

**WACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
WISD Conference Center
115 S 5th Street
Waco, Texas 76701**

Thursday, August 14, 2025 - 6:00 PM

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Waco Independent School District will be held August 14, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the WISD Conference Center, 115 S 5th Street, Waco, Texas.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice/agenda.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
3. **Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, Setting the Proposed Tax Rate and the Date, Time and Place for the Public Meeting**
Presenter: Sheryl Davis
4. **Review and Discuss the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year**
Presenter: Sheryl Davis
5. **Review and Discuss Potential Contracts on Real Property**
6. **Consideration of Personnel**
 - 6.A. Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee
 - 6.B. Hear a Complaint or Charge Against an Officer or Employee
7. **Adjournment**

Waco Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

Date: August 14, 2025

Contact Person: Sheryl Davis

RE: Consider, Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Regarding the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, Setting the Proposed Tax Rate and the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Meeting

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Background Information:

In accordance with Texas Education Code Section 44.004, NOTICE OF BUDGET AND TAX RATE MEETING; BUDGET ADOPTION, when the budget has been prepared under section 44.002, the president shall call a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of adopting a budget for the succeeding fiscal year. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. The president shall provide for the publication of notice of the budget and proposed tax rate meeting in a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper published in the district.

Inasmuch as the budget has been prepared as required under Section 44.002, the Board of Trustees should consider the proposed tax rate and set the date, time, and place to invite public discussion on the proposed 2025-2026 budget and the 2025 tax rate to support the proposed budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown on the notice unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

A public notice of the date of the meeting will be published in the Waco Tribune between the 30th and 10th day prior to the public meeting. A copy of the notice, to be published, is attached along with the tax rate calculation forms used by the District's designated officer, the Chief Financial Officer, to calculate the District's no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Administrative Recommendations:

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, setting the proposed tax rate and the date, time, and place for the public meeting, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waco ISD Administration Building.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Waco ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 28, 2025 in Waco ISD Administration Building Conference Center 115 South 5th St Waco TX 76701. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.766400/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.260200/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-3.04 % decrease
Debt Service	0.59 % increase
Total Expenditures	-2.57 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$14,239,440,610	\$14,417,713,628
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$249,487,970	\$170,171,853
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$8,517,131,178	\$8,354,461,480
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$212,155,454	\$155,086,598

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$444,040,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$0.766400	\$0.282500	\$1.048900	\$7,737	\$6,957
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.694100	\$0.260230	\$0.954330	\$7,117	\$7,591
Proposed Rate	\$0.766400	\$0.260200	\$1.026600	\$7,642	\$7,824

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$239,496	\$246,768
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$110,918	\$91,698
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.048900	\$1.026600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,163.42	\$941.37
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-222.05

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.026625. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.026625.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$48,900,057
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$5,571,932

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

Form 50-859

School Districts without Chapter 313 and JETI Agreements

Waco ISD	254-755-9440
School District's Name	Phone (area code and number)
PO Box 27 Waco, TX 76703	https://www.wacoisd.org
School District's Address, City, State, ZIP Code	School District's Website Address

GENERAL INFORMATION: Tax Code Section 26.04(c) requires an officer or employee designated by the governing body to calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for the taxing unit. These tax rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated. The calculation process starts after the chief appraiser delivers to the taxing unit the certified appraisal roll or certified estimate of value and the estimated values of properties under protest. The designated officer or employee shall submit the rates to the governing body by August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable. Tax Code Section 26.04(e-1) does not require school districts to certify tax rate calculations or comply with certain Tax Code notice requirements. School districts are required to provide notice regarding tax rate calculations pursuant to Education Code Chapter 44.

This worksheet is for **school districts without Tax Code Chapter 313 or Government Code Chapter 403, Subchapter T, Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act (JETI) agreements only.** School districts that have a Chapter 313 or JETI agreement should use Comptroller Form 50-884 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School Districts with Chapter 313 and JETI Agreements*.

Water districts as defined under Water Code Section 49.001(1) do not use this form. Use Comptroller Form 50-858 *Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet for Low Tax Rate and Developing Districts* or Comptroller Form 50-860 *Developed Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet*.

All other taxing units should use Comptroller Form 50-856 *Tax Rate Calculation, Taxing Units Other Than School Districts or Water Districts*.

The Comptroller's office provides this worksheet to assist taxing units in determining tax rates. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) provides detailed information on and guidance to school districts in calculating their tax rates. Please review and rely on information provided by TEA when completing this worksheet. Additionally, the information provided in this worksheet is offered as technical assistance and not legal advice. Taxing units should consult legal counsel for interpretations of law regarding tax rate preparation and adoption.

SECTION 1: No-New-Revenue Tax Rate

The no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of revenue if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years (no new taxes). When appraisal values increase, the NNR tax rate should decrease.

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
1.	Prior year total taxable value. Enter the amount of the prior year taxable value on the prior year tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude one-fourth and one-third over-appraisal corrections made under Tax Code Section 25.25(d) from these adjustments. Exclude any property value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42 as of July 25 (will add undisputed value in Line 6). This total includes the taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 2). ¹	\$ 8,126,677,171
2.	Prior year tax ceilings. Enter the prior year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ²	\$ 719,796,592
3.	Preliminary prior year adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.	\$ 7,406,880,579
4.	Prior year total adopted tax rate.	\$ 1.048940 / \$100
5.	Prior year taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced prior year appraised value. A. Original prior year ARB values: \$ 235,360,240 B. Prior year values resulting from final court decisions: - \$ 188,120,218 C. Prior year value loss. Subtract B from A. ³	\$ 47,240,022
6.	Prior year taxable value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42, as of July 25. A. Prior year ARB certified value: \$ 986,182,560 B. Prior year disputed value: - \$ 153,308,110 C. Prior year undisputed value. Subtract B from A. ⁴	\$ 832,874,450
7.	Prior year Chapter 42-related adjusted values. Add Line 5 and 6.	\$ 880,114,472
8.	Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Add Line 3 and Line 7.	\$ 8,286,995,051

¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)
² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)
³ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)
⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
9.	Prior year taxable value of property in territory the school deannexed after Jan. 1, of the prior year. Enter the prior year value of property in deannexed territory. ⁵	\$ 0
10.	<p>Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in the current year. If the school district increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport goods-in-transit, or temporary disaster exemptions. Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption in the current year does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value.</p> <p>A. Absolute exemptions. Use prior year market value: \$ 8,157,933</p> <p>B. Partial exemptions. Current year exemption amount or current year percentage exemption times prior year value: .. + \$ 620,646,755</p> <p>C. Value loss. Add A and B.⁶</p>	\$ 628,804,688
11.	<p>Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in the current year. Use only properties that qualified in the current year for the first time; do not use properties that qualified in the prior year.</p> <p>A. Prior year market value. \$ 40,379</p> <p>B. Current year productivity or special appraised value: - \$ 500</p> <p>C. Value loss. Subtract B from A.⁷</p>	\$ 39,879
12.	Total adjustments for lost value. Add Lines 9, 10C and 11C.	\$ 628,844,567
13.	Adjusted prior year taxable value. Subtract Line 12 from Line 8.	\$ 7,658,150,484
14.	Adjusted prior year total levy. Multiply Line 4 by Line 13 and divide by \$100.	\$ 80,329,403
15.	Taxes refunded for years preceding prior year. Enter the amount of taxes refunded by the district for tax years preceding the prior year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for the prior tax year. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year. ⁸	\$ 1,871,161
16.	<p>Adjusted prior year levy with refunds. Add Line 14 and Line 15.⁹</p> <p>Note: If the governing body of the school district governs a junior college district in a county with a population of more than two million, subtract the amount of taxes the governing body dedicated to the junior college district in the prior year from the result.</p>	\$ 82,200,564
17.	<p>Total current year taxable value on the current year certified appraisal roll today. This value includes only certified values and includes the total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in line 19). These homesteads include homeowners age 65 or older or disabled.¹⁰</p> <p>A. Certified values.¹¹ \$ 8,786,598,844</p> <p>B. Pollution control and energy storage system exemption: Deduct the value of property exempted for the current tax year for the first time as pollution control or energy storage system property: - \$ 0</p> <p>C. Total current year value. Subtract B from A.</p>	\$ 8,786,598,844
18.	<p>Total value of properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll.¹²</p> <p>A. Current year taxable value of properties under protest. The chief appraiser certifies a list of properties still under ARB protest. The list shows the appraisal district's value and the taxpayer's claimed value, if any, or an estimate of the value if the taxpayer wins. For each of the properties under protest, use the lowest of these values. Enter the total value under protest.¹³ \$ 16,687,470</p> <p>B. Current year value of properties not under protest or included on certified appraisal roll. The chief appraiser gives school districts a list of those taxable properties that the chief appraiser knows about but are not included in the appraisal roll certification. These properties are also not on the list of properties that are still under protest. On this list of properties, the chief appraiser includes the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the current year. Use the lower market, appraised or taxable value (as appropriate). Enter the total value not on the roll.¹⁴ + \$ 0</p> <p>C. Total value under protest or not certified. Add A and B.</p>	\$ 16,687,470

⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)
⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)
⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)
⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)
⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)
¹⁰ Tex. Tax Code §§26.012 and 26.04(c-2)
¹¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)
¹² Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c) and (d)
¹³ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c)
¹⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(d)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
19.	Current year tax ceilings. Enter current year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ¹⁵	\$ 453,043,776
20.	Anticipated contested value. Affected taxing units enter the contested taxable value for all property that is subject to anticipated substantial litigation. ¹⁶ An affected taxing unit is wholly or partly located in a county that has a population of less than 500,000 and is located on the Gulf of Mexico. ¹⁷ If completing this section, the taxing unit must include supporting documentation in Section 6. ¹⁸ Taxing units that are not affected, enter 0.	\$ 0
21.	Current year total taxable value. Add Lines 17C and 18C. Subtract Lines 19 and 20. ¹⁹	\$ 8,350,242,538
22.	Total current year taxable value of properties in territory annexed after Jan. 1, of the prior year. Include both real and personal property. Enter the current year value of property in territory annexed by the school district.	\$ 0
23.	Total current year taxable value of new improvements and new personal property located in new improvements. New means the item was not on the appraisal roll in the prior year. An improvement is a building, structure, fixture or fence erected on or affixed to land. New additions to existing improvements may be included if the appraised value can be determined. New personal property in a new improvement must have been brought into the school district after Jan. 1, of the prior year, and be located in a new improvement.	\$ 155,086,598
24.	Total adjustments to the current year taxable value. Add lines 22 and 23.	\$ 155,086,598
25.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Subtract line 24 from line 21.	\$ 8,195,155,940
26.	Current year NNR tax rate. Divide line 16 by line 25 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 1.003038 /\$100

SECTION 2: Voter-Approval Tax Rate

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that a taxing unit may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. Most school districts calculate a voter-approval tax rate that is split into three separate rates.²⁰

- Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR):** A district’s maximum compressed tax rate is defined as the tax rate for the current tax year per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which the district must levy a maintenance and operations tax to receive the full amount of the tier one allotment.²¹
- Enrichment Tax Rate:**²² A district’s enrichment tax rate is defined as any tax effort in excess of the district’s MCR and less than \$0.17. The enrichment tax rate is divided into golden pennies and copper pennies. School districts can claim up to 8 golden pennies, not subject to compression, and 9 copper pennies which are subject to compression with any increases in the guaranteed yield.²³
- Debt Rate:** The debt rate includes the debt service necessary to pay the school district’s debt payments in the coming year. This rate accounts for principal and interest on bonds and other debt secured by property tax revenue.

The MCR and Enrichment Tax Rate added together make up the school district’s maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate. Districts cannot increase the district’s M&O tax rate to create a surplus in M&O tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.²⁴

If a school district adopted a tax rate that exceeded its voter-approval tax rate without holding an election to respond to a disaster in the prior year, as allowed by Tax Code Section 26.042(e), the school district may not consider the amount by which it exceeded its voter-approval tax rate (disaster pennies) in the calculation this year. This adjustment will be made in Section 4 of this worksheet.

A district must complete an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a M&O tax rate higher than the calculated M&O tax rate, hold an open meeting to discuss the results of the audit, and post the results of the audit on the district’s website 30 days prior to the election.²⁵ Additionally, a school district located in an area declared a disaster by the governor may adopt a M&O tax rate higher than the calculated M&O tax rate during the two-year period following the date of the *declaration without conducting an efficiency audit*.²⁶ Districts should review information from TEA when calculating their voter-approval tax rate.

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
27.	Current year maximum compressed tax rate (MCR). TEA will publish compression rates based on district and statewide property value growth. Enter the school districts’ maximum compressed rate based on guidance from TEA. ²⁷	\$ 0.628100 /\$100

¹⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)(B)
¹⁶ Tex. Tax Code §§26.012(6)(C) and 26.012(1-b)
¹⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(1-a)
¹⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(d-3)
¹⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)
²⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.08(n)
²¹ Tex. Edu. Code §48.2551(a)(3)
²² Tex. Tax Code §26.08(i) and Tex. Edu. Code §45.0032
²³ Tex. Edu. Code §§48.202(a-1)(2) and 48.202(f)
²⁴ Tex. Edu. Code §45.0021(a)
²⁵ Tex. Edu. Code §11.184(b)
²⁶ Tex. Edu. Code §11.184(b-1)
²⁷ Tex. Edu. Code §§48.255, 48.2551(b)(1) and (b)(2)

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
28.	Current year enrichment tax rate. Enter the greater of A and B. ²⁸ A. Enter the district's prior year enrichment tax rate, minus any required reduction under Education Code Section 48.202(f) \$ 0.138300 /\$100 B. \$0.05 per \$100 of taxable value \$ 0.050000 /\$100	\$ 0.138300 /\$100
29.	Current year maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate. Add Lines 27 and 28. Note: M&O tax rate may not exceed the sum of \$0.17 and the district's maximum compressed rate. ²⁹	\$ 0.766400 /\$100
30.	Total current year debt to be paid with property tax revenue. Debt means the interest and principal that will be paid on debts that: (1) Are paid by property taxes; (2) Are secured by property taxes; (3) Are scheduled for payment over a period longer than one year; and (4) Are not classified in the school district's budget as M&O expenses. A. Debt includes contractual payments to other school districts that have incurred debt on behalf of this school district, if those debts meet the four conditions above. Include only amounts that will be paid from property tax revenue. Do not include appraisal district budget payments. If the governing body of a taxing unit authorized or agreed to authorize a bond, warrant, certificate of obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness on or after Sept. 1, 2021, verify if it meets the amended definition of debt before including it here. ³⁰ Enter debt amount: \$ 26,105,743 B. Subtract unencumbered fund amount used to reduce total debt. - \$ 0 C. Subtract state aid received for paying principal and interest on debt for facilities through the existing debt allotment program and/or instructional facilities allotment program..... - \$ 3,873,340 D. Adjust debt: Subtract B and C from A.	\$ 22,232,403
31.	Certified prior year excess debt collections. Enter the amount certified by the collector. ³¹	\$ 502,948
32.	Adjusted current year debt. Subtract line 31 from line 30D.	\$ 21,729,455
33.	Current year anticipated collection rate. If the anticipated rate in A is lower than actual rates in B, C and D, enter the lowest rate from B, C and D. If the anticipated rate in A is higher than at least one of the rates in the prior three years, enter the rate from A. Note that the rate can be greater than 100%. ³² A. Enter the current year anticipated collection rate certified by the collector. ³³ 100.00 % B. Enter the 2024 actual collection rate 102.00 % C. Enter the 2023 actual collection rate 97.00 % D. Enter the 2022 actual collection rate 103.00 %	100.00 %
34.	Current year debt adjusted for collections. Divide Line 32 by Line 33. Note: If the governing body of the school district governs a junior college district in a county with a population of more than two million, add the amount of taxes the governing body proposes to dedicate to the junior college district in the current year to the result.	\$ 21,729,455
35.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 8,350,242,538
36.	Current year debt rate. Divide Line 34 by Line 35 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.260225 /\$100
37.	Current year voter-approval tax rate. Add Lines 29 and 36. If the school district received distributions from an equalization tax imposed under former Chapter 18, Education Code, add the NNR tax rate as of the date of the county unit system's abolition to the sum of Lines 29 and 36. ³⁴	\$ 1.026625 /\$100

²⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.08(n)(2)
²⁹ Tex. Edu. Code §45.003(d)
³⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(7)
³¹ Tex. Tax Code §§26.012(10) and 26.04(b)
³² Tex. Tax Code §§26.04(h), (h-1) and (h-2)
³³ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(b)
³⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.08(g)

SECTION 3: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control

A school district may raise its rate for M&O funds used to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution. This includes any land, structure, building, installation, excavation, machinery, equipment or device that is used, constructed, acquired or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed pollution control requirements. The school district's expenses are those necessary to meet the requirements of a permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The school district must provide the tax assessor with a copy of the TCEQ letter of determination that states the portion of the cost of the installation for pollution control.

This section should only be completed by a school district that uses M&O funds to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution.

