

As the Canutillo Bond enters the construction phase, Canutillo ISD remains committed to transparency and keeping students, parents, and community members informed about each project's progress. We understand questions may arise, and it is our responsibility to provide timely, accurate answers.

To support open communication, the District has compiled a list of frequently asked questions with clear responses. This FAQ section is designed to quickly address common inquiries and will be updated regularly as new questions emerge.

If your question is not addressed in the FAQ, please contact Canutillo ISD at pio@canutillo-isd.org or 915-887-7400. We are here to help.

Q: What is the Canutillo Bond 2024?

A: It is a voter-approved investment package to improve, renovate, and rebuild schools and facilities throughout Canutillo ISD. The bond was approved on May 4, 2024.

Q: Why did CISD need a bond?

A: Many district facilities are aging, overcrowded, or in need of major repairs. The bond allows CISD to modernize campuses, improve safety and security, and build new schools without taking money away from classroom operations.

Q: How were bond projects selected?

A: Projects were determined after community forums, facility assessments, leadership input, and recommendations from the Bond Advisory Committee. Priority was given to safety, aging buildings, growth, and long-term educational needs.

Q: Which schools are being rebuilt or relocated?

A: Three existing campuses will be rebuilt or relocated:

- Jose Alderete Middle School
- Canutillo Middle School
- Deanna Davenport Elementary School

Additionally, a new permanent campus will also be built for Northwest Early College High School.

Q: Will all campuses receive some form of improvements?

A: Yes. Every school in Canutillo ISD receives upgrades in areas such as HVAC, roofing, safety systems, security access, and aging infrastructure.

Q: Will students be displaced during construction?

A: No. Construction for major rebuilds is designed to occur on new land or phased in a way that avoids relocating students from their current campuses.

Q: Will school safety be improved?

A: Yes. Safety upgrades include new door hardware, enhanced access control, improved surveillance systems, secure vestibules, and better lighting across campuses.

Q: How does CISD ensure bond funds are used responsibly?

A: The district uses a third-party program manager, PROCEDEO, to oversee budgets, timelines, and construction. Regular updates, audits, and public reporting keep the community informed.

Q: Can bond money be used for teacher salaries or classroom supplies?

A: No. Bond funds will be used only for expenses related to construction and design, demolition, renovation, land, equipment and capital improvements—not for salaries, operations, or general classroom expenses.

Q: Who is managing the construction work?

A: The district contracted PROCEDEO to serve as program manager for all planning, design, and construction efforts.

Q: How are architects and contractors chosen?

A: CISD follows state procurement laws. All architects, engineers, and construction firms are selected through a competitive process that includes evaluation, scoring, and Board approval.

Q: How often will progress be reported?

A: Quarterly reports, project dashboards, and updated construction photos will be posted regularly to the bond website.

Q: How can I stay informed about project updates?

A: You can subscribe to updates via email on the bond website, attend community meetings, or follow the district's social media channels.

Q: How can the public provide input or ask questions?

A: Community members can attend Bond Advisory Committee meetings,

participate in design charrettes, or submit questions through the “Contact Us” section on the bond website.

Q: What happens if a project goes over budget?

A: CISD and PROCEDEO continuously monitor costs to stay within voter-approved limits. Any adjustments require Board oversight and must remain within legal bond-use guidelines.

Q: Will construction affect school traffic or parking?

A: Some campuses may see temporary traffic changes. The district will notify families ahead of time and post updates online.

Q: How will the bond improve student learning?

A: Projects include updated classrooms, modern learning spaces, improved technology infrastructure, enhanced CTE labs, upgraded science facilities, and rebuilt athletic areas.

Q: What will happen to the old school buildings once new ones are built?

A: Decisions depend on each site. Options include repurposing buildings for instructional or operational needs, or surplus the properties and placing them for sale. Any decision will be vetted through the public and will require Board approval.

Q: Why do school districts issue bonds instead of paying for construction through the budget?

A: School operating budgets cannot support large-scale construction. Bonds allow major projects to be funded over time, similar to a home mortgage, without impacting classroom instruction.

Q: What is the Canutillo Bond Advisory Council (CBAC)?

A: The CBAC is the public oversight committee formed under District regulation to help the Board of Trustees provide an additional layer of accountability for the bond. The committee is made up of parents, community members, employees and taxpayers who volunteer their time to work with staff to review documents, initiatives and provide input to the Board of Trustees in regard to bond projects.

Alderete Middle School project

Q: Will pick-up and drop-off for students use Cimarron Canyon Drive, causing congestion in small, residential streets?

A: The student pick-up and drop-off route will ingress through Cimarron Canyon Drive and egress through two designated exits on Resler Drive. On-site vehicle stacking accommodates up to 83 standard vehicles.

