

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: November 17, 2025

Agenda Item: K.2

Board Goal: Finance

Subject: Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution that will revise the prior August 2025 adopted rate and set the Rollback Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Administrator Responsible/Position: Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☐ Local Policy

☒ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: Adoption of the 2025-2026 tax rate

D. Summary:

☒ Previous board action relating to this item – August 2025.

☒ Future action anticipated – Annually.

☒ Background information –

- In accordance with the Property Tax Code Section 26.05, the Board of Trustees must approve the tax rate of the District. A public hearing regarding the 2025 proposed budget and revised tax rate was held on August 18, 2025 in accordance with law.
- A higher tax rate of \$1.2746 was adopted, therefore, a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) was held on November 4, 2025. The increased tax rate was NOT approved by the voters, therefore, the 2025-2026 maximum (rollback) tax rate of \$1.1546 (\$.6669 – M&O and \$.4877 I&S) is recommended for adoption.
- The effective rate increase is required to be calculated as the no new revenue / rate to maintain less last year's rate for M&O. That difference is a 5-cent increase to maintain / no new revenue) tax rate (.6669-.6169) divided by total no new revenue tax rate of \$1.1046 which equals a .4.53% effective tax rate increase.
- Prescribed wording of \$100,000 home value is less than the exemptions provided of \$140,000 homeowners exemption and actual tax rate will not increase, therefore the increased taxes are \$0.

The tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 4.53 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$0 annually.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☐ Other

F. Administrative Recommendation: The administration recommends adoption of the tax rate resolution, as presented.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: N/A

H. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to set the rollback property tax rate for tax year 2025 and fiscal year 2025-2026, as presented.

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