

**Belton Independent School District**  
***Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item***

***August 18, 2025***

**Item:** Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Resolutions Adopting the Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 School Year

**Contact Person:** Melissa Lafferty

**Presented for:** ☒ Action    ☐ Report Only

**Supporting Documents:**   ☐ None    ☒ Attached    ☐ Provided Later

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**District Goal or Objective Addressed:**

Goal 5: Maximize our use of resources for both current priorities and plans for the future.

**Background Information:**

The tax rate is adopted each year according to the State Comptroller's Truth in Taxation guidelines. The proposed tax rates have been published in the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. The tax rate is adopted separately following the adoption of the budget.

**Fiscal Implications:**

The proposed Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate is \$0.7869. The M&O rate includes an additional \$0.0317 of "disaster pennies" authorized by Texas Tax Code Section 26.042(e), the amount by which the rate exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate. The proposed debt service tax rate is \$0.3625.

**The total proposed tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is \$1.1494**, a 0% increase compared to last year's total tax rate of \$1.1494.

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

**Two Motions:**

"I move to approve a resolution incorporating an additional \$0.0317 of "disaster pennies" into the District's maintenance and operations tax rate for tax year 2025 under the authority of Texas Tax Code Section 26.042(e) as presented.

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.1494, which is effectively an 11.4% increase in the tax rate."