



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES FLOATS BOND ELECTION TO BUILD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE NORTH OF THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPS PERMANENT SOLUTION TO CARDWELL ELEMENTARY

San Felipe Del Rio CISD Board of Trustees met Monday night to discuss various agenda items – but most important was the potential bond election item. Dr. Carlos Rios, Superintendent of Schools, began his presentation by sharing aerial footage of various housing developments in the northern sector of the community. He stated that since the last bond election attempt, “growth continues to expand to the north.” The Administration presented the Board with three proposed options for discussion and consideration of a future bond election. The first option included seeking a \$35 million bond election with two referendums for building a campus to the north and a new school at the Cardwell site. The second option was to seek a \$19 million bond election to build an elementary campus to the north; and the third option was to seek out a \$19 million bond election for an elementary campus to the north and to seek out a loan (Tax Note) for \$16 million for building a new elementary campus at the current Cardwell site. The Board ultimately agreed to vote for the second option and allow for the Superintendent to come up with a solution for the Irene C. Cardwell Campus.

With the creation of the new elementary school to the north, new opportunities will become available to resolve the aging campus at Cardwell.

The Superintendent will now recommend to re-establish North Heights Elementary as an Early Childhood Center, thus serving Cardwell’s PreK – students and NHE’s neighborhood K-2nd grade students. By including Cardwell students and K-2nd as part of the North Heights, the

campus will be more efficiently used, thus providing further relief to other schools. Dr. Rios stated that “with minimal improvements to North Heights, a highly safe and secure environment will be provided to our young population.”

The approved bond election is set for Tuesday, November 5th. A successful bond election will provide much-needed relief to the community north of the District, and a permanent home for our Cardwell prekindergarten students. With a successful bond election, the construction of a new elementary campus and the re-establishment of NHE as a PreK – 2nd Center can occur by August 2021.