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*Dripping Springs*

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS PLANNED TO SHARE BOND INFORMATION**

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs ISD will hold two community meetings to share factual information about the bond referendum that will be on the May 5 ballot. Meetings will be held Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building and Tuesday, April 17 in the Rooster Springs Elementary Cafeteria. At both meetings, a video presentation summarizing the bond package will be shared, and Superintendent Bruce Gearing will be available for a question-and-answer session.

The proposed \$132 million bond referendum includes funding for: expansion of Dripping Springs High School to capacity for 2,500 students, construction of a new elementary school (#5), construction of a new Walnut Springs Elementary adjacent to Dripping Springs Middle School, conversion of the current WSE campus into space for the district administration and daycare facility, miscellaneous projects at Dripping Springs Middle School, Dripping Springs Elementary and Rooster Springs Elementary, turf and track improvements at Dripping Springs High School and Dripping Springs Middle School, improvements and expansion of the District Transportation facility, district-wide technology infrastructure improvements and maintenance upgrades, and land acquisition. Approval of the bond is not expected to result in a change to the current tax rate, which is \$1.52 (\$1.17-Maintenance & Operations/\$0.35 Interest & Sinking) per \$100 of certified property value. Actual property tax bills are a product of the tax rate and the appraised property value.

Dr. Gearing also is presenting to various school-related and civic organizations at scheduled meetings.

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