



2012 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 fifth and final update on the activities of the committee and the progress of Bond 2011. First and foremost, I am proud to report that Bond 2011 has been completed as advertised – Promises Made, Promises Kept!

The activities of the BAC have been in line with the charge set forth by the Board of Trustees in our organizing charter, established in the fall 2011. A diverse group of members, representing parents, employees, volunteers, businesses and taxpayers as a whole have served on the committee over the past five years.

As a committee, we met 18 times to receive updates from staff on all aspects surrounding contracts, design, and construction of all projects. From the formation of the committee to-date, we have been informed of the district's goals for Bond 2011, project management procedures including the District's process for the selection of professional services and contractors, project design and cost implementation, and status updates.

All information provided to the group has been clear, concise and complete. Staff-prepared presentations were always professional and informative, and all of our questions were addressed. We also had the opportunity to tour projects and have been thoroughly impressed and proud of the facilities and resources provided through Bond 2011.

Promoting open, transparent communication, each meeting of the committee has been documented by staff and summaries posted along with reports on the district's website. Staff also has maintained a regular, positive and informative outreach effort promoting communication and accountability surrounding all elements within Bond 2011.

Moreover, the hard work and fidelity of all involved with the implementation of Bond 2011 resulted in some \$37 million in project savings. We are proud to have fulfilled all of the promises made to the community and stretched taxpayers' dollars which has allowed for additional work to be completed without burdening taxpayers!

As a committee, we supported the use of some \$16.4 million to upgrade the air conditioning at Socorro, Sanchez, Slider and Clarke middle schools. We also reviewed demographic information and discussed possible uses for the remaining savings. The committee recommends that the Board follow the original Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) proposal and build a third new elementary school to serve the rapidly-growing Pebble Hills community. Completing the new school, along with the completion of the middle school HVAC projects, will ensure that we remain true to our commitment, Promises Made, Promises Kept.

With the completion of the final Bond 2011 projects, our work as the 2011 Bond Accountability Committee has come to a successful end. Thank you to the Board for entrusting us to represent our community in overseeing every aspect of Bond 2011. We are proud to have served and been a part of such an impactful initiative. I also would like to thank the staff who helped facilitate the activities of the 2011 Bond Accountability Committee and commend the work of the Facilities and Planning team for the great work and responsible management of bond funds.

Together, Team SISD planned, monitored and completed all promises made to the community in-house, which is a testament to the great team effort and steadfast focus of the district's staff to equitably serve all students. It has been an honor to serve Team SISD and deliver Bond 2011 with Promises Made, Promises Kept.

Robert Alvarez,
BAC Chair