

Serving the community for 40 years



Lone Star College System – nationally recognized, globally connected, locally focused. For 40 years, LSCS has been steadfast in its commitment to student success and credential completion. An educated workforce is essential to economic growth and a vibrant community.

Lone Star College System had its beginnings in 1973 when the college, founded originally as North Harris County College, opened its doors for classes with 613 students.

Fast forward 40 years and Lone Star College System is now the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and the fastest-growing college system in the nation, with six campuses, multiple centers and two University Centers – home to 78,000 credit students and a total of more than 90,000 students.



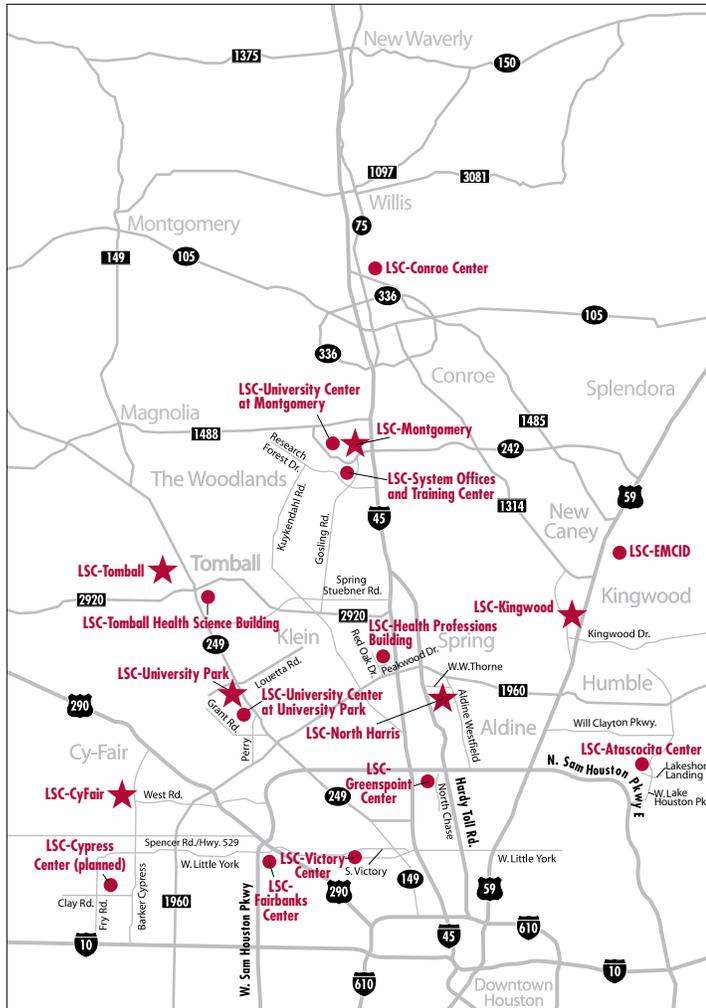
Quick Facts

- Taxpayers see **\$2.30 ROI** for every dollar invested in LSCS.
- LSCS added **30,000 students** in the past five years and now has **78,000** students enrolled in credit classes, and a total of **90,000** students including non-credit and continuing education.
- We are the **fastest-growing** community college system in the nation.
- We are the **largest** institution of higher education in Houston.
- We add **\$1.1 billion** annually to the Houston economy with increased student earnings and employer workforce productivity.
- **78%** of BA degree completers in Texas attend a 2-year institution like LSCS.
- LSCS is a **primary provider** of nurses and first responders in our area; **60%** of nurses and **84%** of first responders are trained at a community college like LSCS.
- LSCS is celebrating **40 years** of student success and credential completion in 2013.

Board of Trustees election and bond referendum

Saturday, May 11, 2013 Early Voting: April 29–May 7

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LSCS Board of Trustees

- Randy Bates, JD, Chair, Position 8
- David Holsey, DDS, Vice-Chair, Position 1
- Thomas Forestier, JD, Position 2
- Stephanie Marquard, Position 3
- Robert J. Adam, JD, Position 4
- David A. Vogt, Position 5
- Bob Wolfe, JD, CPA, Position 6
- Linda S. Good, JD Position 7
- Priscilla Kelly, Position 9

All registered voters living in the following Independent School Districts within Lone Star College System service area are eligible to vote:

