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### **Lubbock Chamber Announces Support of Lubbock-Cooper ISD Bond Measures**

**LUBBOCK, Texas** – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce today announced its support of the Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District bond proposal.

“We know that a strong education system is crucial to preparing young people for good jobs, bright futures and sustaining a 21st century workforce that can compete in the global economy,” said Chamber Chairwoman Beth Bridges. “The Chamber is focused on helping our local school districts develop a workforce that will attract investment, drive growth, and spur innovation.”

The \$208.2 million proposed bond package will be on the May 7 ballot and would not increase property taxes.

As the third fastest growing school district in the state, the bond package will help to accommodate the hundreds of students enrolling in the district each year by building two new elementary school campuses, a third middle school campus, and expanding several other existing campuses.

Lubbock-Cooper ISD is growing at an average annual rate of 8.1 percent and increased its student population by 515 students last year alone.

“The role of the Chamber is to act as the catalyst for positive change in the Lubbock community, and education is a critical component of that mission,” Bridges said. “The Chamber supports this effort to ensure our local school districts not only remain competitive among other districts, but that graduates will one day be competitive in the labor force.”

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,000 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. The Chamber has twice earned the distinguished 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is a two-time Chamber of the Year recognized by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.