



## Biggest and Brightest Dreams Achieved

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year will be here in a few short weeks! But, before we begin planning for graduation and the many traditional end-of-year celebrations, I want to take a moment to reflect on the amazing accomplishments of our students and staff – right now!



Dr. Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.

I am truly inspired by the learning, growth, and **Collective Greatness** I've witnessed while visiting our classroom and schools. Seeing what our kids can do with the support of great teachers confirms what I already know – that in Spring Branch ISD, Every Child can exceed his/her biggest and brightest dreams.

Since January, we've honored over **360 student-athletes** who have been named to Academic All-District teams. In addition, **15 of our senior student-athletes** also showed us that hard work pays off as they signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day. More than **92 of our middle and high school artists** received Scholastic Art Awards in the annual regional competition sponsored by the Harris County Department of Education.

We also honored **49 students** as the 2022 Character Without Question Award winners, and we had over 2,092 separate nominations in our annual Teacher of the Year Awards recognition. **In total, 842 SBISD educators were nominated for this top-level professional recognition.** The students and educators were chosen for their positive character traits and represent the best of the best from every SBISD school.

We also saw four of our Spring Woods High School Speech and Debate seniors earn full-ride scholarships to some of the nation's top colleges and Westchester Academy senior, Madison Lybarger, receive a **scholarship for \$100,000** in March! Big congratulations to these seniors as well as our 19 National Merit Finalists.

This semester we also saw our students continue to exceed state and national scores on the PSAT. **This is a testament to the tireless work of our educators.** I can't thank them enough.

Our kids are excelling in - and beyond - the classroom! From students experiencing real-world CTE programming at Houston's 2022 #SheBuildsHouston event during CTE Month to student-athletes hosting a successful Student Athletics Trainers Workshop, our students' leadership and modeling of our Core Characteristics this semester have been astounding.

As we've shared with you this year, Career and Technical Education (or CTE) is a top priority of mine and our school board, and the community. We want our kids to have endless opportunities to recognize, pursue and fulfill their hopes and dreams. **CTE is the bridge that connects students' education to the world of work through engaging classroom learning and real-world experiences.**

On April 23, you'll have the opportunity to see them in action at the Spring Branch Super Saturday: Unity in Our Community event, a student-designed celebration of SBISD's 75 years.

**I look forward to seeing you at Tully Stadium on Saturday, April 23, for this free event. It's going to be amazing. Learn more about this fun-filled family event at:**

[www.springbranchisd.com/supersaturday](http://www.springbranchisd.com/supersaturday)

# 2022 BOND

Zero impact on taxpayers with 65+ over homestead exemption

On February 7, the seven-member SBISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call a **\$381.6 million bond election** for the May 7 ballot.

The proposed bond responds to the 2017 Bond Program commitment to develop the vision for a world-class SBISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and the classroom, lab and facility improvements needed to move toward that vision.

As required by law, the \$381.6 million bond package is split into two separate propositions.

**Proposition A** addresses funding for Career and Technical Education classroom, lab, facility, and technology improvements at all secondary schools, two specialty campuses, and the Agricultural Science Center (the Ag Farm). It also will fund the replacement of SBISD's 50-year-old central CTE facility, the Guthrie Center.

Funds would also address lifecycle replacement of audio-visual instructional tools and technology infrastructure improvements as well as identified district facility needs, specifically, additional

classrooms at Valley Oaks Elementary to address projected capacity challenges and new building stormwater detention and code requirements put into place after Hurricane Harvey.

**Proposition B** would provide funds to update technology devices for all SBISD teachers and secondary students.

**Passage of both propositions will result in NO TAX RATE increase expected for Spring Branch ISD taxpayers.** By state law, the amount of school taxes paid (tax burden) is frozen for citizens who have the over 65 or disabled homestead exemption. **Approval of the proposed 2022 Bond will not result in an increase above the frozen amount.**

The proposed bond will benefit every school and Every Child in Spring Branch ISD.

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## EARLY VOTING DATES ARE MONDAY, APRIL 25 – TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022.

