

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Date:	August 18, 2025
Agenda Item	Resolution to Support Tax Rate and Election Order
Policy Reference	CCG (Legal/Local)
Strategic Goal	Fiscal Responsibility
Department	Finance Division

Summary:

The resolution to support the tax rate and election order outlines the phases of budget development history leading up to the adoption of the tax rate, the election and the consequences of success or failure.

Budget priorities have been established to:

- Properly and competitively pay teachers and support staff
- Properly fund enrollment and program growth
- Properly fund a capital replacement program

Administration, after five months of meetings with the Budget Strategy and Advisory Committee, recommended \$1.4M in budget reductions, primarily from the Central Office budget, to achieve the highest level of budget efficiency while protecting the classroom.

HB2 passed during the legislative session, bringing an estimated \$3.8M in additional funding, including helping the first budget priority (compensating teachers properly) but the sunset of the hold harmless for districts affected by tax compression left less than \$400K for budget use after directed compensation spending.

There are three golden pennies available to the District by law with voter approval. The pennies are not subject to recapture and will yield approximately \$1.60 in total for every dollar of tax levy. Three golden pennies would provide approximately \$4.8M.

When the three golden pennies are combined with cuts for budget efficiency and HB2 funding, a balanced budget can be achieved. Allowing the only A-rated District in the greater San Antonio area to properly compensate and retain the best teachers possible for the District's students.

Recommended by: Dr. Kristin Craft - Superintendent

Submitted by: Wesley Scott - Chief Financial Officer

Suggested Motion

I move that the resolution to support the adopted tax rate and voter approved tax rate election be approved as presented.