Line	Voter-Approval Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
38.	Certified expenses from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Enter the amount certified in the determination letter from TCEQ. ³⁵ The school district shall provide its tax assessor with a copy of the letter. ³⁶	\$ 0 _____
39.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 8,350,242,538 _____
40.	Additional rate for pollution control. Divide line 38 by line 39 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.000000 _____/\$100
41.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for pollution control. Add line 37 and line 40.	\$ 1.026625 _____/\$100

SECTION 4: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment in Year Following Disaster

If a school district adopted a tax rate that exceeded its voter-approval tax rate without holding an election to respond to a disaster in the prior year, as allowed by Tax Code Section 26.042(e), the school district may not consider the amount by which it exceeded its voter-approval tax rate in the calculation this year. ³⁷ As such, it must reduce its voter-approval tax rate for the current tax year.

This section applies to a school district in a disaster area that adopts a tax rate greater than its voter-approval tax rate without holding an election in the prior year, as provided for by Tax Code Section 26.042(e).

Line	Prior Year Disaster Adjustment Worksheet	Amount/Rate
42.	Prior year adopted tax rate. Enter the rate in Line 4 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1.048940 _____/\$100
43.	Prior voter-approval tax rate. If the school district adopted a tax rate above the prior year voter-approval tax rate without holding an election due to a disaster, enter the voter-approval tax rate from the prior year's worksheet.	\$ 0.000000 _____/\$100
44.	Increase in the prior year tax rate due to disaster (disaster pennies). Subtract Line 43 from Line 42.	\$ 0.000000 _____/\$100
45.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for prior year disaster. Subtract Line 44 from one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 37 or Line 41 (school districts with pollution control).	\$ 1.026625 _____/\$100

SECTION 5: Total Tax Rate

Indicate the applicable total tax rates as calculated above.

No-New-Revenue Tax Rate \$ 1.003038 _____/\$100

Enter the current year NNR tax rate from Line 26.

Voter-Approval Tax Rate \$ 1.026625 _____/\$100

As applicable, enter the current year voter-approval tax rate from Line 37, Line 41 or Line 45. Indicate the line number used: 37

³⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(d)
³⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(i)
³⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(f) and Tex. Edu. Code §45.0032(d)

SECTION 6: Addendum

An affected taxing unit that enters an amount described by Tax Code Section 26.012(6)(C) in Line 20 must include the following as an addendum:

1. Documentation that supports the exclusion of value under Tax Code Section 26.012(6)(C); and
2. Each statement submitted to the designated officer or employee by the property owner or entity as required by Tax Code Section 41.48(c)(2) for that tax year.

Insert hyperlinks to supporting documentation:

SECTION 7: School District Representative Name and Signature

Enter the name of the person preparing the tax rate as authorized by the governing body of the school district. By signing below, you certify that you are the designated officer or employee of the school district and have calculated the tax rates in accordance with requirements in Tax Code and Education Code.³⁸

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Randy H Riggs

Printed Name of School District Representative

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here** ▶

School District Representative



Date

8-6-25

³⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

Waco Independent School District

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

Date: August 14, 2025

Contact Person: Sheryl Davis

RE: Review and Discuss the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

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Background Information:

On or before a date set by the State Board of Education, the superintendent shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a proposed budget covering all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures of the district for the following fiscal year. The budget must be prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles; rules adopted by the State Board of Education; and adopted policies of the board of trustees.

The administration will present information on the proposed budgets for funds included in the official budget as well as three funds for which the District is the fiscal agent. Information will also be presented on the proposed tax rate including a review of the draft notice for publication.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Administrative Recommendations:

Action will be taken in a separate item to approve the proposed tax rate and set the date of the public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate.



2025-2026

Proposed Budget & Tax Rates

August 14, 2025

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Agenda

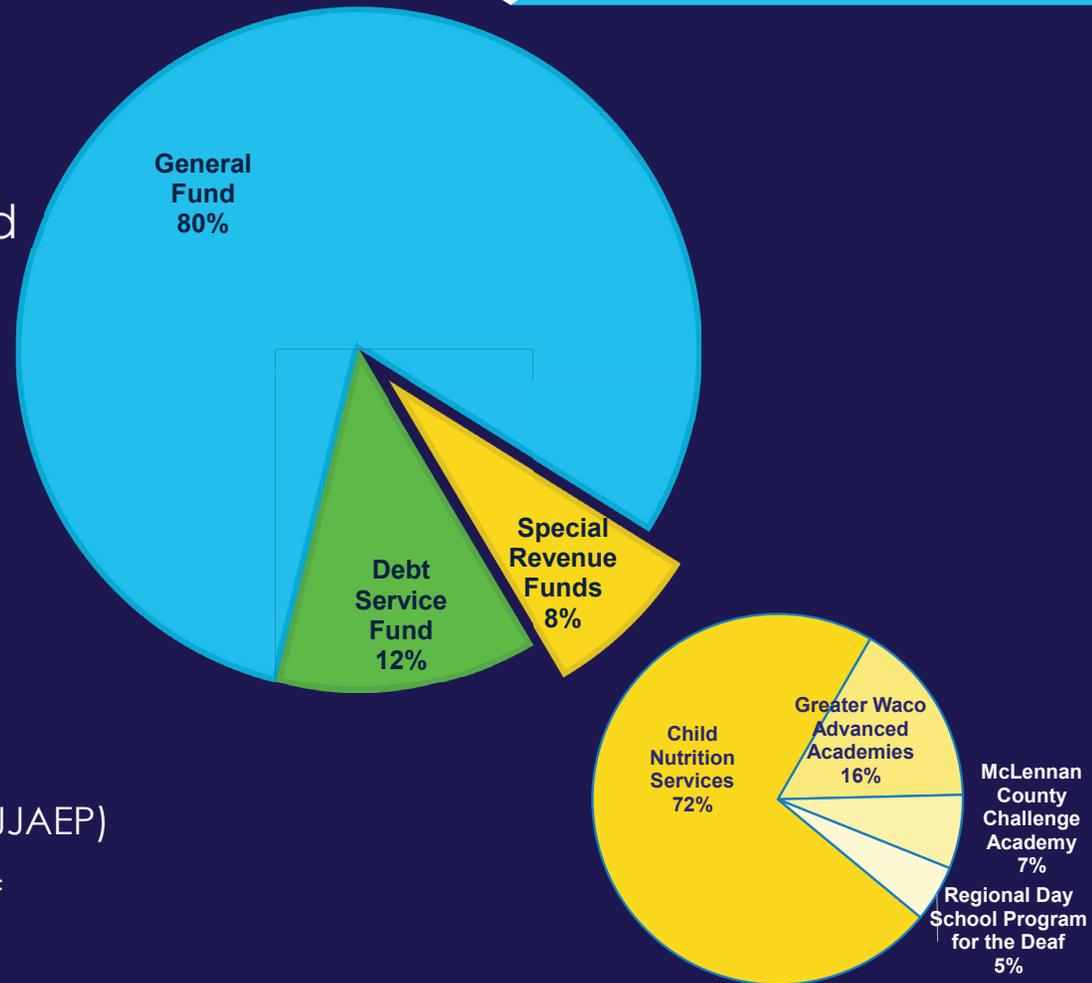
- Legal Requirements and Overview of the Budget Process
- Enrollment and Average Daily Attendance
- 2025 Certified Property Values and Proposed Tax Rates
- 2025-2026 Funds Required to be Adopted in the “Official” Budget
 - General Fund
 - Child Nutrition Fund
 - Debt Service Fund
- Other Budgets Required to be Adopted by the Board of Trustees

