



2011 Bond Accountability Committee

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Dear Trustees:

On behalf of the 2011 Bond Accountability Committee (BAC), I am pleased to present you with our third update on the activities and organization of the committee and the progress of Bond 2011.

This report marks the two-year anniversary of the BAC. Since the creation of the committee in the fall 2011, we have met nine times to receive updates from staff on all aspects surrounding the contracts, design, and construction of all projects. All information provided to the group has been clear, concise and complete. In addition to staff-prepared presentations, all of our questions have been addressed. We also have had the opportunity to tour projects and continue to be thoroughly impressed and proud of how far we've come with bond projects in a relatively short period of time.

Part of the district and BAC's commitment to the community has been open, transparent communication. I am happy to report that this promise has been kept. All summaries of the committee's meetings and materials shared with us are posted on the district website. In addition, staff has maintained a positive and informative outreach effort promoting communication and accountability surrounding all elements within Bond 2011.

With the two-year anniversary of the committee comes the expiration of the members' initial term. Trustees now have the option to extend the term of members for an additional two years or select new representatives. As per our Charter, term extensions and new appointments will be made by the respective Trustee at the time of the action. **Nine** of the original 14 members remain in good standing and are interested in continuing to serve on the BAC. One member moved outside of the district and resigned from the committee and four respectfully declined a term extension.

It is important to note that the members' departure from the committee is in no way a negative reflection of the bond program or their dissatisfaction with the work of the group. Instead, it reflects the overall confidence the community has demonstrated in the district's management of Bond 2011. Members are satisfied and appreciative of the fact that all promises made have been kept.

Overall, we are proud to report that Bond 2011 remains on time and within budget. Personally, I'd like to thank the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve on the BAC and be a part of such a successful initiative. As I've reported to you before, it is apparent that district staff, schools, the community and the professionals hired to complete projects are working collaboratively to ensure that we provide our students with the best possible resources.

In conclusion, we are happy to report that SISD is remaining true to Promises Made, Promises Kept!

Robert Alvarez
BAC Chair