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Leander ISD Voters Given ‘Hobson’s Choice’ Leading To Prop. A Approval

LEANDER, Texas – Leander ISD residents approved bond Proposition A on the May 6, 2023, local election ballot 62-38%. Voter turnout was at a low 10%.

The following statement may be attributed to Laura Garcia Davis, President of Texas Parents United:

Saturday night’s outcome was not a surprise since the Leander Independent School District board spent tax dollars and undertook an advertising campaign that included multiple letter mailings, social media campaigns, print media ads, outdoor signs, and targeted emails to numerous constituencies detailing dire infrastructure issues in the district.

Sadly, and yet again, the Leander ISD board gambled that the average voter would respond to their message of fear. Voters passed Prop A, no matter the cost, to ensure critical issues will be addressed. Due to the district’s campaign, few understood that in many instances the voices of parents and taxpayers were ignored in favor of the Board’s own white papers and plans. Projects recommended by the citizen committee were rejected and some projects in the bond package were unvetted and are not critical for student success.

Voters were presented with an unfair “[Hobson’s Choice](#).” Critical Tier 1 projects in the range of \$400 million were held hostage as part of an overall \$760 million bond package – an all-or-nothing approach that gave voters no real latitude, leaving many voters feeling like they had to vote for Prop. A or risk losing important opportunities. Had Prop. A been defeated, the \$762.8 million in items could have been put before the voters in November as targeted Propositions A-Z, giving a potentially larger share of voters the right to decide.

Now that the bonds have been approved by the voters, we call on the district to prioritize funding for the important Tier 1 projects wrapped up in Proposition A. While it is too little too late, we are glad the Board has finally agreed to involve the community in long range planning and will hold the district to their word to actually respond to community input and consider a broad range of options before closing or repurposing schools or investing in questionable expensive programs like centralized preschools and schools of choice.

While Proposition A passed, many parents, residents, and taxpayers voted against it. We call on the district to stop the fear tactics and come to the table in earnest to respond to concerns and criticisms – now is the time to begin restoring trust.

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