Legal Requirements

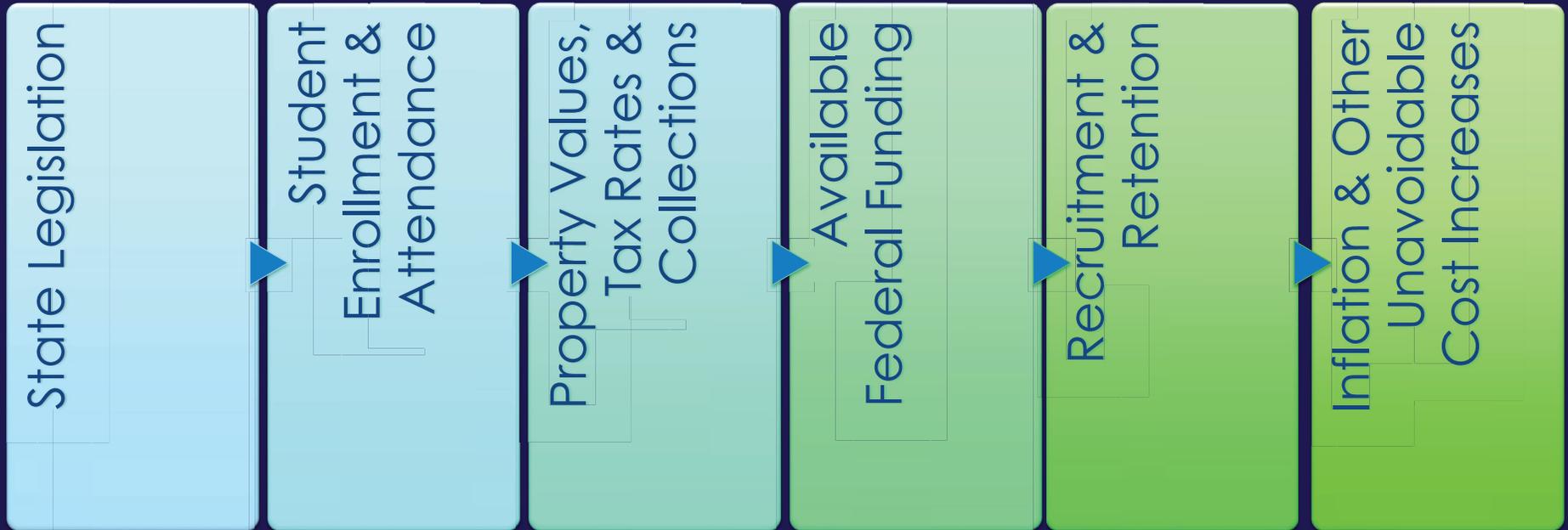
- Budgets must be developed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, i.e., modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when services are rendered or goods received
- For districts with a September 1 through August 31 fiscal year, a proposed budget must be prepared no later than August 20th
- A public hearing must be held prior to the adoption of the budget and tax rate
- Minimum ten day notice must be published in the local newspaper and on the district's website in required formats
- Budget must be adopted by August 31st
- Last day to adopt a tax rate is September 30th or 60 days after certification of roll
- Budget must be adopted prior to the approval of the tax rate

Legal Requirements

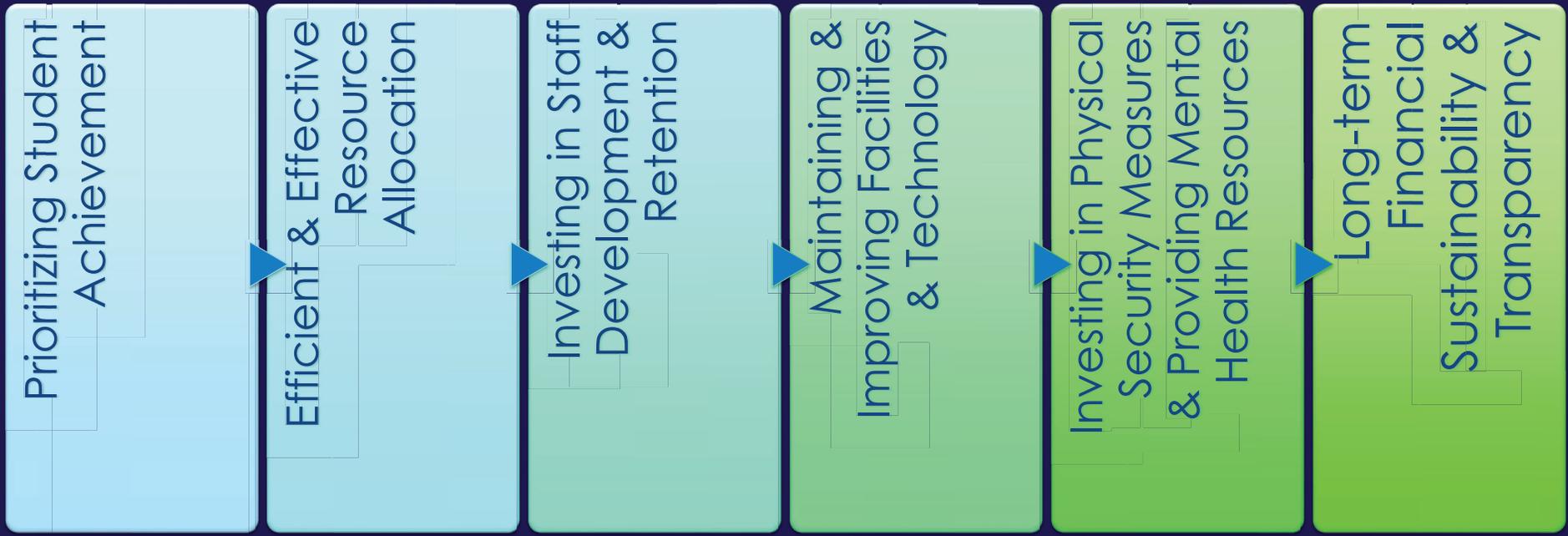
- Budgets included in the “Official” Budget and required to be adopted by the Board of Trustees:
 - General Fund
 - Child Nutrition Fund
 - Debt Service Fund
- Other local special revenue fund budgets approved by the Board include:
 - Greater Waco Advanced Academies
 - McLennan County Challenge Academy (JJAEP)
 - Regional Day School Program for the Deaf



Factors Influencing the Budget Process



Budget Goals



Funding of School Districts

Property Taxes

- Values determined by the McLennan County Appraisal District
- Tax rate comprised of:
 - Maintenance & Operations (M&O)
 - Interest & Sinking (I&S)
- M&O rate is compressed and capped each year to the lesser of state or local compression
- Additional enrichment pennies are available through a Voter-Approval Tax Rate (VATR) election

State Foundation School Program

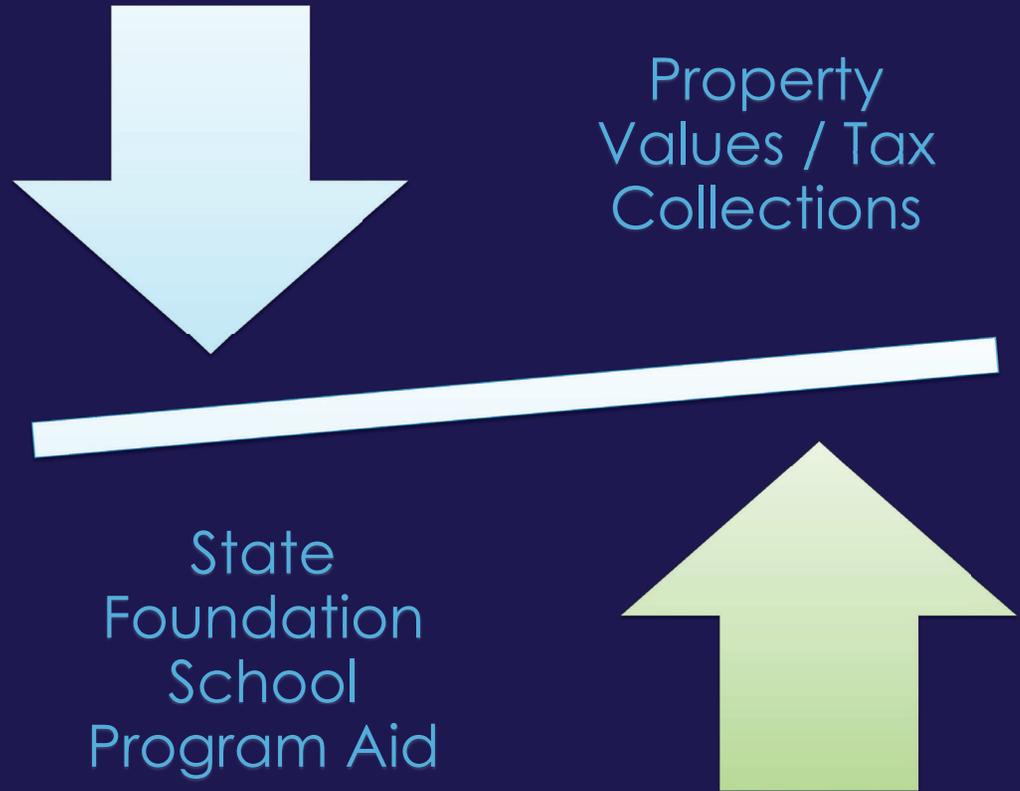
- State funding formulas set by the legislature
- Basic allotment of \$6,215, set for the biennium, is not adjusted for inflation
- Allotments are impacted by:
 - Enrollments
 - Average daily attendance (ADA)
 - Special population identification
 - Property values / wealth
 - Property tax collections
 - Enrichment pennies approved by local taxpayers (guaranteed yield)

Funding of School Districts

Over 90% of the General Fund's revenues comes from two sources

The relationship between State Foundation School Program Aid and Property Values / Tax Collections is such that as one increases, the other decreases, neutralizing the possibility of revenue increases

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Funding of School Districts

State Allotments are primarily based on average daily attendance (ADA) as reported through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) at the END of each school year

Special program allotments are based on weighted ADA and include:

- Bilingual Education
- Career & Technology
- College, Career, & Military Readiness
- Compensatory Education
- Dyslexia
- Early Childhood
- Gifted & Talented
- Special Education

Other allotments, as well as Tier II funding, are also dependent on ADA. However, the new teacher retention allotment is based on teacher counts & experience.

