

Jarrell ISD Voters Pass School Bond

A big thanks go to the voters of all parts of the Jarrell ISD who overwhelmingly passed the \$42 million bond election on May 10 to build two new schools and to renovate the existing PK- 8 campus. The bond election passed by a two to one margin in all parts of the district including Sun City. The total vote was 744 for the bond and 396 against the bond.

With the bond money, the district will build an elementary school, a middle school, and renovate the current PK-8 campus.

The new elementary school will be designed to accommodate 700 students at its maximum and will be built in Sonterra, the source of the greatest amount of student growth. It takes approximately one year to secure the architects and construction managers, to architecturally design and engineer the school and to secure bids for the school. Once the school is completely designed and bid, it takes approximately one more year to build the school. The new elementary school should open in the fall of 2010.

The new middle school will be designed for 350 students at the outset and will be expandable to 550 students in the future. The middle school will be built on the property where the Jarrell High School is located. The middle school will be a completely separate building from the high school, sharing outdoor athletic facilities. The middle school will be scheduled to open in 2011, one year after the elementary. Its opening can be accelerated or delayed depending on student enrollment growth in Jarrell ISD.

Once the two new schools are open, the existing PK-8 campus will be renovated into an elementary school. The renovations will make it safer, more secure and will facilitate supervision of elementary students.

The passage of the bond allows Jarrell ISD to improve its facilities and be ready for the population growth that is projected to come to Williamson County in the next five to ten years. The voters in Jarrell ISD understand that growth is coming and that the school must be ready for the students who will arrive. Today's students will be in charge of the future of our town, our state, and our nation. Jarrell ISD will be ready for them, thanks to the foresight of the voters in our district. Thank you!

Jamie Mattison, Superintendent