

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2019

#### AGENDA ITEM: 2019-2020 Budget and Tax Rate Update

PRESENTER: Earl Husfeld, Chief Financial Officer

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Per Section 44.002 of the Texas Education Code, "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.
- Budgets for the General Fund, the Child Nutrition Fund, and the Debt Service Fund must be included in the official district budget and must be adopted by August 31.
- As noted in the June 2019 monthly financial reports for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, revenues to date are meeting, and in some cases exceeding, budget projections. Expenditures to date are also meeting budget projections.
- As we discussed during the June 12 budget workshop and June 17 board meeting, House Bill 3 is the significant school finance legislation passed during the recent legislative session and signed by the Governor on June 11.
- The implementation of HB 3 involves many aspects that must be determined by the Texas Education Agency and other groups in the coming months.
- This evening we are sharing with you preliminary information related to the projected 2019-2020 tax rate based upon information received to date.
- We will continue to share updated information with the Board and Community as it becomes available.

#### FISCAL INFORMATION:

None at this time – Informational Report

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Texas Education Agency Information Related to Setting Tax Rates

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None at this time – Informational Report

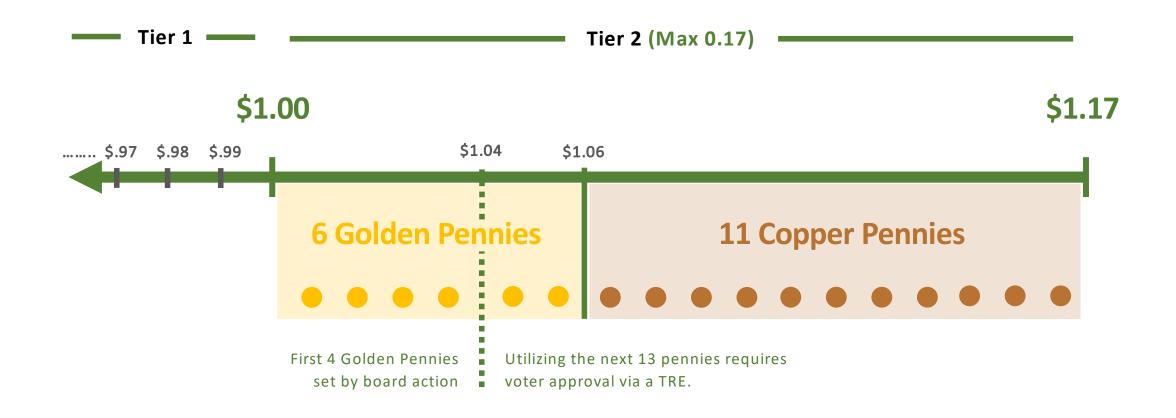


# Components of Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate





### **Prior Law**



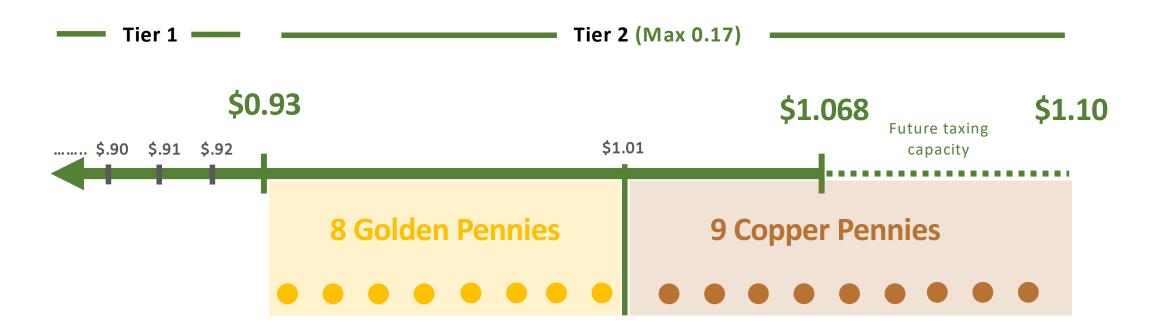
# TEA Max M&O Tax Rates Drop From \$1.17 To \$1.068

**HB 3 Year 1** (FY2020)



#### 1. Tax rate is re-ordered

- 2. Tier one rate compressed by a factor of 93%
- 3. First two copper pennies become golden pennies.
- 4. Remaining copper pennies compressed by a factor of ~65%.
- 5. Rates in most cases cannot be raised for year 1 (see slide 19)





## **District at \$1.17** in TY 2018

| Districts adopted TY 2018 M&O Tax Rate   | 1.1700 |
|--|--------|
| Enter any additional tax rate adopted in TY 2018 in response to a disaster here (for 5 cents enter .05)                    | 0.0000 |
| Districts TY 2019 tax rate before compression  | 1.1700 |
| 2019-2020 school year Tier one tax rate (TR)   | 0.9300 |
| 2019-2020 school year Golden pennies   | 0.0800 |
| 2019-2020 school year Copper pennies   | 0.0584 |
| 2019-2020 Additional Unequalized pennies for districts authorized by special law   | 0.0000 |
| Total (adopted tax rate)   | 1.0684 |
| Voter Approval (Rollback) tax rate for 2019  |        |
| Section 26.08 (n) (A) State compression percentage times \$1.00  | 0.9300 |
| (B) (i) Districts 2018 M&O rate minus \$1, minus any amount by which the district is required to reduce the enrichment tax |        |
| rate   | 0.1384 |
| (B) (ii) 4 cents   | 0.0400 |
| Voter Approval tax rate (line 13 + greater of line 14 or line 15)  | 1.0684 |

### Can this district raise its tax rate? No



## **Frequently Asked Question (FAQ):**

How many decimals can my tax rate contain?

#### **Answer:**

Although a district can adopt a tax rate with a greater number of decimals, the agency, in calculating funding under the FSP, will round down to 4 decimal places e.g. (1.0684).

This has been long-standing agency practice.

#### **Key Point:**

Tax rates with more than 4 decimals will not have the additional fractions of a penny recognized for state funding purposes.



# Preliminary TY 2020 Tax Rate Information





# **HB 3 Year 2** (FY2021) 1. 2.5% Compression

- 1. 2.5% Compression begins on Tier One
- 2. TRE threshold increased by one penny



\* Assumes statewide or local property value growth in excess of 2.5%