

## Birdville ISD 2013 Bond

## What can bond money NOT be used for?

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## How does the bond process work?

- o Boards call for an election.
- o If bonds are approved by voters, bonds are sold to investors.
- o Bond proceeds are delivered to the school district about four weeks after the bond sale.
- Upon receipts of the bond proceeds, the district may enter into contracts for construction of facilities.
- o Bonds are invested until needed.
- o Each year, the school board must set a tax rate in two parts: one to cover the operating costs (payroll, supplies and equipment, insurance, utilities, etc.) and the other to pay principal and interest due on bonds.
- o Bonds can only be used for capital improvements and related costs. They may not be used for personnel, utilities, and other such operating expenses.
- o The district can only collect what is necessary to repay the debt.