

**BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
August 4, 2025

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BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Schedule a Public Meeting to Discuss the 2025-26 Budget and the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate

BOARD POLICY: CE (LOCAL) AND (LEGAL)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will exercise fiscal responsibility to ensure financial strength and provide the resources to equip and maintain quality facilities and educational programming.

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

Chapter 44 of the Texas Education Code provides "notice and hearing" requirements to be followed by school districts in connection with holding a public meeting on the budget and proposed tax rate, and sets out the items to include in the required budget hearing and proposed tax rate notice. Senate Bill 18, passed by the 79th Session of the Texas Legislature, further expanded and significantly modified the "notice and hearing" requirements for school districts.

Administrative Considerations:

- A budget development report was presented to the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2025, along with updates at various regularly scheduled Board meetings since January.
- The Board of Trustees of a school district must meet to set a date for a public meeting to discuss the budget and the proposed tax rate, and publish the proposed tax rate and the required notices for the public meeting.
- The District received certified values on July 25, 2025, and has 60 days to adopt a tax rate.
- The District has reduced the tax rate by over 30 cents in the last 5 years. The state of Texas also increased the homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 beginning with the 2025 tax year.
- The administration will recommend that the Board of Trustees schedule and publish notice for a public meeting to be held August 18, 2025, at 6pm to discuss and consider the 2025-2026 budget for adoption, at which time a public meeting for the 2025 proposed tax rate will be scheduled.

Communication Deployment:

Board Meeting Minutes

Advertise via newspaper as required

Post necessary information on the District website

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Respectfully submitted,

Ludivina Cansino

Chief Financial Officer