Enrollment & Average Daily Attendance

School Year	Fall PEIMS Enrollment	Total ADA per PEIMS Submission	Final ADA as a Percent of Fall PEIMS	TEA Summary of Finances ADA *with Hold Harmless	ADA Utilized for Budget Purposes	*State Hold Harmless Provisions
2018-2019	14,758	13,334	90.4%		13,301	
2019-2020	14,796	11,329	76.6%	13,354*	13,257	First 4 six weeks actual ADA with last two based on 2017-2018 ADA patterns
2020-2021	14,428	12,925	89.6%	13,188*	13,241	Received funding based on 2019-2020 ADA with 3-year trend of 100.4%, 13,537.681, difference came from ESSER funds
2021-2022	14,086	11,756	84.6%	12,503*	13,261	First 4 six weeks based on target percentage attendance rate from 2019-2020, 5 th & 6 th actual ADA
2022-2023	13,823	11,909	86.2%		12,461	
2023-2024	13,517	11,758	87.0%		11,816	
2024-2025	13,366	11,666	87.3%		11,645	
2025-2026	13,179	11,502	87.3%		11,502	Projected average daily attendance loss of 143

Projected enrollment loss of 187

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2025 Property Values

- Current year State-certified property values are used in the formulas to calculate State Foundation School Program revenue
- District must estimate those State values based on the local certified values
- Differences in values are primarily related to local exemptions and deductions such as the Freeport exemption, leased vehicles, pollution control, and solar energy deductions
- Legislation, particularly SB 4, SB 23, and HB 9 increased the Homestead Exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, the Over 65/Disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000 and the business personal property exemption to \$125,000
- While these changes must be approved by the voters in November, school districts are required to utilize the exemptions in setting the 2025 tax rates
- Estimated 2025 “T-2” value for State funding purposes is estimated at \$8,541,113,693

2025 Property Values

Tax Year	Net Taxable Values		Value Adjustment	Percent Change from:		Homestead Exemption
	Preliminary	Certified		Preliminary	Prior Year	
2018	\$ 6,530,822,722	\$ 6,341,596,283	\$ (189,226,439)	- 2.90%	+10.39%	\$ 25,000
2019	7,014,667,561	6,827,446,082	(187,221,479)	- 3.21%	+ 7.66%	25,000
2020	7,587,072,447	7,247,140,447	(339,932,000)	- 4.48%	+ 6.74%	25,000
2021	7,421,037,502	7,557,152,053	136,114,551	+ 1.83%	+ 4.28%	25,000
2022	9,773,735,622	8,838,221,086	(935,514,536)	- 9.57%	+16.95%	\$ 40,000
2023	10,101,801,466	9,191,914,689	(909,886,777)	- 9.01%	+ 4.00%	\$ 100,000
2024	9,808,290,401	9,237,012,137	(571,278,264)	- 5.82%	+ 0.49%	100,000
2025	9,165,084,795	8,807,683,968	(357,400,827)	- 3.90%	- 4.65%	\$ 140,000

Although the certified values have decreased 4.65% over last year's, if calculated without the additional homestead and over 65/disabled exemptions, the values increased 1.75%

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Other Effective Rate Assumptions

Property Count	43,179	
New Value		
Total New Value – Market	\$ 170,171,853	
Total New Value - Taxable	\$ 155,086,598	
New Exemptions Value Loss	\$ 43,632,578	
Increased Exemptions Value Loss	\$ 585,172,110	
Average Homestead Value	Last Year	This Year
Count of Homestead Residences	14,631	14,684
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 240,714	\$ 242,696
Average Homestead Residences Exemptions	\$ 129,980	\$ 153,221
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 110,727	\$ 89,475
	Market Value	Value Used
Count of Protested Properties – 43	\$ 23,870,620	\$ 16,687,470

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Estimated Tax Collections

Tax Collection Estimates for State Funding	
Total current & delinquent collections – M&O	\$ 64,302,324
Total current & delinquent collections – I&S	21,389,124
Total M&O and I&S collections	\$ 85,691,448
Total current M&O and I&S taxes levied	\$ 87,262,167
M&O payments into a TIF	\$ 108,580
Tax refunds under §26.1115(c) Tax Code	38,744
Net M&O collections for Summary of Finances	\$ 64,302,324
Current year collection rate	102.00%
Year 2 collection rate	103.00%
Year 1 collection rate	97.00%
Anticipated collection rate	100.00%

Calculated Excess Collections	
I&S levy paid	\$ 23,888,498
Total I&S disbursements	24,118,297
Less: I&S TIF amount <i>*prior 2021</i>	(3,740)
Less: I&S TIF current year calculated portion	(40,230)
Total I&S	\$ 24,074,328
Previous year debt	\$ 23,571,380
Excess collections	\$ 502,948

2025 I&S Tax Rate must be set so that collections are reduced by the prior year's excess collections

2025 Tax Rate

- The Maintenance & Operations tax rate is subject to compression each year based on estimated statewide property value growth compared to local property value growth
- By law, the tax year 2025 limitation of the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR) is set at \$0.5689 down from \$0.6169 for 2024
- The Voter Approval (or rollback) Rate includes any previously voter approved pennies for Tier 2 Funding, Level 1 (Golden Pennies) and Level 2 (Copper Pennies – as previously compressed) – **Note: We have capacity for additional \$0.0317 with a TRE**

Computation of Tax Rate	
2024 Comptroller Certified Taxable Value	\$ 8,605,427,890
2024 Chief Appraiser's Certified Values	9,237,012,137
2025 Chief Appraiser's Estimated Certified Values	8,807,683,968
Central Appraisal District (CAD) Value Growth	- 4.65%
2025 Comptroller Estimated Certified School District Value	8,205,455,199
Prior Year Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR)	\$ 0.6281
Local Preliminary MCR	\$ 0.6281
2025 State Compression Percentage	\$ 0.6322
2025 Limitation on MCR	\$ 0.5689
MCR (lesser of state or local limited under law)	\$ 0.6281
Add: Voter Approved Golden Pennies	\$ 0.0800
Add: Voter Approved Copper Pennies (compressed)	\$ 0.0583
2025 Total M&O Tax Rate	\$ 0.7664
2025 I&S Tax Rate (required to pay debt service)	\$ 0.2602
2025 Voter Approved Tax Rate	\$ 1.0266

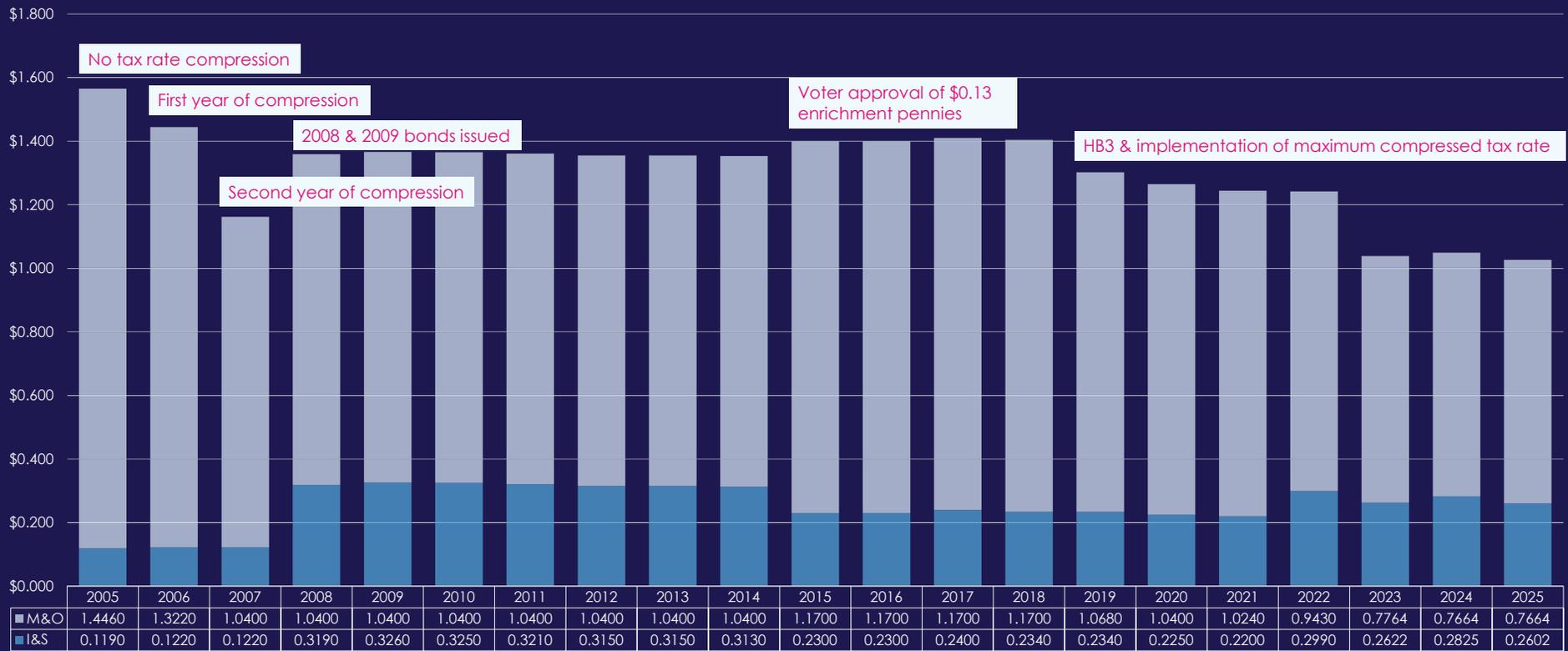
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Year-to-Year Comparison of Tax Rates

