



To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
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cc: Brad Hunt, Kelly Penny, Louis Macias, Diana Sircar

Re: Shift Bond Dollars from Bond Project Savings to Project #59 (General Classroom Furniture and Equipment)

As part of the 2016 bond election, \$300,000 was set aside in project # 59 for general district-wide furniture and equipment needs. Given our growth and shifting of overflow elementary students to temporary campus locations, we have had to furnish several additional classrooms throughout the district, including purchasing additional furniture for Richard J. Lee Elementary to handle well over 800 students. Our maintenance department has shifted excess furniture where possible to cover as many needs as possible, yet we still anticipate running short on classroom furniture this fall at our overflow campuses. Additionally, with the construction of new spaces and new conference rooms at the CHS fieldhouse, we are in need of tables and chairs for these rooms. These new conference rooms will not just be used by athletics, but will be able to be used for student instruction, as well as, reserved for district-wide staff development use.

The bottom line is that the anticipated need for additional general furniture and equipment was underestimated as part of the 2016 bond program. Therefore, it is recommended that we utilize a portion of our bond project savings or bond interest earnings to increase project #59 by an additional \$400,000. As a reminder, we currently have approximately \$4.4 million in excess dollars available with another \$1.5+ million in additional savings to come out of the CMSW project, for a total of about \$6 million in savings available. Before approving spending any of these furniture and equipment dollars, we ensure that there is a legitimate need that cannot be met with existing furniture and equipment located at another campus or in storage.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve shifting \$400,000 from 2016 bond project savings/bond interest earnings to project #59, General Classroom Furniture and Equipment.