- Aldine
- Klein
- Splendora
- Conroe
- Magnolia
- Tomball
- Cy-Fair
- New Caney
- Willis
- Humble
- Spring

To request a mail-in ballot:

Harris County
 Stan Stanart
 Harris County Clerk
 P.O. Box 1525
 Houston, TX 77251

Montgomery County
 Suzie Harvey
 Montgomery County
 Elections Administrator
 9159 Airport Road
 Conroe, TX 77303

San Jacinto County
 Sherryl Evans
 San Jacinto County
 Elections Administrator
 51 East Pine Avenue
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LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION
BOND REFERENDUM
MAY 11, 2013



Smart investment for future growth

Members of the Lone Star College System Board of Trustees responded to a committee of citizen leaders in February when they voted unanimously to put a bond referendum in front of area voters for approval on May 11.

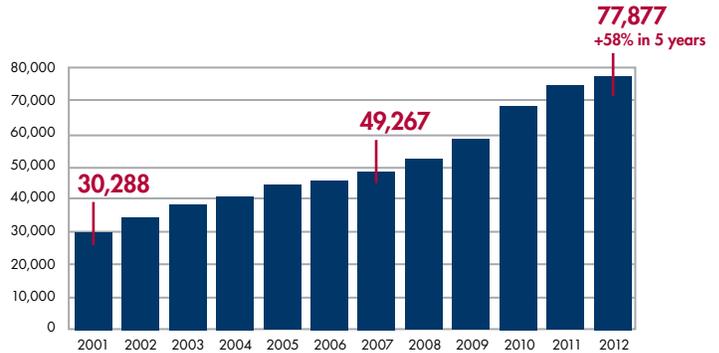
The citizens' committee, representing area business, education, government and civic sectors, recommended to the board that the college system build new learning facilities and infrastructure to accommodate the system's historical growth.

The \$497.7 million bond referendum includes financing for learning facilities at each campus – projects that were prioritized and outlined by the group of citizen leaders as part of their recommendation to the board. The May 11 election will also include for consideration three trustee seats on the LSCS Board.

The 2013 bond referendum expands capacity to meet unprecedented student population growth. In the five short years since the last bond referendum in 2008, LSCS has added 30,000 students, which is equivalent to adding the equivalent of five medium-size colleges, such as Lee College, with 6,000 students.

Rapidly-increasing community demand

Fall Enrollments 2001–2012



Added 30,000 students in past 5 years; 58% growth

"The enrollment growth at Lone Star College System is unprecedented."

— Dr. Richard Carpenter, LSCS chancellor



LSCS returns \$2.30 ROI for every dollar invested

Lone Star College currently adds \$1.1B in annual economic impact for the region through increased earnings for students and improved workforce productivity for employers. And taxpayers see a \$2.30 return on every dollar invested in LSCS.

Project overview

Lone Star College System project overview - \$497.7 Million

- New instructional and support buildings – 996,000 sf
- Renovations to existing facilities – 252,000 sf
- Increase parking – 5,630 spaces
- Improve campus safety and security
- Expand and upgrade technology infrastructure
- Improve traffic flow and campus access

Campus projects



LSC-CyFair - \$55 million

- New instructional building – 100,000 sf
- New instructional building – 50,000 sf
- Increase parking – 1,000 spaces
- County required traffic improvements
- LSC-Fairbanks Center – 200 parking spaces



LSC-Kingwood - \$38.2 million

- New healthcare instructional building – 50,000 sf
- Student services expansion – 5,000 sf
- New instructional building – 20,000 sf
- Increase parking – 450 spaces

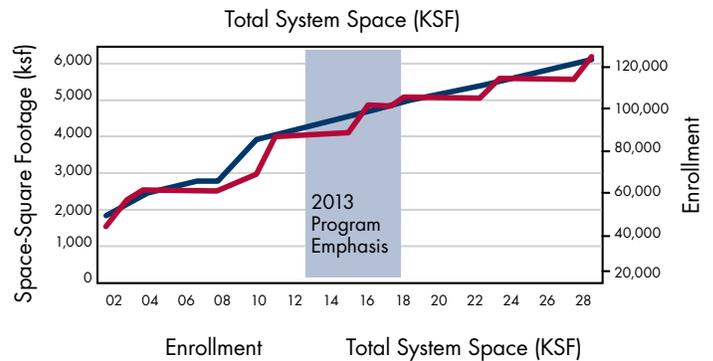


LSC-Montgomery - \$38.9 million

- New student services building – 60,000 sf
- New university center – 54,000 sf
- Increase parking – 420 spaces
- Widen and improve entry drives

Projecting 110,000 students by 2018

Lone Star College only builds to meet capacity needs. Student enrollment projections indicate that LSCS will exceed current capacity of 4 million sf by the end of 2013 and will have stressed space demands until 2018 as new construction from the bonds is completed.