Early voting times are 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8:00 a.m. – Noon, on Saturday, with the exception of the City of Piney Point Village location.

Learn more at: [www.springbranchisd.com](http://www.springbranchisd.com)

### Early voting locations are:

Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Leadership Center, 955 Campbell Rd., 77024  
City of Piney Point Village, 7676 Woodway Suite #300, 77063  
Don Coleman Community Coliseum, 1050 Dairy Ashford, 77079  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7901 Westview, 77055  
John Knox Presbyterian Church, 2525 N. Gessner Rd., 77080

## ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022.

**Election day voting is from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Locations are based on your middle school attendance zone and home street address.

### Election Day Voting Locations:

Precinct No. 41 – Landrum Middle School, 2200 Ridgcrest, Houston, TX 77055  
Precinct No. 42 – Memorial Middle School, 12550 Vindon, Houston, TX 77024  
Precinct No. 43 – Spring Branch Middle School, 1000 Piney Point, Houston, TX 77024  
Precinct No. 44 – Spring Woods Middle School, 9810 Neuens, Houston, TX 77080  
Precinct No. 45 – Spring Forest Middle School, 14240 Memorial, Houston, TX 77079  
Precinct No. 46 – Spring Oaks Middle School, 2150 Shadowdale, Houston, TX 77043  
Precinct No. 47 – Northbrook Middle School, 3030 Rosefield, Houston, TX 77080

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## SBISD celebrates Stratford HS ribbon cutting ceremony

Spring Branch ISD held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 6, celebrating the spectacular new Stratford High School (SHS) Auditorium and other campus improvements.

The 35,405 square-foot auditorium addition, built with funding from the 2017 Bond, provides seating for 1,000 and brings incredible style and functionality to the auditorium, which supports the award-winning drama program, Stratford Playhouse.

Details of the new auditorium complement the style and design of Stratford. The west facade features brick artwork in the shape of the school's Spartan mascot. The auditorium has an outdoor plaza and a large two-story open lobby area. Inside, the 1,000-seat auditorium has the latest in sound, lighting and acoustics.

"There's so much more to this auditorium than what you see here; it's the heart and spirit of this community. You won't hear the words 'mine' or 'my', you will hear 'ours.' This auditorium belongs to the people of this community, and we can't wait to return the investment to those who have invested in Stratford," said school Principal Raymorris Barnes during the ceremony.

Students have already begun utilizing the space, and Stratford Playhouse will hold their first official performance, "Peter Pan," there later this month, opening April 22.

In remarks during the ceremony, Stratford Playhouse Artistic Director CeCe Prudhomme told attendees, "We [Stratford Playhouse] are so glad to be home."

Additional work throughout the existing campus was also completed, which helps to support and enhance the overall campus use and function. Improvements include the replacement of roof top mechanical units, new roofing systems, additional air conditioning to corridors, two additional classrooms, four extra flex learning spaces and updates to the lobby, reception and clinic areas. The cafeteria also now opens to the commons area and a collaborative learning space.

Upgrades to the athletics facilities include the replacement of the two gym floors and bleachers and the installation of a synthetic turf play field.

Approved by 80 percent of the vote in November 2017, the 2017 Bond Program continues the transformation of district facilities that began with the 2007 Bond Program.

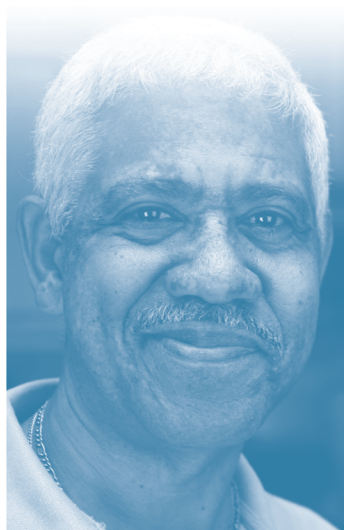
**View the complete Bond 2017 summary of work for Stratford High School on the SBISD website.**



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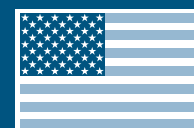
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## Wayne Schaper, Sr.'s legacy is strong in SBISD



Wayne Schaper Sr. walked into Landrum Middle School on August 1, 1961, with one goal – to be the best educator possible for Every Child with whom he crossed paths. He turned those opportunities into countless success stories, and Spring Branch ISD is one of the most coveted places to work and send children to school thanks, in part, to his efforts.

