



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Budget 2022 Update

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

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INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

87th Legislative Activity:

The 87th Legislative session is starting to wind down. Thursday, May 13th, was the last day for the House to give preliminary approval to bills authored by its members. The House can continue hearing Senate bills, as well as less controversial items placed on the local and consent calendar. House bills that didn't meet this deadline can always be amended onto similar bills that have advanced to the Senate.

Bills of interest to public education range from accountability issues to UIL issues to adjustments to HB 3 the school finance bill. Staff is continuing to study the effects of these bills and which have a possibility of passing by the end of the session which is Monday, May 31st.

ESSER III: The American Rescue Plan passed on March 11, 2021 included Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced the release of funds to Texas School Districts on April 28, 2021. United ISD's allocation amount is over \$127M to be spent through September 30, 2024. The allowable activities for the use of these funds include spending a minimum of 20% on the learning loss experienced by our students. Staff is currently attending TEA trainings for planning and the application process. Staff will be presenting more on these funds during the June board meeting.

Comptroller's Office:

The District's preliminary values were received from Martin Villarreal of the Webb County Appraisal District (WCAD) on April 29, 2021. Our estimated net taxable value is \$16.6 B. This is approximately an overall decrease from last year's values of 10.17% with mineral value decreases at 31%. Staff will use this information to continue to project tax revenue for both the Operation budget and our Debt service budget. Staff will continue to work with Mr. Villarreal to keep informed on protests filed by our taxpayers. We are expecting to receive our certified values no later than July 25, 2021.

Campus budgets are due to the budget office by the end of this month. Departments are working on their budgets to submit by mid-June.