

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AUGUST 2024

Accomplishments and Upcoming Plans

Over the past month, TWS Advisory Group has made significant strides in advancing the bond projects for Carrizo Springs CISD. We are excited to share the progress made and outline the key activities planned for the next 30 days.

1. Selection of Bond Program Managers:

TWS Advisory Group has been selected as the Bond Program Managers, and we have initiated both the Design Process and a Community Engagement campaign. This crucial step sets the foundation for the successful execution of the bond projects.

2. Appointment of ERO Architect Firm:

In July, the ERO Architect Firm was chosen to design the Bond Projects. This appointment marks a critical milestone, enabling us to proceed with the detailed planning and design phases. The negotiation of fees for the architect firm, conducted collaboratively by the Superintendent, TWS Advisory Group, and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo law firm, resulted in savings exceeding \$2 million of the Bond Program. These savings effectively covered the fees for TWS and the legal team, demonstrating a prudent and strategic approach to financial management within the program. A Kick-Off Meeting has been accomplished with the District, TWS, and ERO to align Program Calendar and Goals.

3. Construction Team Solicitation:

The solicitation for the Construction Team is currently available. The District will be evaluating and selecting a team for Board Approval, ensuring we have the best partners to bring our vision to life.

4. Community Engagement Campaign:

We have launched a robust community engagement campaign, with dedicated social media platforms to keep the community informed and involved in the bond progress. A cadence of videos will be submitted throughout the program.

5. Planning Meetings:

Initial foundational meetings have been held, focusing on the design and functionality of the projects for our young Wildcat learners. These meetings are critical in shaping the projects to meet the needs of 21st-century education.

Exciting Developments for Our Schools

1. CMAR Contract to be Awarded

The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract will hopefully be awarded, marking a significant step forward in the construction phase of the bond projects.

2. Programming and Educational Specification Meetings

Detailed meetings with the Architect, Program Manager, and General Contractor to finalize the programming and educational specifications will take place. These meetings will ensure that the projects meet the highest standards of educational excellence.

3. Technical Guidelines Meetings

We will establish technical guidelines to guide the construction and design processes, ensuring all projects align with CS CISD goals and standards.

4. First Cost Estimate Due (October 14)

The first cost estimate from the Architect and General Contractor Team for the bond projects will be due, providing a clear financial overview and ensuring we stay within budget.

5. First Educational Specifications Draft Review (October 30)

The first draft of the Educational Specifications will be ready for review, detailing the specific requirements and features of the new educational spaces.

6. Deep Meetings with the Spirit of the Wildcat Community

Continued engagement with the Wildcat community, staff, and students to gather feedback and ensure the projects reflect their needs and aspirations.

We look forward to the exciting developments ahead and appreciate the ongoing support and engagement from the Carrizo Springs CISD community. Together, we are building a brighter future for our young Wildcats. Please check out our Social Media Campaign:

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Executive Summary for Carrizo Springs CISD Board of Trustees

Date: August 14, 2024

Subject: Bond Update

The Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) selection process for the Bond 2023 Projects has advanced successfully. We have completed evaluations, conducted interviews, and are finalizing the contract for approval. The selected CMAR team is set to join Carrizo Springs CISD on August 21, 2024, pending Board approval on August 20, 2024.

Focus Group Objectives:

To support the successful execution of our Bond projects, TWS and ERO Architects conducted design focus group meetings, lead by Mrs. Pearson, with CS CISD staff. These discussions aim to:

- **Gather Insights:** Collect design ideas and expert input for the development of the intermediate and elementary buildings.
- **Engage Stakeholders:** Involve key stakeholders and leaders in shaping the project to address educational and community needs.
- **Focus Group Meetings:** Targeted meetings will continue to happen over the next two months with specific stakeholders and leaders.

Focus Group Meetings Conducted:

- Child Nutrition
- Transportation
- CSE & CSI Teacher Representatives
- Maintenance Representatives (including HVAC, Electrician, Plumber)
- Curriculum & Instruction Team
- Technology
- Safety & Security Representatives from the Police Department

90-Day Look Ahead:

- **CMAR Contract Award:** Finalize and approve the contract with the selected CMAR firm.
- **Programming and Educational Specification Meetings:** Begin defining project programming needs and educational specifications.
- **Technical Guidelines Meetings:** Work with the Architect, Program Manager, and General Contractor to set technical guidelines.
- **First Programming Cost Estimate:** Due October 14, 2024.
- **First Draft of Educational Specifications:** Due October 30, 2024.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Continue engaging with the community, staff, and students to align with project goals.

