After the vote.

A working guide for boards and leadership teams: read your results, choose a path and plan the next 90 days.

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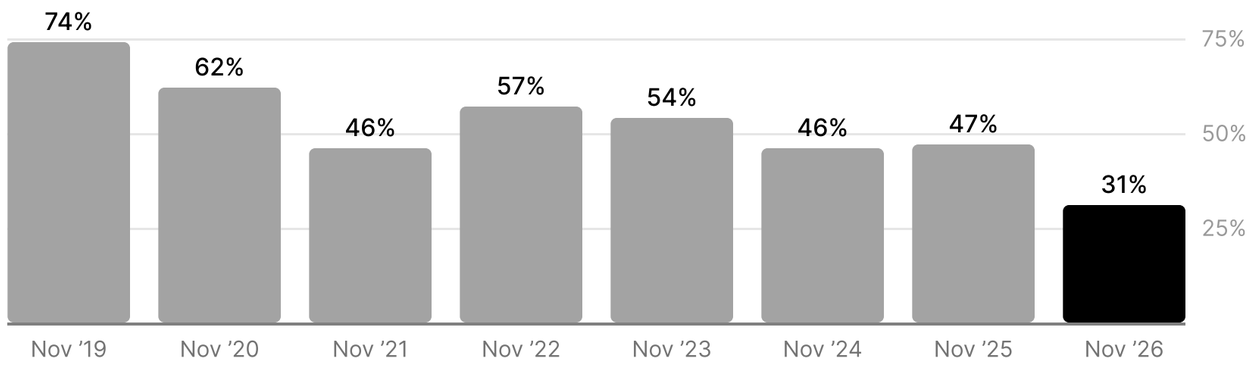
31%

of Texas school bond propositions passed (24 of 77): the lowest share at any uniform election since at least 2019. 22 of 33 districts passed nothing.

Share of school bond propositions passed, November elections



01 Your results at a glance

Fill in before your first board discussion.

What percent voted yes on each proposition?	Prop A 48% Prop B _____ Prop C _____ Example in gray: write the yes percentage for each proposition.
Which proposition got the most support? The least?	Most _____ Least _____ Only one proposition? Skip this row.
How many people voted, compared with your last bond election?	This election _____ Last time _____
Do we know why people voted no?	☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ Not yet

Where to find it: your county elections office's official canvass reports results by proposition and by precinct, plus total ballots cast.

02 Four paths districts take

Most districts combine two or three.

01

Hear from the community

Run a community survey and hold board and community listening sessions before deciding.

02

Return soon

A quicker return, often with the same core plan or a new date.

03

Reshape the plan

Phase work, renovate vs. replace, revisit enrollment and costs.

04

Pause and inform

Share what you heard and what happens in the meantime.

03 Which path fits?

Read your results, then start here.

IF YOU SEE…		CONSIDER	PATH
A narrow loss, and your main proposition (usually Prop A) got the most support	→	**Return soon, or the same plan on a different date**	02
A wider loss, or support split across propositions	→	**Survey and listen first, then reshape the plan**	01 → 03
You don't yet know why people voted no	→	**Survey and listen before deciding anything**	01
The board or community isn't ready to go back	→	**Pause, report back and keep listening**	04

Pfluger's working guidance, not a formula. Since 2019, districts that waited a year or more after losing every proposition passed their next attempt 68% of the time (51% when they went back sooner), and May elections passed 72% of propositions (54% in November). These are patterns, not rules.

04 Listen before you decide

The most important step, whichever path you take.

Community survey

A well-designed survey of residents shows why people voted the way they did. It reaches quieter voices, including people who rarely come to meetings.

REACHES	The whole community, not just the most engaged
YOU LEARN	Why people voted no, which parts had support and what information never reached them
WHEN	Weeks 2–6, with results shared publicly

