

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District's Website: <https://www.gladewaterisd.com/>
Smith County's Website: <https://www.smith-county.com/>
Upshur County's Website: <https://www.countyofupshur.com/>
Gregg County's Website: <https://greggcounty.texas.gov/>

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Gladewater Independent School District on May 2, 2026 concerning the issuance of bonds in accordance with an order that reads substantially as follows:

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Smith, Upshur, and Gregg Counties, Texas (individually, the *County*, collectively, the *Counties*), finds and determines that a special election (the *Election*) should be held to determine whether the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes identified in this order (the *Order*); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the elections administrator of Gregg County (the *Administrator*) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in Measure A and corresponding Proposition A may be submitted to the eligible voters of the District as a single measure and corresponding proposition pursuant to Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code because these capital improvements will be predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes, none of which are the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6) of the Texas Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount. The Election will be held in the GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on May 2, 2026 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform

election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following legal question to the eligible voters of the District:

Measure A

Should the Board of Trustees of the Gladewater Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,100,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, modernizing, acquiring, and equipping school facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities) and the purchase of new school buses and security devices for school buses, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold as permitted by law, and will the Board of Trustees of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

SECTION 2. Method of Voting; Ballots. The Board authorizes voting electronically, by paper, or any combination thereof. Voters will vote on the official ballots by marking “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure above with the following ballot language:

Gladewater Independent School District Proposition A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$8,100,000 for school facilities and buses, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original.

SECTION 4. Election Officials.

A. The Administrator will appoint poll workers in compliance with legal requirements, including access to Spanish translators and any other applicable languages.

B. The Administrator and Early Voting Clerk is Jennifer Briggs; mailing address: P.O. Box 2827, Longview, Texas 75606; physical address: 100 E. Methvin St., Suite 130, Longview,

Texas 75601; phone: (903) 236-8458; fax: (903) 309-2562; and email: elections@greggcounty.texas.gov. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The Administrator is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The District is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 5. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English, Spanish, and any other required language.

SECTION 6. Debt Obligations. The following information is calculated based on bond market conditions as of the date of the adoption of this Order; is further explained in one or more voter information documents attached to this Order as exhibits; and is not intended to serve as a cap or other restriction should the bonds be authorized at the Election.

A. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt totaled \$26,218,195 (including maintenance tax debt, if any).

B. The aggregate amount of the interest owed on the District's debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$8,804,462.

C. The District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.253336 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

D. The maturity date of the proposed bonds will not exceed the maximum number of years authorized by law.

E. The maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 4.00% (expressed as a net effective interest rate).

F. This Order is intended to satisfy the official requirements set forth in section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 7. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, or similar contracts with the Counties, acting by and through the Administrators, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 8. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibits to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the

Board therefore authorizes the District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits. Additionally, the Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board as evidenced in this Order.

SECTION 9. Findings. The recitals in this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 10. Conflicts. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 11. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 12. Open Meetings. It is found that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at the meeting, including this Order, was given.

SECTION 13. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 14. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on February 9, 2026. /s/ Chris Thompson, Board President

Exhibit A (Anexo A)

Polling sites subject to change. *(Sitios de votación sujetos a cambios.)*

EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

Gladewater City Hall
Council Chambers
519 East Broadway, Gladewater, Texas 75647

April 20, 2026	<i>(20 de Abril de 2026)</i>	8:00am-5:00pm
April 22-24, 2026	<i>(22-24 de Abril de 2026)</i>	8:00am-5:00pm
April 27-28, 2026	<i>(27-28 de Abril de 2026)</i>	8:00am-5:00pm

ELECTION DAY (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)

May 2, 2026 (2 de Mayo, 2026): 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Exhibit B (Anexo B)

**VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT [not part of the contract with voters]
(DOCUMENTO DE INFORMATIVO PARA LOS VOTANTES) [no forma parte del contrato con las votantes]**

Gladewater Independent School District Proposition A:
(Propuesta A del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gladewater:)

<input type="checkbox"/> For (a favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (en contra)	THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$8,100,000 for school facilities and buses, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.	ESTE ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO A LA PROPIEDAD; la emisión de bonos por un monto de \$8,100,000 para instalaciones y autobuses escolares, y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos
principal of debt obligations to be authorized (<i>capital de obligaciones de deuda que se autorizará</i>)		\$8,100,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 4.00% (<i>interés estimado para las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán asumiendo una tasa de interés del 4.00%</i>)		\$2,652,600
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 15 years (<i>capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán amortizar durante 15 años</i>)		\$10,752,600
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations (<i>a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes</i>)		\$26,218,195
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations (<i>a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el interés estimado de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes</i>)		\$8,804,462
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 20 years (<i>capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda pendientes amortizadas durante 20 años</i>)		\$35,052,271
as of the date the election was ordered, the ad valorem debt service tax rate per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation (<i>a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, la tasa impositiva ad valorem de servicio de la deuda por cada \$100 de valuación tasada gravable</i>)		0.253336
<p>estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved (<i>aumento anual máximo estimado de la cantidad de impuestos sobre una residencia principal con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para saldar las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán, si se aprueba.</i>)</p> <p>This figure assumes application of a homestead exemption of \$140,000. (<i>Esta cifra supone la aplicación de una exención de vivienda de \$140,000.</i>)</p> <p>As noted above, this figure makes conservative assumptions about the amortization period of the debt obligations and the estimated interest rate. (<i>Como se señaló anteriormente, esta cifra hace suposiciones conservadoras sobre el período de amortización de las obligaciones de deuda y la tasa de interés estimada.</i>)</p> <p>Estimated future appraised values in the District are assumed to increase by 3.60% each year for the next 15 years and then remain unchanged thereafter. (<i>Se asume que los valores tasados futuros estimados en el Distrito aumentarán un 3.60% cada año durante los próximos 15 años y permanecerán sin cambios a partir de entonces.</i>)</p>		\$0