

To the Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the voters of Mission CISD for the confidence they have shown in the school district and in the Board of Trustees through the approval of the \$59 million bond issue. The passage of this bond issue is important to the future of the district and is indicative that this community was able to look past individual school issues and focus on the needs of the district as a whole. That was the goal of the community members who worked so diligently on assessing the facility needs of the district when they made their recommendations to the school board.

We have already begun the process of applying for state aid that will help pay for 75% of the bond issue. Additionally, it is the hope of the district administration and school board to have certain things completed, and/or in place, so that once the approval is given, the district can move forward without unneeded delays.

The district will continue to inform parents and community members about the bond issue projects and the progress being made through newsletters, the district website (www.mcisd.net), and cable channel 17.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Facility Needs Committee, and our children, I thank all those who voted for the \$59 million bond issue. Your support helps us continue to provide a quality education for our students, which also makes for a stronger community in the future.

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