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WHY IS THE ROBERTO ‘BOBBY’ BARRERA ELEMENTARY STEM SCHOOL PROJECT PART OF THE 2025 BOND REFERENDUM?

In 2017, SFDR-CISD established the Roberto “Bobby” Barrera Elementary STEM Magnet School, a temporary Pre-K through 5th grade school, using modular buildings on the installation as a short-term solution to ensure quality education for the children in the Laughlin AFB attendance zone. Building a permanent structure to replace the modular buildings would reinforce safety for the children and their teachers attending this school. Moreover, this initiative represents an important investment in our children and our community. It is not only about education, but also about enhancing our overall quality of life and positioning our community for future growth.

Here are some other noteworthy statistics about Laughlin Air Force Base (LAFB):

- Laughlin AFB has a \$1.7 billion dollar impact to our Del Rio community.
- Over 3,043 individuals have direct jobs at Laughlin AFB.
- Over seven thousand (7,533) people affect our area’s labor force.
- Laughlin AFB single handedly impacts 37.7% of our Labor Market!
- Laughlin AFB direct disposable personal income = \$438 million.
- Laughlin AFB consistently impacts around 20% of our local housing market.
- LAFB has \$120 million committed to improvement projects over the next 5 years.

The Roberto “Bobby” Barrera Elementary STEM Magnet School is a neighborhood school. SFDR-CISD aims to provide the resources necessary to support teaching and learning at RBB, which is one of the District’s neighborhood schools. Having a permanent neighborhood school at Laughlin AFB would not only enhance the community of life overall, but also help keep it viable for its current and future missions –and our community.