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Dear Little Axe Community Members,

I am writing to you today to discuss an important initiative for the future of our students and community: the 2025 High School Bond. This bond proposal aims to address the growing needs of the Little Axe Public School District and enhance educational and community facilities for decades to come.

The primary reason for pursuing this bond is the continued growth in student enrollment at Little Axe Public School, with new housing developments indicating this trend will persist well into the future. Without expanding our capacity, we will face student capacity issues. Our students and community deserve modern facilities that support their growth and provide opportunities for excellence. Further, this facility will give something for the community to utilize and be proud of for years to come.

The proposed project involves the construction of a new, technology-ready high school. This facility will be a two-story building of approximately 110,000 square feet. It is designed to accommodate around 500 students. It will feature 29 classrooms, a band/choir room, one gymnasium with seating for 1,500, two practice wrestling rooms (which will also serve as saferooms), wrestling and basketball locker rooms, a concession stand, a cafeteria, a commons area, offices, and facilities for the building. Additionally, it will include parking areas capable of 446 spaces and furnishings for the building. This new facility will allow us to host graduation on-site, along with a wide variety of tournaments and community events, serving as a point of pride for Little Axe.

The new high school will be located north of the football field, where the tennis courts are currently situated. The existing tennis courts and the little league practice field will be relocated; the little league field will move to the baseball/softball complex, and the tennis courts will be moved to a convenient location near 168th Ave NE to ensure continued community access.

A significant benefit of building a new high school is its impact on our other schools. The current high school building will be repurposed as an intermediate grade center, housing all 4th and 5th grade students in the Little Axe School District. This change will alleviate the load on the elementary school, which currently uses high-maintenance portable classrooms for 5th graders that were not designed for long-term use and will be sold once the new high school is complete. This also reduces the daily usage time for the elementary cafeteria. Middle school students will

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also benefit from more access to current athletic facilities, and their cafeteria load will be lessened. All existing gymnasiums, including those at the middle and current high school, will continue to be maintained and used for 4th, 5th, and middle school students, with the new gymnasium allowing for more efficient practices and simultaneous events.

The total cost of the bond issue for the High School project is \$57,410,000, covering all preparation, financing, construction, and furnishings. There is also an additional \$1,000,000 for transportation, which will be run as a separate 5-year bond. This bond is a 20-year series bond. Importantly, this bond will bring taxes to the level that was voted in during the 2016 bond issue, but will not exceed that amount due to faster district growth than projected.

The bond election will take place on October 14, 2025, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. All eligible voters residing in the Little Axe Public School District are encouraged to vote. A previous survey conducted during the 2024-2025 school year showed significant community backing, with at least 88% support for calling this bond issue.

We believe this project represents a vital investment in our community's future. For more information, please visit our webpage at <https://littleaxeok.sites.thrillshare.com/page/bond-information>. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact 2025bondquestions@littleaxeps.org.

Professionally,

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