

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOERNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE 2025-2026 TAX RATE DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the Boerne Independent School District (the *District*) seeks to ensure a high-quality education program for all its students; and

WHEREAS, the District's 2024-2025 tax rate was \$0.9909, which included \$0.6669 for the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) rate and \$0.3240 for the Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate; and

WHEREAS, the M&O rate funds operation of schools, including teacher and staff compensation, staffing to maintain reasonable class sizes, and instructional and program support, while the I&S rate funds repayment of bond debt;

WHEREAS, the school finance system in the State of Texas (the *State*) is based on recapture (commonly called "Robin Hood"), whereby property-wealthy school districts send locally collected property tax revenue to the State to distribute to lower-wealth school districts and charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the District is subject to recapture, and each year, District residents pay significant amounts of local taxes to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, during the 86th Legislative Session, the State Legislature passed sweeping school finance legislation (*House Bill 3*) that reduced and reformed property taxes and recapture, including lowering and compressing school district tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the State allows school districts to raise the M&O rate through the use of "Golden Pennies," which are the pennies of tax effort for which a district is able to generate the highest level of supplemental funding because revenues generated from these Golden Pennies are not recapturable through "Robin Hood," and local tax revenues generated from the Golden Pennies stay with school districts; and

WHEREAS, through House Bill 3, the District's tax rate has been automatically compressed and lowered, resulting in a loss of funding to the District; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3 continues to provide the option for the District to ask its voters to access three additional Golden Pennies for the M&O tax rate at a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election, which, if approved by the District's voters, would result in an annual additional increase of approximately \$4,800,000 of general fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the following resolutions are in the best interests of the residents of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOERNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: At the November 4, 2025 Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election, voters will be asked to keep three additional Golden Pennies local by ratifying an M&O rate of \$0.6969 (the *Proposition*).

SECTION 2: If voters approve the Proposition, the 2025-2026 total tax rate will be \$1.0109, comprised of the voter-approved M&O rate of \$0.6969 and the I&S rate of \$0.3140.

SECTION 3: If voters approve the Proposition, the 2025-2026 tax rate of \$1.0109 would generate an additional and approximate \$4,800,000 to the District in the 2025-2026 school year, and a larger amount annually thereafter, none of which would be recaptured by the State through the “Robin Hood” school finance system.

SECTION 4: If voters do not approve the Proposition, the 2025-2026 total tax rate will be \$0.9909, comprised of an M&O rate of \$0.6669 and an I&S rate of \$0.3240.

SECTION 5: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true; and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 6: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 8: If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 9: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 10: This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

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ADOPTED on August 18, 2025.

BOERNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kristi Schmidt
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Rich Sena
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

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