

# Staley Middle School

## 25 Year Refresh

In November 2018, Frisco ISD voters approved a \$691 million bond package to provide funding to build new schools and facilities and maintain and repair existing facilities. Part of the package earmarked \$29 million to provide cosmetic updates to 25-year-old campuses, including:

- Staley Middle School
- Curtsinger Elementary
- Smith Elementary
- Christie Elementary
- Anderson Elementary

These refreshes were scheduled to take place between 2020 and 2024, during the summers when students are out of school.

\$8 million of the \$29 million earmarked for 25-year refresh campuses was allocated to update Staley. Since Staley received new paint and carpet in 2017, the 25-year refresh was planned for the summer of 2022 or 2023.

The original scope of work planned for Staley from the 2018 bond program included cosmetic updates such as carpet, paint, tile, restrooms, and new LED lighting.

In the fall of 2021, as FISD was designing Wilkinson Middle School, district leaders decided to engage an architect to envision a redesign of Staley that would incorporate some of the learning spaces conceptualized for Wilkinson. In the spring of 2022, FISD engaged VLK Architects and reappropriated \$12 million from other bond projects to bring the total budget for Staley up to \$20 million.

During the renovation design phase, a septic scan revealed that the remaining lifespan of Staley's cast iron plumbing system was short and would need to be replaced in the next 5-7 years. District leaders paused the renovation project to evaluate options, as \$20 million would not be enough money to replace the plumbing and renovate the building.

In the fall of 2023, FISD engaged a bond exploration committee to begin planning for a new bond program. District leaders and VLK Architects discussed the history of the 25-year refresh plan for Staley and the possibility of building a new campus for the Staley community on land adjacent to the current building.

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The bond exploration committee ultimately voted to include a new campus for Staley in the 2024 bond program. The 2024 bond program was presented to the School Board in July 2024, and an election was held on November 5, 2024.

Frisco ISD voters did not approve the 2024 bond program, including the proposed new campus for Staley.

In December 2024, District leadership sent a survey to the community to learn which factors drove the community's votes and what the community's priorities would be for a future bond program.

The 25-year refresh project for Staley remains on hold, and the \$20 million earmarked for the project remains unspent. As FISD evaluates options, district leaders must consider the following:

- The \$20 million budget is not enough money to replace the plumbing and renovate the building, and FISD does not have enough bond money left from the 2018 bond program to add to the budget for Staley or to build a new campus.
- A study will need to be conducted to determine whether the plumbing can be wholly replaced without damaging the structural integrity of the building's foundation. This was not completed previously because the district shifted focus from a renovation to a new building.
- A full plumbing replacement and interior renovation cannot be completed during the summer when students are out of school. Therefore, students may have to be displaced for a period of time to move forward with the project.

While the refresh project is on hold, Staley's building systems and infrastructure will continue to be regularly repaired and maintained.

### Staley Middle School Construction History

- 1973 - Frisco High School (now Staley Middle School) was built
- 1996 - The building was fully renovated to become a middle school
- 2003 - Building-wide carpet and paint
- 2006 - Cooling tower and energy management system controls replaced

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- 2007 - Fire alarms replaced
- 2008 - Interior T5 lighting replaced
- 2013 - Domestic boiler replaced
- 2015 - Hydronic boiler and fire suppression system replaced
- 2016 - Geothermal heat pumps and energy management system controls replaced
- 2017 - Building-wide carpet and paint
- 2019 - Interior/exterior LED lighting retrofit