Belton Independent School District

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

August 17, 2026

Item: Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding a Resolution Adopting the Tax Rate for the 2026-2027 School Year

Contact Person: Melissa Lafferty

Presented for: ☑ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☐ None ☑ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Priority 4: Fiscal Management - Maximize student experiences through transparent, strategic, and sustainable fiscal management.

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 $0.7552. The M&O rate decreased $0.0317 due to "disaster pennies" authorized by Texas Tax Code Section 26.042(e) from the previous year. The proposed debt service tax rate is $0.3625.

The total proposed tax rate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is $1.1177, a 2.8% decrease compared to last year's total tax rate of $1.1494.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Motion:
"I move to approve the resolution adopting a maintenance and operations tax rate of $0.7552 and a debt service tax rate of $0.3625 for a total tax rate of $1.1177.