

**NEWS
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Dripping Springs

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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EARLY VOTING STARTS APRIL 23

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Early voting for the May 5, 2018, election runs from Monday, April 23, to Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Dripping Springs ISD has a \$132,000,000 bond referendum on the ballot, as well as three seats on the Board of Trustees.

The proposed bond includes funding for: expansion of Dripping Springs HS to capacity for 2,500 students, construction of a new elementary school (#5), construction of a new Walnut Springs Elementary adjacent to Dripping Springs MS, conversion of the current WSE campus into space for the district administration and daycare facility, miscellaneous projects at Dripping Springs MS, Dripping Springs Elementary and Rooster Springs Elementary, turf and track improvements at Dripping Springs HS and Dripping Springs MS, 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.

Five candidates are running for the three Board positions (ballot order): Mary Jane Hetrick, Barrie Fontana Kroll, James Meeks, Shannon O'Connor, and Sharon Armke. Currently, the positions are held by Dr. Hetrick, Ms. Kroll, and Ms. O'Connor.

For more information on the bond, see www.DSISDbond.net; for biographies of all five candidates, see: <http://www.dsisdtx.us/Page/207>.

Early voting will take place at the DSISD Administration Building (510 W. Mercer St.) and Rooster Springs Elementary (1001 Belterra Dr.) on all early voting dates. Voters should be aware that Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, overlap with Founders Day weekend on Mercer Street. The Administration Building will be open for voting, but the main entrance will be blocked off and cars will have to enter via Parade Way on Friday, and potentially Thursday late afternoon. Parking likely will be challenging both Friday and Saturday. A free shuttle offered by the Rotary Club will run from Dripping Springs High School throughout Founders Day weekend. See early voting schedule below.

EARLY VOTING (two locations)	
Monday, April 23	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24 through Friday, April 27	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 28	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, April 30	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day is May 5, 2018, with voting at the DSISD Administration Building (Precincts 333, 337, 440, 441 & 449) and Sunset Canyon Baptist Church (Precincts 236, 238, 442, 443 & 444). More information can be found at: www.dsisdbond.net.

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