Tax	2024	2025	Increase/ (Decrease)
Maintenance & Operations (General Fund)	\$ 0.76640	\$ 0.76640	No change
Interest & Sinking (Debt Service Fund)	\$ 0.28254	\$ 0.26020	- \$ 0.02234
Total Tax Rate	\$ 1.04894	\$ 1.02660	- \$ 0.02234

The I&S tax rate, as promoted during the bond election, was estimated to be \$0.320300 for fiscal year 2025-2026 so this is \$0.0601 lower than originally projected.

Property Tax Rates 2005 to Present



2025 Tax Rate

Revenue Challenges:

- Continuing enrollment declines
- Clarification of new State funding allocations
- Interest rate uncertainty
- Loss of indirect cost revenue generated by federal stimulus funds
- Loss of Medicaid funding for Student Health Related Services

Expenditure Challenges:

- Program increases mandated by new legislation
- Unavoidable rate increases
- Budget shortfalls, including health benefits
- Inability to meet market wage rates
- Lack of funding for maintenance, technology & vehicle replacements

Beginning Fund Balance at September 1, 2024	\$ 65,148,271
2024-2025 projected deficit	(7,504,486)
2025-2026 beginning fund balance	57,643,785
Estimated revenues	162,474,938
Proposed appropriations	(168,880,277)
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(6,405,339)
Other uses (operating transfers)	(298,171)
Net change in fund balance	(6,703,510)
Proposed Ending Fund Balance at August 31, 2025	\$ 50,940,275
Proposed ending fund balance as a percentage of appropriations	30.1%

Proposed 2025-2026 General Fund Budget

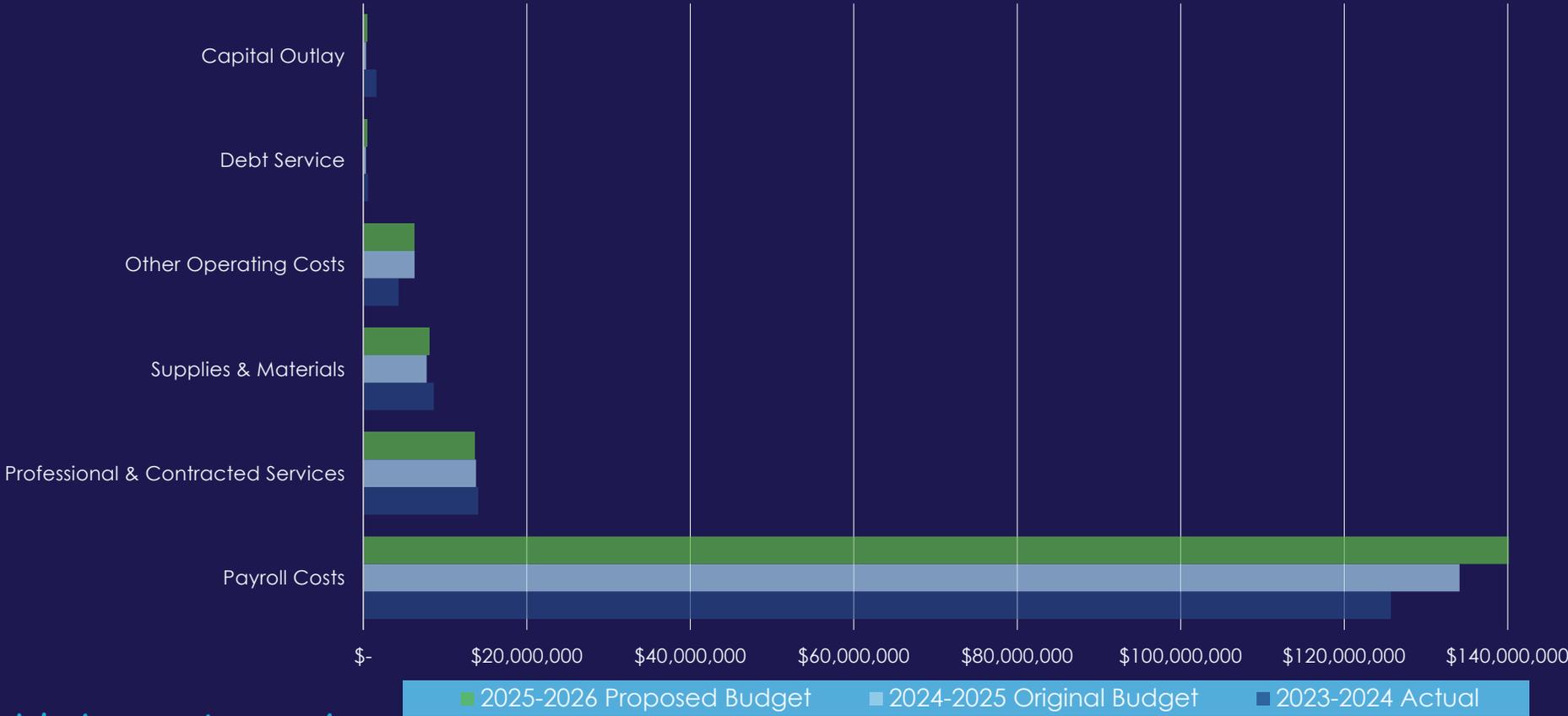
	2023-2024	2024-2025		2025-2026
	Audited Actual	Adopted Budget	Projected Actual	Proposed Budget
Local & intermediate source	\$ 70,095,466	71,253,694	72,382,482	68,712,211
State programs	86,576,697	79,872,689	84,501,868	90,793,327
Federal programs	5,186,729	3,718,789	4,553,364	2,969,400
Total revenues	\$ 161,858,892	154,845,172	161,437,714	162,474,938
Instruction & instructional related services	90,868,987	92,816,944	94,072,556	98,933,643
Instructional & school leadership	13,986,921	12,935,054	12,836,389	12,687,789
Student support services	15,421,642	19,711,689	20,465,754	19,505,290
Administrative support services	6,835,568	6,124,396	6,460,034	6,089,657
Non-student based support services	24,898,880	27,436,821	31,411,759	28,474,206
Community services	511,826	1,039,707	1,011,357	581,856
Debt service	567,344	318,000	407,624	480,710
Intergovernmental charges	1,760,806	1,965,000	1,945,811	2,127,126
Total expenditures / appropriations	\$ 154,851,974	162,347,611	168,611,284	168,880,277
Other sources (uses)	145,989	(535,000)	(330,916)	(298,171)
Net change in fund balance	\$ 7,152,907	(8,037,439)	(7,504,486)	(6,703,510)
Beginning fund balance	57,995,364	65,148,271	65,148,271	57,643,785
Ending fund balance	\$ 65,148,271	57,110,832	57,643,785	50,940,275

2025-2026 General Fund Local Revenues

	2024-2025		2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)
	Adopted Budget	Projected Actual	Proposed Budget	From Projected
Local & Intermediate Source Revenues				
Local property taxes	\$ 67,283,414	65,515,348	64,323,431	(1,191,917)
Fiscal agent fees	77,000	83,215	75,000	(8,215)
Tuition	150,000	182,576	130,000	(52,576)
Investment income	2,500,000	4,520,511	2,900,000	(1,520,511)
Rentals	218,300	291,255	172,100	(142,855)
Insurance recoveries	0	570,908	0	(570,908)
Extracurricular activities	320,400	501,309	475,100	(16,409)
Other local revenues	323,580	315,793	293,980	(57,393)
Intermediate source	381,000	401,567	342,600	(58,967)
State Program Revenues				
Foundation School & Available School Fund	\$ 72,132,619	76,660,706	82,770,806	6,110,100
Teacher Retirement On-behalf Payments	7,740,070	7,841,162	8,022,521	181,359
Federal Program Revenue				
Indirect cost recoveries	\$ 1,803,000	1,804,856	1,620,000	(184,856)
Medicaid Programs (SHARS & MAC)	1,680,089	1,733,736	1,123,800	(609,936)
Direct program revenue	235,700	1,134,680	225,600	(909,080)
Total local & intermediate source revenues	\$ 154,845,172	161,437,714	162,474,938	(1,037,224)

State Foundation School Revenue includes an offset of \$1.9m in tax collection losses, \$2.9 m in TIA, & \$1.5 m in NIFA. Last two were amended into the 2025 budget with offsetting expenditures.

