



# Spring Branch Independent School District

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Dear Spring Branch Independent School District Taxpayers,

Enclosed please find your 2019 Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD) tax bill. During the recent 86th Legislative Session, a number of bills were passed related to school districts' funding and taxes. As a result, we are pleased to inform you that the district's tax rate has been reduced by just over seven cents, from \$1.39450 to \$1.32098, for 2019. **This represents a five percent reduction from last year in the Spring Branch ISD tax rate.**

Our 2019 tax rate of **\$1.32098 represents the lowest SBISD tax rate over the past 25 years**, with the exception of 2008. The actual impact on your tax statement is dependent on the taxable value of your property as set by the Harris County Appraisal District.

We thank the members of the 86th Legislature who supported public education with an infusion of over \$6 billion to increase funding for public school districts, while providing tax relief for our taxpayers. We appreciate our delegation's efforts on behalf of our patrons and our students, schools and educators. **We also thank YOU, the members of the SBISD community who actively engage as advocates on behalf of Spring Branch ISD and the children of our community.** Our district and our community are well-known and regarded by legislators around the state.

Your voices were heard, not only this legislative session, but in the last several sessions, to encourage the legislature to act on behalf of public schools, and to reduce the heavy burden of "Robin Hood" recapture payments that negatively impacted our district's bottom line for more than a decade.

The increase in the district's state revenue calculation and the decrease in tax rates combine to reduce our recapture payment from a projected \$92 million, to an estimated \$35 million. Revenue from the state to SBISD is estimated at approximately \$13 million for this school year.

Changes in the law also included an increase in the state's basic allotment per student, and increases in student funding weights based on student demographics. Funding also provided much needed pay increases for all full-time employees serving in non-administrative roles, with the highest percentage increases going to teachers with more than five years' experience.

**Please continue to remain engaged as advocates on behalf of SBISD as our legislature will be challenged to maintain and allocate funding in the years ahead.**

Thank you,

**Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

## Spring Branch ISD's homeowners have a lower tax rate burden than most homeowners in other area school districts.



SBISD taxpayers will see a **DECREASE** in their property tax rate by 7 cents.



SBISD's "Robin Hood" recapture payment is reduced by two-thirds to about \$35 million for the 2019-2020 school year.

### 2019 School Tax Comparison

District	20% Optional Homestead Exemption	Est. Taxes on a \$500,000 Home
Katy ISD	No	\$6,855
Spring ISD	No	\$6,793
Cy-Fair ISD	Yes	\$5,138
<b>SBISD</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$4,954</b>
Houston ISD	Yes	\$4,263

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