

Westlake City Schools

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WESTLAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION DELAYS LEVY REQUEST TO ADDRESS FACILITIES

A dismal economy and a lack of substantial savings from a state bond program led to the Westlake Board of Education's decision to defer a planned ballot issue request to address facilities and to set its sights on spring.

The Board's decision came after a discussion on balancing the current economic and employment situation with the great need to address the Westlake City School District's aging facilities. The district has been examining its facilities issue for more than a year, gathering input and data from community groups and architectural reports. The bottom line is the district must address aging and overcrowded facilities to maintain its status as an "Excellent" school district.

"The Board and many community members have spent time analyzing the challenges of our facilities but this economy makes putting a bond issue on the ballot, at this time, not the best option for our schools or community," said Board President Andrea Rocco.

"Our facilities need to be addressed but we must also be responsible and accountable to the community with how their tax dollars are being spent. During this additional time we will look for ways to make this facilities plan for cost effective and we hope the economy will improve."

The Board and the district remain committed to developing a long-range vision for the community that will account for school facilities now and in the future. Stay informed on the facilities process by visiting the district web site at www.wlake.org/facilities.

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