$25,000	\$1.9 billion
Willis ISD	May 2022	\$143 million	8,432	\$17,000	\$1.2 billion
Klein ISD	May 2022	\$895 million	53,294	\$16,800	\$1.2 billion
Magnolia ISD	Nov. 2022	\$228 million	13,658	\$16,700	\$1.2 billion
Humble ISD	May 2022	\$775 million	48,112	\$16,000	\$1.2 billion
Spring Branch ISD	May 2022	\$382 million	33,545	\$11,400	\$835 million


Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas, 2021-2022 TAPR and Various Other Sources. Numbers rounded.





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# 2023 Bond Planning Committee

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Conroe ISD is requesting the participation of students, parents, business owners, community members, and employees for a Bond Planning Committee (BPC) in anticipation of a bond on the November 7, 2023 ballot. The District is experiencing unprecedented growth and seeks the guidance of all stakeholders in assessing the facility and operations needs to address the current capacity needs.

### Enrollment Growth



Date	Enrollment
Nov. 2015 Bond	58,000
Nov. 2019 Bond	65,357 M