2025-2026 Appropriations



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Salary & Benefit Increases

	Raise	Cost of Increase
Classroom Teachers		\$ 3,656,578
5 & more years experience	\$ 5,000	
3-4 years experience	2,500	
1-2 years experience	1,500	
0 years experience (starting salary increased from \$53,000 to \$54,000)	1,000	
Other Employee Groups (2% of the Pay Grade Midpoint):		
Administrative & Professional		639,459
Auxiliary		324,885
Clerical & Paraprofessional		288,184
Total Salary Increases		\$ 4,909,106
Cost of related employee benefits		589,093
Total cost of salary & benefit increases		\$ 5,498,199
Revenue estimated to be generated under HB2		(3,728,489)
Net impact of salary increases		\$ 1,769,710

Other Cost Increases for 2025-2026



Utilities – Should remain flat overall, increases in water and gas should be offset by the savings under the new bid for telephone service

\$ 16,133



Property and casualty insurance – TASB is working on projections but has told us that the increase for next year will be modest, increase in property is due to the new construction of Waco High & Kendrick Elementary

200,282



U.S. Energy Information Administration is currently projecting a decrease in both gasoline and diesel prices for 2026, as much as 6%

38,094



The health fund, after nine months, is currently in the black with only five months of increased contributions, we are working on projections, TRS Active-Care is increasing 14% in Region 12, we are estimating 10%

1,354,653



An increase in state funding for Special Education makes up most of the FSP gains, \$2.7 million (amount is net of salary & benefit increases)

2,319,703

Other increases include tax collection fees of \$96,000, tuition costs for the JJAEP of \$155,000 and the Advanced Academies of \$308,000

559,000

Proposed 2025-2026 Child Nutrition Fund Budget

	2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026
	Audited Actual	Adopted Budget	Projected Actual	Proposed Budget	
Local & intermediate source	\$ 885,591	615,000	1,052,222	836,805	
State programs	42,615	39,000	42,235	42,235	
Federal programs	10,714,125	10,835,400	10,925,048	10,763,972	
Total revenues	\$ 11,642,331	11,489,400	12,019,505	11,643,012	
Food services:					
Payroll costs	3,534,509	4,535,306	3,931,242	4,548,984	
Professional & contracted services	4,891,688	5,789,747	4,740,169	4,961,285	
Supplies & materials	1,170,934	1,538,100	1,759,705	1,680,443	
Other operating costs	39,100	44,300	133,391	152,300	
Capital outlay	238,941	418,000	1,910,363	300,000	
Total expenditures / appropriations	\$ 9,875,172	12,325,453	12,474,870	11,643,012	
Other sources (uses)	63,393	0	70,866	0	
Net change in fund balance	\$ 1,830,552	(836,053)	(384,499)	0	
Beginning fund balance	5,873,954	7,704,506	7,704,506	7,320,007	
Ending fund balance	\$ 7,704,506	6,868,453	7,320,007	7,320,007	

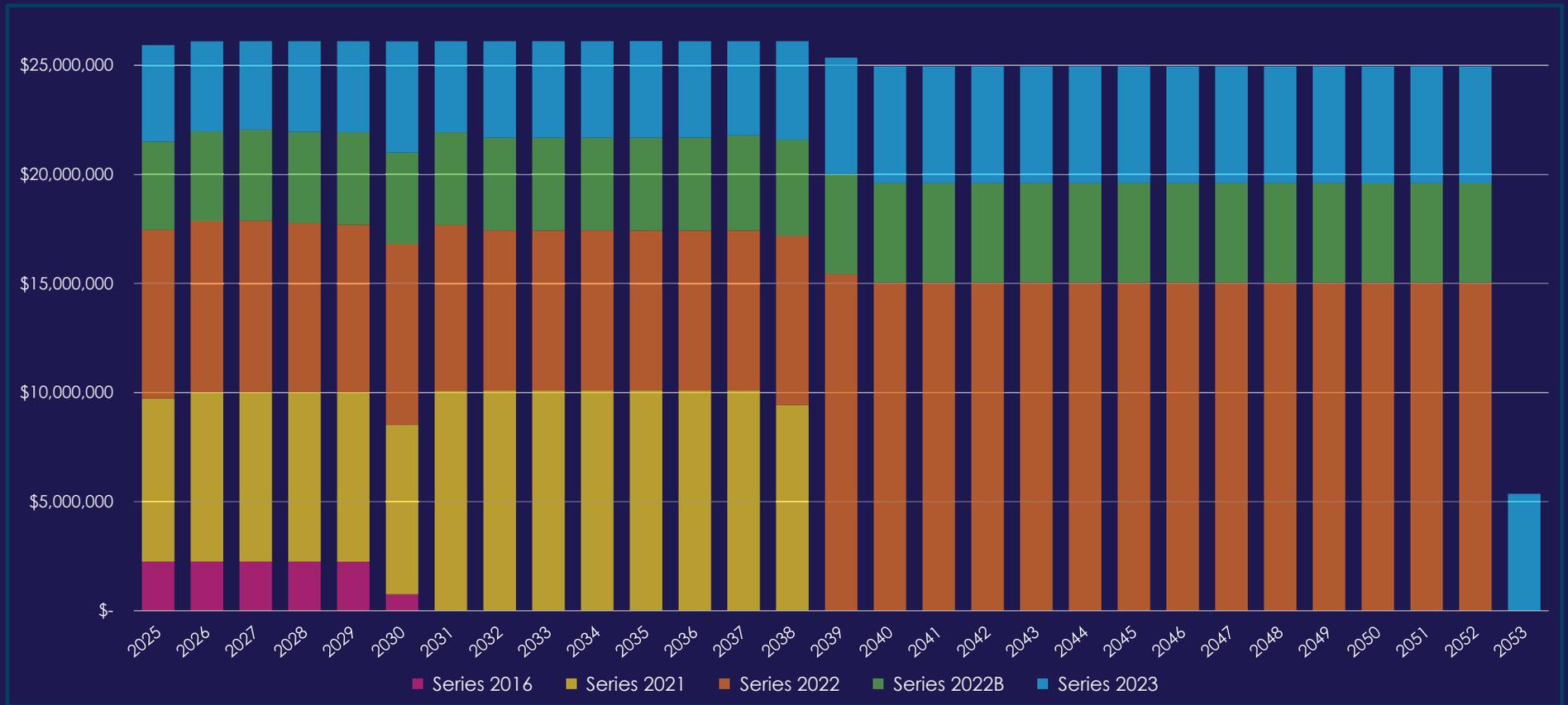
As of August 31, 2024, the District's Child Nutrition Fund had an excess net cash resource (fund balance) of \$2.8 m. Planned expenditures to draw down the excess include: \$1.3 in kitchen equipment, \$1.2 m in campus walk-in cooler/freezer equipment, & \$0.5 m in emergency generators.