An independent Traffic Impact Analysis estimates approximately 670 vehicles will enter and exit the campus during the AM peak hour (7:15–8:15 a.m.). With the planned installation of a traffic signal at Exit B on Resler Drive—combined with support from District Police and campus personnel—minimal congestion is expected along Cimarron Canyon Drive during morning operations.

During the PM peak hour (4:00–5:00 p.m.), the Traffic Impact Analysis anticipates a total of 150 vehicles entering and exiting the site. Because the campus can accommodate the majority of these vehicles within the on-site stacking area, no congestion is anticipated on Cimarron Canyon Drive in the afternoon.

Q: Has the District performed a traffic study for Resler Drive because of the planned construction of the new Alderete Middle School?

A: Yes, an independent Traffic Impact Analysis was conducted. The results were shared with the City of El Paso, and the study was finalized after incorporating their input. The completed analysis was then provided to the Architect of Record to inform site planning and design efforts.

Canutillo Middle School project

Q: What community engagement was made available regarding the construction of the new Canutillo Middle School at the Johnny Bean Horse Farm?

A: The District identified the Johnny Bean Horse Farm as the potential site of the new Canutillo Middle School early in the planning and campaign process. The district's facilities committee, made up of parents and stakeholders who helped determine whether a bond was needed, were presented with the plan to potentially build a new CMS at the Johnny Bean Horse Farm in January 2024. The District published and presented the Johnny Bean Horse Farm as a potential site for the new campus during its informational campaign ahead of the May 2024 election. Since the approval of the Bond, the District has shared information with the public about the location of the new CMS at the Johnny Bean Horse

Farm at quarterly public meetings, Canutillo Bond Advisory Committee meetings and neighborhood association and city council community meetings. The location of the new CMS is listed on the Canutillo Bond website, and has been mentioned in news stories.

Q: Did the District perform a flooding study on the Johnny Bean Horse Farm site?

A: The Johnny Bean Horse Farm, located at 6201 Strahan Rd., does not sit in a FEMA designated flood plain. It does not require a Conditional Letter of Map Revision.

Q: Did the District perform a geotechnical study of the Johnny Bean Horse Farm site?

A: Yes, a general geotechnical subsurface evaluation report was conducted for the site. The report includes the results of subsurface exploration borings, detailed boring logs, and laboratory soil classification testing of the on-site materials. It also provides geotechnical information regarding the suitability of the encountered soils for construction purposes, including allowable soil bearing capacities and recommendations for soil improvement beneath building foundations and pavement structures.

Based on these findings, the geotechnical consultant will support the design team throughout final design development and into the construction phase to ensure appropriate application of the report's recommendations.

Q: Has the District received go-ahead documents to commence construction from all applicable local, state and federal agencies? Would the District been able to receive the go-ahead documents if any flooding, environmental, engineering or any other mandated testing had not been performed or addressed?

A: The school district has been successful in gaining approval from the different agencies that govern new construction. These include:

- Site control & due diligence
 - Surveys, environmental studies, geotechnical report, utilities, traffic, drainage. (Canutillo ISD)
 - Zoning & platting
- Rezoning/special use (if needed), public hearings, plat approval. (City of El Paso)
 - Design to Texas Education Agency & code
- Architect/engineers prepare CDs that meet TEA rules & building codes. (Texas Education Agency)

- Development & traffic approvals
 - Traffic impact analysis, off-site work, site development plan review. (City of El Paso)
- Permitting
 - Building permit, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation accessibility, storm water pollution prevention planning, and fire review. (City of El Paso)
- Construction & inspections
 - City/County inspections, special inspections, commissioning. (City of El Paso/El Paso County)

Canutillo ISD would not be able to move forward with construction if any of these agencies would not have provided the required permits.

Q: Has the District performed a traffic study for the construction of the new Canutillo Middle School at the Johnny Bean Horse Farm? What does the study show?

A: Yes, a traffic impact analysis has been performed for the new Canutillo Middle School. The study evaluated how the proposed development will affect surrounding roadways and intersections by analyzing traffic volumes, access points, and peak-hour operations. It identified potential congestion or safety impacts and recommended measures such as roadway improvements or operational changes to ensure traffic can operate safely and efficiently.

Q: Has the purchase of the Johnny Bean Horse Farm site been vetted legally for appropriateness and legality by local and state authorities? What were the result of those findings?

A: Yes. The sale of the land was vetted by lawyers and ratified by a vote of the Board of Trustees. Following a citizen complaint alleging improprieties in the purchase of the land, the Texas Education Agency investigated and cleared CISD of any of the allegations launched against it.