

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTIES OF CARSON, GRAY, DONLEY AND ARMSTRONG §

**TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Groom Independent School District, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Groom Independent School District, a substantial copy of which Order is printed below.

**ORDER OF GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND  
PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION  
AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO**

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GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Groom Independent School District (the "District") held a specially called meeting on August 22, 2016, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Bond Election (the "Election") hereinafter ordered; and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the public interest that the Election hereinafter ordered should be conducted jointly with Carson County, Gray County, Donley County and Armstrong County (the "Counties"); (2) the Election meets the requirements for a joint election under Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public's interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on November 8, 2016, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code; and,

WHEREAS, the District, contemporaneously with this Order, has by Resolutions dated August 22, 2016, approved agreements to provide for election services and to conduct the Election jointly with Carson County, Gray County, Donley County and Armstrong County (the "Election Agreements").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof. The Election shall be held for the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2016. Such Election is to be conducted jointly with each of the Counties, as provided by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and the Election Agreements. The Election shall occur at the District's designated voting precincts; the boundaries thereof and the polling places therefore are hereby established in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes, and the Election shall be conducted by the election officers who are hereby appointed to hold said Election, as set out in Exhibit "A," or who may be determined by the District hereafter.

2. The Presiding Judge for each election precinct shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than eight (8) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election; provided that if each Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. Early voting shall be conducted according to the Election Agreements. The early voting for the residents of the respective Counties shall be conducted at the Early Voting Locations specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being October 24, 2016 through November 4, 2016. The dates and hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be as specified on Exhibit "B," and the Early Voting Locations shall at all times remain open during such times indicated for early voting by personal appearance.

4. The Election shall be administered by the Carson County, Armstrong County, Donley County and Gray County election officials in their respective counties, pursuant to the terms of the Election Agreements and in accordance with the Texas Election Code, Texas Education Code, the Texas Constitution, and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

5. In accordance with the Election Agreements, **Celeste Bichsel** shall be the Joint Early Voting Clerk for early voting conducted in Carson County, Texas; **Karen Goodman**, shall be the Joint Early Voting Clerk for early voting conducted in Gray County, Texas; **Alice Fay Vargas** shall be the Joint Early Voting Clerk for early voting conducted in Donley County, Texas; and, **Tawnee Irene Blodgett** shall be the Joint Early Voting Clerk for early voting conducted in Armstrong County, Texas.

6. Applications for early voting by mail for District voters residing in Carson County shall be sent to **Celeste Bichsel**, Carson County Clerk, by mail to: PO Box 487, Panhandle, TX 79068, or by email to [celeste.bichsel@co.carson.tx.us](mailto:celeste.bichsel@co.carson.tx.us).

7. Applications for early voting by mail for District voters residing in Gray County shall be sent to **Karen Goodman**, Gray County Elections Administrator, by mail to: PO Box 2493, Pampa, TX 79066, or by email to: [voters@graycch.com](mailto:voters@graycch.com).

8. Applications for early voting by mail for District voters residing in Donley County shall be sent to **Alice Fay Vargas**, Donley County Clerk, by mail to: PO Drawer U, Clarendon, TX 79226, or by email to: [doncoclerk@windstream.net](mailto:doncoclerk@windstream.net).

9. Applications for early voting by mail for District voters residing in Armstrong County shall be sent to **Tawnee Irene Blodgett**, Armstrong County Clerk, by mail to: PO Box 309, Claude, TX 79019, or by email to: [clerk@co.armstrong.tx.us](mailto:clerk@co.armstrong.tx.us).

10. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2016.

11. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election. Rose England is appointed as Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board for the District. The Presiding Judge shall, in turn, appoint at least two (2) other members to serve on the Early Voting Ballot Board.

12. All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

13. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION, setting forth the purpose for which the bonds will be authorized, shall be submitted in accordance with law:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Trustees of Groom Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$19,500,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, and the purchase of new school buses, with the bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

14. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

**PROPOSITION**

	)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,500,000 OF BONDS BY GROOM
	)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
_____	FOR	) ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL
	)	BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL
_____	AGAINST	) BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF

15. The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 14 above. The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 13 above. The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$19,500,000. If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

16. Based upon current market conditions at the date of the adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate of the bonds or any series of bonds, if authorized, is 4.0%. Such maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. Market conditions may vary at the time the bonds are sold and affect the available interest rate.