Proposed 2025-2026 Debt Service Fund Budget

	2023-2024	2024-2025		2025-2026
	Audited Actual	Adopted Budget	Projected Actual	Proposed Budget
Local & intermediate source				
Property tax collections	\$ 22,538,204	23,637,688	24,856,322	22,038,385
Investment earnings				
State programs (ASAHE - hold harmless)	2,286,590	2,358,804	2,726,084	3,873,340
Total revenues	\$ 24,824,794	25,996,492	27,582,406	25,911,725
Debt service				
Principal payments on bonds	8,745,000	5,240,000	5,240,000	10,250,000
Interest on bonded indebtedness	17,150,220	20,691,492	20,691,492	15,855,742
Other fees	7,175	19,000	9,323	10,000
Other governmental charges (TIF payments)	33,793	46,000	33,739	33,526
Total expenditures / appropriations	\$ 25,936,188	25,996,492	25,974,554	26,149,268
Other sources (uses)	0	0	0	0
Net change in fund balance	\$ 1,111,394	0	1,607,852	(237,543)
Beginning fund balance	5,075,473	3,964,079	3,964,079	5,571,931
Ending fund balance	\$ 3,964,079	3,964,079	5,571,931	5,334,388

Increase in interest for 2024-2025 is due to the maturity & payment of \$4,585,000 of interest on capital appreciation bonds

Future Principal & Interest on Existing Bonds



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Other Budgets Required to be Adopted

	Greater Waco Advanced Academies		McLennan Co. Challenge Academy	Regional Day School for the Deaf
	Health Care	Manufacturing		
Local & intermediate source	\$ 1,204,600	1,242,600	895,897	523,060
State programs	46,814	58,693	141,501	41,537
Total revenues	\$ 1,251,414	1,301,293	1,037,398	564,597
Instruction	953,362	947,930	635,854	705,237
Instructional staff & curriculum development	8,800	102,247	0	89,607
Instructional leadership	116,526	108,559	0	0
School leadership	0	0	217,559	0
Guidance, counseling & evaluation services	92,726	92,747	89,985	0
Plant maintenance & operations	80,000	117,734	2,000	0
Payments to shared services arrangement	0	0	92,000	0
Total appropriations	\$ 1,251,414	1,369,217	1,037,398	794,844
Other sources (uses)	0	67,924	0	230,247
Net change in unearned revenue	\$ 0	0	0	0
Beginning unearned revenue	0	0	346,512	0
Ending unearned revenue	\$ 0	0	346,512	0

2025-2026 Budget Calendar

	Date
Meeting to present the proposed budget and tax rate	8/14/2025
Notice of Budget and Tax Rate Meeting – must be 10-30 days before the date of the Public Meeting	8/15/2025
Budget and Tax Rate Public Meeting	8/28/2025
Meeting to adopt the Budget and Tax Rate (budget must be adopted before the approval of the tax rate for the year in which the fiscal year covered by the budget	8/28/2025
First day of 2025-2026 fiscal year	9/1/2025

Summary Comparison of the Proposed Budget for the Waco ISD

	2024-2025		2025-2026	
	Enrollment	13,366	Enrollment	13,179
	Revised Budget*		Proposed Budget	
	Aggregate	Per Pupil	Aggregate	Per Pupil
Instruction				
11 Instruction	\$ 91,306,807	\$ 6,831	\$ 93,906,052	\$ 7,125
12 Instructional Resources, Media Services	\$ 1,494,720	\$ 112	\$ 1,730,627	\$ 131
13 Curriculum Development & Staff Development Payments to Fiscal Agents for Shared Service	\$ 3,348,494	\$ 251	\$ 3,296,964	\$ 250
93 Arrangements	\$ 322,000	\$ 24	\$ 325,000	\$ 25
95 Payment to Juvenile Justice AEP	\$ 755,000	\$ 56	\$ 708,000	\$ 54
Total Instruction	\$ 97,227,021	\$ 7,274	\$ 99,966,643	\$ 7,585
Instructional Support				
21 Instructional Leadership	\$ 3,436,123	\$ 257	\$ 3,236,966	\$ 246
23 School Leadership	\$ 9,587,006	\$ 717	\$ 9,450,823	\$ 717
Total Instructional Support	\$ 13,023,129	\$ 974	\$ 12,687,789	\$ 963
Student Support				
31 Guidance & Counseling, Evaluation	\$ 7,370,767	\$ 551	\$ 7,661,768	\$ 581
32 Social Work Services	\$ 443,362	\$ 33	\$ 403,668	\$ 31
33 Health Services	\$ 1,698,768	\$ 127	\$ 1,651,775	\$ 125
34 Student Transportation	\$ 6,016,306	\$ 450	\$ 4,017,993	\$ 305
35 Food Services	\$ 15,435,633	\$ 1,155	\$ 11,643,012	\$ 883
36 Co-curricular/ Extra-curricular Activities	\$ 6,283,290	\$ 470	\$ 5,770,086	\$ 438
Total Student Support	\$ 37,248,126	\$ 2,787	\$ 31,148,302	\$ 2,363
Central Administration				
41 General Administration	\$ 6,991,563	\$ 523	\$ 6,089,657	\$ 462
Total General Administration	\$ 6,991,563	\$ 523	\$ 6,089,657	\$ 462
District Operations				
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations	\$ 23,238,275	\$ 1,739	\$ 20,563,018	\$ 1,560
52 Security and Monitoring	\$ 4,352,749	\$ 326	\$ 4,351,661	\$ 330
53 Data Processing	\$ 4,826,884	\$ 361	\$ 3,559,527	\$ 270
Total District Operations	\$ 32,417,908	\$ 2,425	\$ 28,474,206	\$ 2,161
Ancillary Services				
61 Community Service	\$ 1,046,187	\$ 78	\$ 581,856	\$ 44
Total Community Services	\$ 1,046,187	\$ 78	\$ 581,856	\$ 44
Debt Service				
71 Debt Service	\$ 26,268,492	\$ 1,965	\$ 26,596,452	\$ 2,018
Total Debt Services	\$ 26,268,492	\$ 1,965	\$ 26,596,452	\$ 2,018
Other				
97 Payments to Tax Increment Funds	\$ 221,000	\$ 17	\$ 142,106	\$ 11
99 Inter-governmental Charges Not Defined in Other	\$ 935,000	\$ 70	\$ 985,546	\$ 75
Total Other	\$ 1,156,000	\$ 86	\$ 1,127,652	\$ 86
Total	\$ 215,378,426	\$ 16,114	\$ 206,672,557	\$ 15,682
Object Code 6491-Statutorily Required Public Notice	\$ 9,700	\$ 1	\$ 7,350	\$ 1
Object Code 6214-Fees Paid to Organizations or Associations that Advocate on Behalf of the District	\$ 6,522	\$ -	\$ 4,941	\$ -

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	General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	Debt Service Fund	Memorandum Total
Revenues:				
Local & Intermediate Source Revenue	\$ 68,712,211	836,805	22,038,385	91,587,401
State Program Revenue	90,793,327	42,235	3,873,340	94,708,902
Federal Program Revenue	2,969,400	10,763,972	-	13,733,372
Total Revenues	162,474,938	11,643,012	25,911,725	200,029,675
Appropriations:				
Instruction	93,906,052	-	-	93,906,052
Instructional Resources & Media Services	1,730,627	-	-	1,730,627
Instructional Staff Development & Curriculum Development	3,296,964	-	-	3,296,964
Instructional Leadership	3,236,966	-	-	3,236,966
School Leadership	9,450,823	-	-	9,450,823
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Svcs	7,661,768	-	-	7,661,768
Social Work Services	403,668	-	-	403,668
Health Services	1,651,775	-	-	1,651,775
Student Transportation	4,017,993	-	-	4,017,993
Food Services	-	11,643,012	-	11,643,012
Extracurricular Activities	5,770,086	-	-	5,770,086
General Administration	6,089,657	-	-	6,089,657
Plant Maintenance & Operations	20,563,018	-	-	20,563,018
Security & Monitoring Services	4,351,661	-	-	4,351,661
Data Processing Services	3,559,527	-	-	3,559,527
Community Services	581,856	-	-	581,856
Debt Service	480,710	-	26,115,742	26,596,452
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	-	-	-	-
Payments to Shared Services Arrangement	325,000	-	-	325,000
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program	708,000	-	-	708,000
Payments to Tax Increment Fund	108,580	-	33,526	142,106
Other Intergovernmental Charges	985,546	-	-	985,546
Total Appropriations	168,880,277	11,643,012	26,149,268	206,672,557
Excess (Deficiency) of Estimated Revenues Over Appropriations	(6,405,339)	-	(237,543)	(6,642,882)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(298,171)	-	-	(298,171)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(6,703,510)	-	(237,543)	(6,941,053)
Fund Balance, beginning of year	57,643,785	7,320,007	5,571,931	70,535,723
Fund Balance, end of year	50,940,275	7,320,007	5,334,388	63,594,670
Non-spendable Fund Balance	(381,226)	-	-	(381,226)
Restricted Fund Balance:				
Retirement of Long-term Debt	-	-	(5,334,388)	(5,334,388)
National School Lunch & Breakfast Program	-	(7,320,007)	-	(7,320,007)
Other Restricted Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Committed Funds	(5,267,243)	-	-	(5,267,243)
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 45,291,806	-	-	45,291,806