

2020 Citizens' Bond Committee Questions 5-11-20

General Questions

1. With the current online learning going on across the US, is anyone in LCISD looking at the long-term impact and facilities needs for students? I am wondering if a greater portion of learning might be done online, going forward, and the need for physical plants/schools reduced.

While the current closure of schools due to the pandemic has caused schools to adopt an online format, this is currently a short-term action. Included in the 2020 Bond are expenditures to maintain the existing facilities owned and operated by Lamar CISD. Ensuring these existing facilities are well-maintained is crucial to the overall performance of these buildings. While this recent development may result in changes to some methods of delivery of instruction, the physical properties will still be needed for the overall student growth that is projected to occur in the District.

2. Do we need to add additional FTEs to the maintenance department?

Bond funds are used for the building and renovation of facilities and purchase of District assets, like buses. Funding for staff salaries and benefits is a function of the General Operating Fund. The District follows very strict guidelines that are in place regarding appropriate and allowable use of bond funds.