

**APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH DENTON COUNTY**

July 24, 2018

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests renewal of the tax collection contract with Denton County.

**BOARD GOAL:**

VI. Growth & Change.....In pursuit of excellence, the District will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

June 27, 2017

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

During the 1992-1993 school year, the District contracted with the Denton Central Appraisal District for \$2.00 per parcel per year. In the fall of 1993, Mary Horn, Denton County Tax Collector approached all the political entities in Denton County offering to collect taxes for them. After developing a contract, Denton County collected taxes for the Denton ISD for a fee; per parcel per year “plus” some reimbursements for certain direct expenses and extra mailings. This contract has worked well for Denton ISD for the last twenty-five (25) years and is recommended for renewal for the 2018-2019 school year.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

- The tax statement mailing target date is October 10, 2018. Tax rates must be adopted by September 30, 2018 or the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the certified appraisal roll is received. The County has requested tax rates be reported by September 29, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- The parcel price will increase to \$1.00 from \$.82 per statement for 2018-2019 school year. The total cost of providing all services will be deducted from current collections, no later than January 31, 2019.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Using one tax collector for Denton County tax collections improves efficiency of the tax collection process.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:**

- Recommend the tax collection contract with Denton County be renewed for a period beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.
- Recommend Debbie Monschke be designated as Liaison to serve between Denton ISD and the County Tax office.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

**ATTACHMENT:**

Denton County Tax Collection Contract

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_