

# What Now?



Carroll Independent School District

## District Collecting Input On Failed Proposition

Carroll school officials say they have already begun the process of collecting feedback on Proposition 2, the technology bond package rejected by voters on February 4, 2006.

Superintendent David Faltys said he has been visiting informally with parents, employees and community leaders about their impressions of the recent election.

Voters narrowly approved Proposition 1 with 1,206 yes votes to 1,187 no votes. Proposition 2 was defeated, however, with 1,113 yes votes to 1,282 no votes. Only 13 percent of the district's registered voters participated in the election.

"This is a community decision," Dr. Faltys said. "It is our job to get out and talk to people, to hear their thoughts and concerns and to do our best to communicate our options for addressing the district's technology needs."

Although some of the concerns about the \$19.5 million proposition were expressed publicly by bond opponents leading up to the day of the election, school officials say they do not want to presuppose why people voted against the package.

"Collecting feedback is an important step for any district facing a failed bond proposition," said Dr. Faltys. "We have a lot of work ahead of us as we implement the projects approved in Proposition 1, but it's also important for us to take time to learn

why voters did not support the technology package."

Over the next several weeks, Carroll ISD plans to meet face-to-face with bond opponents, attend parent and civic meetings to discuss the bond and to offer an opportunity for citizens and staff to share their input through web surveys and e-mails.

It doesn't matter if you voted yes, no or not at all, please participate in this feedback process by sending your comments to the local school district. (See box below).

### Quick FACTS

#### Proposition 1 - \$24.5 million

##### Approved By Voters

- Building Additions
- Capital Improvements & Maintenance Projects
- Safety/Security Projects

#### Proposition 2 - \$19.5 million

##### Rejected By Voters

- Instructional Technology

### Give Us Your Input!

#### Carroll ISD's Post Election Plan:

- Meet face-to-face with bond opponents
- Collect feedback at parent/civic meetings
- Survey CISD employees
- Provide e-mail web link for bond election feedback
- Review package, needs and election options
- It doesn't matter if you voted yes, no or not at all, we want your feedback!

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Click on "Breaking News" and then select the "Bond 2006 Feedback" link to give us your input on the February 4 election.

## District Studies Options For Future Election

Texas school districts now have only two options for calling school bond elections - the May trustee election date or the November general election date.

The district took advantage of an October 1 deadline to call a special election February 4, but that option is no longer available under a new law that took effect last fall.

If the Board decides to put together a new technology proposition, Trustees

must call the election 62 days in advance. The available May date coincides with the trustee election on Saturday, May 13 and would have to be called in early March.

The only other option available in 2006 is the general election date in November. If that date is chosen, the Board would have until the first of September to collect input and call the election.