17. If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a specified period not to exceed 40 years. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$1,435,000. The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$417,385. The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District at the time the Election is ordered is \$0.044 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

18. Notice of the Election, in both English and Spanish, shall contain a copy of this Order with all information required by law, including the locations and times for early voting and election day voting, as well as the proposition and ballot language to be submitted to the voters (the "Notice"). The Notice shall be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day or later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21<sup>st</sup> day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.

19. The Notice shall also be posted: (i) on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and, (ii) not later than the 21st day before the Election, in 3 public places within the boundaries of the District. During the 21 days before the Election, the Notice shall also be prominently posted on the District's internet web site. All other necessary Notices shall be posted and delivered, as may be required by law.

20. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law, except as modified by the Texas Education Code.

21. The Election shall be conducted as a joint election with and administered by the election officials for Carson County, Gray County, Donley County and Armstrong County according to the times of the Election Agreement. The Election Agreements with each County in the form and substance presented at this meeting are hereby approved, and the Superintendent or President of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate actions on behalf of the District as necessary in connection with each Agreement.

22. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President or Superintendent, in consultation with the District's legal counsel, are hereby authorized and may make changes to the Election Agreements, polling places, election judges and officers, and election procedures in the event changes are required, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with state and federal law in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**EXHIBIT A**

**GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES**

Voting for the Groom Independent School District's Bond Election shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2016, at the following designated polling places and with the following election officers, who are appointed to hold said election:

***District voters must vote in the County Precinct and County in which they reside***

<i><b>District Polling Place</b></i>	<i><b>County and County Precinct Number</b></i>	<i><b>Polling Place Address</b></i>	<i><b>Election Judge / Alternate Judge</b></i>
1	Carson County Precinct 101	Groom Community Center 100 Broadway Groom, TX 79039	Dondra Downs Debbie Ollinger
2	Carson County Precincts 102 and 401	White Deer Community Center 5th and Paul White Deer, TX 79097	Vickie Hillis Sarah Chaney
3	Gray County Precinct 3	Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District 11676 FM 293 Groom, TX 79039	Jenna Bowers Deborah Davis
4	Donley County Precinct 102	Howardwick City Hall 224 Rick Husband Blvd. Howardwick, TX 79226	Tommye Duncan Mary Vorheis
5	Armstrong County Precinct 202	Armstrong County Courthouse 100 Trice St., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Claude, TX 79019	Nancy Patterson Tammy Keesee

**Exhibit B**

**GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

***District voters must vote in the County in which they reside***

<i><b>County</b></i>	<i><b>Main Early Voting Polling Place</b></i>	<i><b>Dates of Early Voting</b></i>	<i><b>Hours of Early Voting</b></i>
Carson-Main	Carson County Courthouse County Clerk's Office 501 Main St. Panhandle, TX 79068	October 24-October 28, 2016 (Monday-Friday) October 31-November 4, 2016 (Monday-Friday)	8:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm 8:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Gray-Main	Gray County Courthouse 200 N. Russell, 2nd Floor Pampa, TX 79065	October 24-October 28, 2016 (Monday-Friday) October 31-November 4, 2016 (Monday-Friday)	8:00 am to 5:00 pm 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Donley-Main	Donley County Clerk's Office Annex 300 South Sully St. Clarendon, TX 79226	October 24-October 28, 2016 (Monday-Friday) October 31-November 4, 2016 (Monday-Friday)	8:00 am to 5:00 pm 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Armstrong-Main	Armstrong County Courthouse 100 Trice St. Claude, TX 79019	October 24-October 27, 2016 (Monday-Thursday) October 28, 2016 (Friday) October 31-November 3, 2016 (Monday-Thursday) November 4, 2016 (Friday)	7:30 am to 6:00 pm 9:00 am to 12:00 pm 7:30 am to 6:00 pm 9:00 am to 12:00 pm