



KELLER

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CBAC will look into district needs, new high school

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In the coming weeks, the Keller Independent School District will once again call on a group of its very dedicated residents to come together and help shape the direction the district will take regarding its growth.

The Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) will gather in July and begin discussing the possibility of a new high school and the shape of any bond election that would be called for its construction. The reformation of the CBAC was prompted by our ever-growing high school projections, which show that Keller ISD will serve more than 9,500 high school students beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.

This original CBAC, comprised of approximately 25 community members from across the district, was developed in November of 2004. The independent committee researched the district's needs and developed a \$99 million bond package that voters passed in March of last year. The fruits of the CBAC's work can be seen this fall as Keller ISD opens four new campuses as a result of the 2005 referendum.

During the six weeks that the new CBAC plans to meet, it will take into consideration enrollment, growth, facility needs and other factors that dictate how the district will address its infrastructure in a proactive manner to offset our tremendous growth. If the committee feels that there is a need for Keller ISD to call a bond election, it will then develop a package of propositions and estimate an appropriate dollar amount to accomplish the recommendation.

If the CBAC feels that a bond package would be the best course of action for Keller ISD, the proposal would then be presented to the Board of Trustees by Aug. 28, leading to a Nov. 7 election date. The Board has the ultimate decision on bond propositions, proposal amounts and the decision to call for an election.

Membership of the 2006 CBAC consists of 13 returning members and 12 new members. These 25 members are from all portions of Keller ISD – from both the east side and west side of the district and from major subdivisions and smaller neighborhoods.

As well as the CBAC, the district is also preparing to form a committee that will research potential future high school boundaries for Keller ISD. If a bond election is called in November and subsequently passes, it will be important to have a working committee ready to provide our Trustees with a plan to address the new attendance zones – ensuring that our students can move seamlessly into their new schools.

More information will follow in later editions of E-news regarding how to volunteer for the new boundary committee.

In the meantime, if you have any questions for the administration or the CBAC, please feel free to e-mail them to BondQuestions@kellerisd.net.

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