“On my first day, I went to see Herman English, the Landrum principal, and he gave me my schedule,” Schaper said. “I was to teach two classes of Algebra II, two classes of Algebra I, a class in Texas History, because he had no other teachers to teach Texas History, and one P.E. class. After I met with Mr. English, I went to Spring Branch High School and met coach Darrell Tully, and he assigned me to coach football, basketball and baseball, and I also drove a school bus.”

His schedule remained busy until his last day. After being hired by Spring Branch ISD’s first superintendent of schools, Dr. H.M. Landrum, Schaper Sr. served as a teacher, coach, associate principal and principal. His tenure at Memorial High School as the principal started when he was 27 years old and lasted 23 years. During that time, he made national headlines for enlisting the nation’s first and only school drug dog.

His last paid position at Spring Branch ISD was as associate

superintendent for administration, which ended in 2001, and he ultimately went on to serve on the SBISD Board of Trustees for 14 years, three of which as president.

“The most important position to me was teaching,” Schaper said. “To see the light come on in student’s heads when they were able to figure out how to solve a math problem in more than one way was fulfilling. It should all start with the students.”

He has been involved with the school district for 61 of its 75 years of existence. He watched the district’s enrollment grow from 17,000 students up to 40,000 and settle around 35,000. One thing that has remained a constant in all those years is a focus on the education of Every Child.

That commitment and other district priorities passed down from Dr. Landrum were eventually brought to life as the Spring Branch ISD Core Values. Dr. Landrum’s name is synonymous with SBISD. But if you ask Spring Branch residents, administrators and alumni of the district, Schaper has built a legacy of his own.

“You can count a handful of people who have made a difference [in SBISD],” Spring Branch High School (SBHS) Museum board member and SBHS Class of 1968 graduate Frank Klam said. “Dr. Landrum, Darrell Tully, Mildred Elkins; Wayne Schaper Sr. is right there at the top. He is an amazing man.”

## Playhouse presents “Peter Pan” this month



The award-winning Stratford Playhouse is proud to present “Peter Pan the Musical!” Broadway’s timeless classic based on J. M. Barrie’s fairy tale whisks you away to Neverland filled with the villainous Captain Hook and his maties, the adventurous Lost Boys, beautiful mermaids, and wild jungle creatures. Performing the original 1954 Broadway version, this show will provide attendees with a truly epic introduction to the new Stratford High School Auditorium and its contemporary design and state-of-the-art features.

Tickets for “Peter Pan” are available for purchase online at [shsplayhouse.org](http://shsplayhouse.org), or at the Stratford Box Office. Performances are scheduled for April 22, 23, 28-30 at 7:30 p.m., with matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. on April 23 and 30.

## Save the date!

Join us for **Spring Branch Super Saturday: Unity in Our Community** on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tully Stadium Complex, 1050 Dairy Ashford. Super Saturday is a FREE event bringing together the entire community to celebrate SBISD’s 75th anniversary.

Super Saturday will showcase the best of the Spring Branch ISD family! Planned by SBISD high school students, the festival will feature student and community booths, food trucks, live student performances, arts & crafts, a petting zoo, hayrides, representatives from the Houston Dynamo and more!

Thank you to the **Spring Branch Education Foundation** for partnering with SBISD to present the Spring Branch Super Saturday: Unity in Our Community festival celebrating our district’s 75 years of excellence. To learn more about SBEF, visit [sbef.springbranchisd.com](http://sbef.springbranchisd.com). Visit [springbranchisd.com/supersaturday](http://springbranchisd.com/supersaturday) to learn more about this amazing event.



Spring Branch Independent School District



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- Free admission to SBISD regular season “home game” athletic events (playoffs not included)
- Free admission to student performances (some seats are limited and advance ticket pick-up may be required)
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