Board and community listening sessions

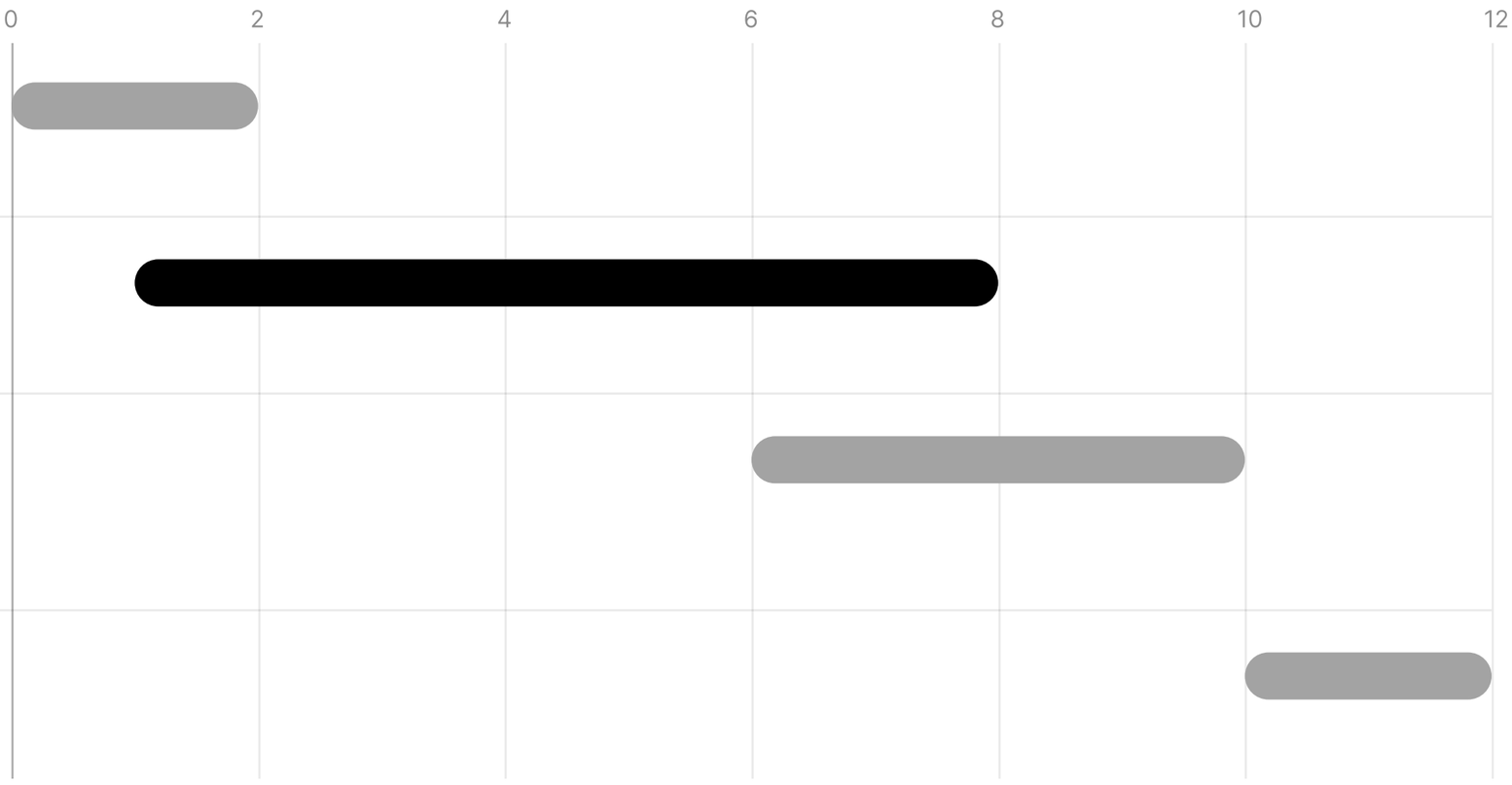
Board work sessions and community conversations where trustees hear directly from parents, staff, neighbors and campus communities.

REACHES	Parents, staff, neighbors and longtime critics
YOU LEARN	The stories and context behind the numbers
WHEN	Weeks 2–8, followed by a public report-back

Questions to bring to both: Where did it come close? · Who didn’t vote? · Was it “no to this plan” or “no to now”? · What did people say, and where?

05 A 90-day work plan

Weeks after the election · suggested



Thank & report back
Output: Public thank-you and a plain-language results summary
Owner: Superintendent, communications

Listen: survey + sessions
Output: Survey findings, listening-session notes and precinct analysis
Owner: Leadership team, board, communications

Share back & sort
Output: Community report-back; what to keep, change or separate
Owner: Board, facilities committee

Decide path & timing
Output: Board decision on path and election date
Owner: Board of trustees

06 Work back from the 2027 calendar

To hold a May 1 election, order it by Feb. 12.

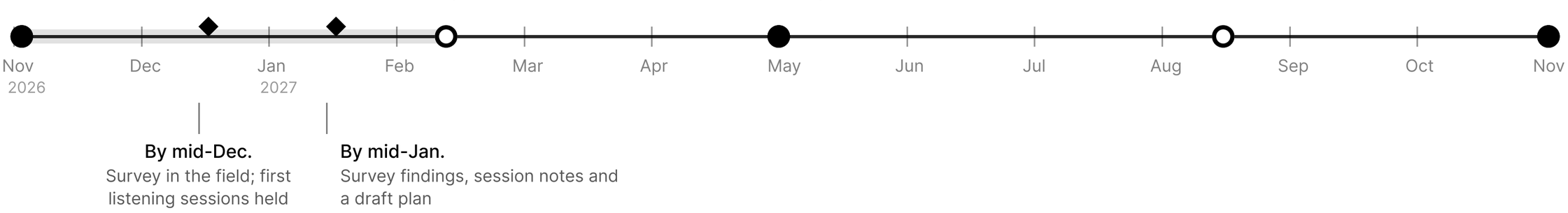
Nov. 3
Election

Feb. 12
Order a May election

May 1
Election day

Aug. 16
Order a Nov. election

Nov. 2
Election day



By mid-Dec.
Survey in the field; first listening sessions held

By mid-Jan.
Survey findings, session notes and a draft plan

07 For your next board meeting

- [ ] Have we surveyed the community, and when will we share what we learned?
- [ ] When and where will we hold listening sessions, and who haven’t we heard from yet?
- [ ] Which of these paths fit our community, and why?
- [ ] How and when will we report back on what we heard?
- [ ] Are we ready for May, or is November or later the better fit?

Pfluger’s bond planning and community engagement team designs and runs post-election community surveys, supports board and community listening sessions, and can revisit the facility plan behind the bond.

Talk with our team
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Sources: Pfluger Architects analysis of Texas Bond Review Board school bond records, May 2019–May 2026, and Nov. 2026 results as of Nov. 15, 2026 (unofficial until canvass and recounts close). 2027 order deadlines per the uniform election calendar; confirm with the Texas Secretary of State. Work plan, owners and checkpoints are suggested guidance.