



Board Action Required ☒

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Diana Sircar
Date: August 25, 2025

cc: Mr. Doug Williams, Erica Devould

Re: Adoption of 2025-2026 Tax Rates; Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and Debt Service (I&S)

Tax Rate:

2025-2026 Proposed Total Tax Rate \$0.9819
2024-2025 Adopted Total Tax Rate \$1.0026

The proposed tax rate is being reduced by \$0.0207.

The proposed tax rate includes **\$0.7552** for the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The proposed tax rate includes **\$0.2267** for the amount of taxes needed to service the District's debt for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The motion required is: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.9819, which is effectively a 7.38% increase in the tax rate."

The above motion quotes an increase in the total tax rate (M&O and I&S) compared to the No New Revenue Total Tax Rate. It is not a comparison between the actual adopted tax rate for this year compared to last year.

The Dallas County Tax Assessor calculates the district's No New Revenue and Voter Approved Tax Rates.

The M&O No New Revenue (NNR) tax rate is the calculated rate that is intended to produce no additional M&O property tax levy. The NNR tax rate would produce the same amount of M&O revenue if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years. When appraisal values increase, the NNR tax rate should decrease. ((Last year's adjusted tax levy/This year's adjusted

tax levy) x 100 = NNR tax rate) Coppell ISD values increased approximately 0.09% in 2025, thus reducing the NNR tax rate.

The 2025 proposed tax rate will exceed the M&O No New Revenue tax rate by \$0.10677 or 16.47%.

The Voter Approved Tax Rate (VATR) is the highest tax rate that the district may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. (TEA calculated Max Compressed Rate + voter approved enrichment pennies + debt tax rate)

2025 Voter Approved Tax Rate = \$0.6169 + \$0.1383 + \$0.2267 = \$0.9819

The District's total tax rate will equal the Voter Approved Tax Rate.

Language required in the resolution to adopt the tax rate is:

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE; and

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 16.47 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$ 0.00. (zero dollars)

The above language quotes an increase in the M&O tax rate of 16.47% compared to the No New Revenue M & O tax rate. This differs from the total tax rate decrease of 2.06% and is contrary to the fact that the actual M&O tax rate is remaining the same as last year.

Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.9819, which is effectively a 7.38% increase in the tax rate.