

LISD Facilities Advisory Committee,

I usually don't write these so frequently, but I'm in a room with a bunch of over-achievers in Lewisville ISD. Your feedback and questions are spot-on, insightful and intelligent. This journey toward a bond referendum recommendation from the FAC, and the destination of a successful bond election for your kids is going to make you proud of your work and pleased with your District and your community.

I hope you can see from these beginning presentations on Safety & Security, Existing Facilities and Technology that your District and your Superintendent are bringing you transparent and accurate information so that you can be informed to do your best work. The work will not be easy. You will want it all—every single resource for your children. But you will also feel the angst of, “How much can we afford? How much will our community support? What can we defend among our friends and neighbors?”

Remember, the three components of a good bond are: 1) Does it meet the needs of our students? 2) Does it reflect good stewardship? 3) Is it viable in the community? Some solutions will come as you share conversation, articulate values and make corporate decisions. If you came with single passions for “your campus,” you won't lose that, but you will hopefully morph into a district-wide team and make decisions that benefit all of Lewisville ISD.

The promised worksheet with the projects that were presented and the links to “more information” are posted on the FAC website. The organic worksheet will continue to be populated with the projects and costs that will be presented at future meetings. Most of you will be happy with the level of detail provided. You will accept your FAC charter as a “30,000-foot” decision-maker.

But some of you may want a micro-examination of the projects. Individual pricing of specific materials and work items have been factored into the costs by multiple experienced professionals—the architects on staff as well as two national firms who use industry-standardized cost analyses sources and their day-to-day experience in the construction market. For that reason, we won't spend our time analyzing the micro-details and components of the project pricing or work. We would be here until *next* November.

Our charge and choice as a committee is to select the projects to include in the bond referendum recommendation, saying “yes” to some and “no” to others. The outcome of this FAC will reflect those corporate choices. Now THAT'S a lot of power and trust extended to you as a FAC member!

Personally, I can see that the trust in this committee is well placed. I thank you for accepting me and my work among you. I count it a privilege and honor to work alongside you. See you November 17!

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