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Tuloso-Midway voters to consider bonds for district



Tuloso-Midway Primary School first-grade teacher Raquel Covarrubias leads a class through the Spanish alphabet, Dec. 8, 2023, in Corpus Christi. ANGELA PIAZZA/CALLER-TIMES FILE

Funds would pay for school additions, maintenance

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USA TODAY NETWORK - TEXAS

The Tuloso-Midway Independent School District has called for a school bond election in May.

On May 2, Tuloso-Midway voters will be asked to consider two propositions totaling \$140 million to address aging facilities in the school district and technology. The propositions would result in tax increases.

The Tuloso-Midway ISD Board of Trustees voted on Feb. 9 to put the measures on the ballot. The district recently moved to acquire land for a new junior

high school through eminent domain, making progress on a project from the district's last bond election, approved in 2023.

Superintendent Steve VanMatre previously told the Caller-Times that because land acquisition for a new junior high school was delayed, costs for the project increased, meaning that the district did not have funds remaining for previously planned roof and HVAC projects at other campuses. These maintenance projects are included in the new bond proposal.

Here's what's included in the upcoming 2026 bond election:

Band hall, pavilion, maintenance among projects in Proposition A

Proposition A, totaling \$136 million, includes additions to Tuloso-Midway High School and maintenance projects at Tuloso-Midway Middle School, Tuloso-Midway Intermediate School and Tuloso-Midway Primary School.

This includes \$30 million for a new high school band hall and \$25 million for a new high school field house. The high school agriculture facility has needs totaling \$250,000. A multipurpose pavilion would cost \$7 million.

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TEXAS GOVERNOR'S RACE

Abbott warns of blue wave with voters

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Republican incumbent Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is sounding the alarm about a potential blue wave in the state after Democrats continue to surge in elections.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10 in a campaign donation email, his campaign noted "the numbers are in, and here's a gut-punch reality check."

The Abbott campaign stated:

- Texas House Democrats posted record-shattering fundraising numbers for 2025, with money pouring in from all 50 states.

- Democrat voter enthusiasm is surging - they're motivated, angry, and ready to swarm the polls.

- In many of the most important races across the nation, Democrats are outperforming Republicans by huge margins.

Mincing no words to supporters, Abbott's campaign said "worst of all: history is working against Republicans as the party in power in the mid-terms. This isn't just politics. This is about our future and our freedoms," the email said.

Gina Hinojosa says 'Latino voters are driving change'

This comes on the heels of Gina Hinojosa, the leading Democratic candidate for Texas governor, saying there is surge building in Texas this year.

On Feb. 3, Hinojosa joined Jake Tapper on CNN to discuss the special election victory in State Senate District 9 in Fort Worth and what it signals about Democratic momentum

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THINGS TO DO

What to do in Corpus Christi area Feb. 12 through Feb. 15

John Oliva
Corpus Christi Caller Times
USA TODAY NETWORK - TEXAS

Not sure what to do this weekend? There's plenty of fun things to check out in the Coastal Bend area, whether it's with family, friends, a romantic partner or just yourself.

Here's what the Caller-Times thinks you should attend:

Feb. 12

- Coastal Bend Music & Film Indus-

try Symposium: House of Rock will host the annual Coastal Bend Music & Film Industry Symposium, a networking event for local musicians and filmmakers, at 8:30 a.m. Cost: Free. Information: texashouseofrock.com.

- **Galentines Party:** Join Brewster Street Southside for its annual Galentines Party at 5550 Holly Road. Enjoy a girls' night out with live music, giveaways, local vendors, specialty cocktails and more. Time: 4 p.m. Cost: Free to attend. Information: facebook.com/

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The cast of "Come from Away" performs "Ten Years Later/Finale" during a dress rehearsal of "Come from Away" at Aurora Arts Theatre in Corpus Christi on Jan. 15. JOHN OLIVA/CALLER-TIMES

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