Why consider another bond referendum now?

- Lone Star College System campuses are **operating at capacity** or near capacity, despite the additional instructional space that was brought online as part of the May 2008 bond referendum.
- The facilities included in the 2013 bond referendum will help the college system accommodate student enrollment four to five years down the road, when enrollment is **expected to reach 110,000 students**.
- The referendum includes financing for a number of centers in areas that can provide technical and other instruction to help solidify the workforce by training students in key high-demand industries. New centers planned for **East Aldine, Creekside and Magnolia** will offer academic transfer and relevant training programs close to home for students, many who hold down jobs while attending school.

How will a bond referendum affect me?

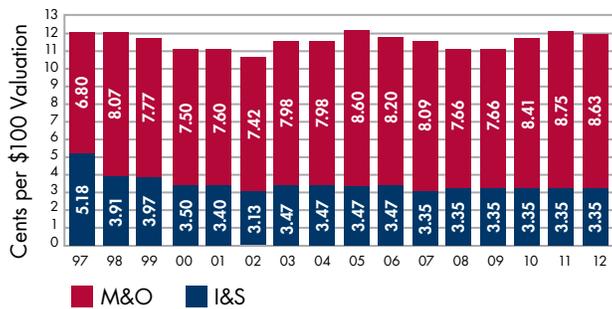
No tax rate increase

LSCS Board members were adamant that all plans being considered to accommodate LSCS's historical growth could be implemented without burdening the LSCS taxpayers – which translates into **no tax rate increase**.

Tax freeze for homeowners 65 years of age or older

The LSCS Board of Trustees implemented a tax freeze in 2006 for residents 65 years of age or older and disabled residents residing in the LSCS service area. That tax freeze continues today for these residents, where the tax dollar amount is frozen as of the date the taxpayer qualifies for the exemption, even if the property value increases.

Total Tax Rates 1997–2012



M & O – represents tax rate for Maintenance and Operating.

I & S – represents tax rate for Interest and Sinking fund, which includes construction debt.

Note: The I & S rate has not changed for the past 6 years and is lower than it was in 2003 and 2004.

How is it possible to build more buildings and not raise tax rates?

- LSCS is able to absorb construction debt because of its strong financial foundation through **superior budget management** and **accelerated pay down** of previous debt.
- LSCS also maintains administrative operating expenses **below 12 percent**, which is among the lowest of any college in the nation.
- LSCS has benefited from eight **credit rating increases** in the last 10 years and maintains a **AAA bond rating** from Standard and Poor's Ratings, which allows the college to **save millions of dollars in interest** expense.
- The LSCS **tax rate is the same as it was 15 years ago** and the college system's past two bond referendums did not cause an increase in the tax rate.
- LSCS has received the **Certificate of Excellence** in Financial Reporting each year since 2004.



System-wide support projects - \$84.1 million

- Campus safety and security improvements
- Technology infrastructure upgrades and expansion
- Program management and land acquisitions
- Cost and growth contingencies
- New educational support building – 46,000 sf
- Increase parking – 210 spaces



LSC-North Harris - \$120 million

- New instructional building – 70,000 sf
- New workforce training building – 50,000 sf
- New instructional building – 50,000 sf
- Increase parking – 930 spaces
- New loop road and Richey Road entry drive
- LSC-Victory Center expansion – 25,000 sf
- Future East Aldine Center – 85,000 sf +650 parking



LSC-Tomball - \$102.2 million

- New student services/instructional building – 60,000 sf
- Increase parking – 300 spaces
- New campus entry drive
- Build-out Health Science Building – 20,000 sf
- Future Creekside Center – 85,000 sf +650 parking
- Future Magnolia Center – 85,000 sf +650 parking



LSC-University Park - \$59.3 million

- New instructional science building – 50,000 sf
- New instructional arts building – 45,000 sf
- Increase parking – 170 spaces