2023 Conroe ISD Bond Package Overview:

Prop A - \$1.8Billion 8 new schools, 3 additions, 5 major renovations, 2 master plans and various program updates. **Against** *

Prop B \$40M - Technology Devices Against *

PROP C: \$113M - PE Classrooms, gyms, Ag Barns Against *

PROP D: \$40M - Outdoor pool, Natatorium refurbishments Against *

*Too expensive; Bad timing; not enough information; new and existing Bonds results in \$5.8 billion overall debt

- \$2Billion bond passage will result in \$5.8Billion long-term debt in principal and interest payments over 25 years adding a huge burden on Montgomery County tax payers.
- Growth rate/associated student enrollment data not well understood by the public largely due to illegal immigration.
- Governor Abbott has committed to School Choice law giving parents a choice which will help mitigate the impact of surging enrollments. Any new bonds should be placed on hold until new law is passed.
- The 2023 bond does not directly address the issues of teacher compensation, violence in schools, special needs deficiencies and sexualization of our kids. There is general impression that the bond passage will ensure salaries and future hiring practices for teachers, not true.
- High inflation, wage stagnation, supply shortages, high interest rates and population growth that is not well understood contributes to the poor timing of the Bond proposal. The 2023 \$2Billion Bond package is expensive and contains unnecessary expenditures.
- The Texas Legislature reduced the state's school districts M&O tax rates in Conroe ISD it was about 15 cents reduction. CISD wants to reverse by adding more debt and increasing taxes with bond passage.
- The 2023 Bond Committee majority were pro-bond CISD employees, students and residents, which was not a true representation of the Conroe ISD taxpayer base.
- Bond Referendum failure simply means another bond package would be proposed at a later date which would have a reasonable price tag.

CISD FACTS - CISD basically a voting block of 10,000 employee votes.