



# Voter Approved Tax-Rate Election (VATRE)

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# **VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION (VATRE)**

**MAY 6, 2024**

# GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2023-2024

Account	2023-2024 Original Budget	Description	2024-2025 Projected Budget
57xx	\$279,496,182	Tax Revenue	\$278,251,634
58xx	\$18,614,428	State Revenue	\$18,192,132
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$296,443,776</b>
62xx	\$19,500,000	Recapture	\$7,532,138
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$278,610,610</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>\$288,911,628</b>

2024-2025 Projected Budget

\$288,911,628

2023-2024 Amended Budget

\$278,610,610

Additional Revenue

\$10,301,018

# 24-25 BUDGET DEFICIT

Description	Cost	Balance
Additional Revenue		\$10,301,018
23-24 Deficit	\$2,987,423	\$7,313,595
Growth Budget	\$8,060,300	-\$746,705
Non-Payroll Items (Operations)	\$2,000,000	\$-2,746,705
Contract Inc./Safety & Security	\$3,000,000	-\$5,746,705
Second Staffing	\$2,518,000	-\$8,264,705
SPED Stipends ( <del>\$617,000</del> )	\$186,000	-\$8,450,705
Raise 2%	\$5,822,650	-\$14,273,355

# 24-25 PROJECTED BUDGET DEFICIT

Description		Cost	Balance
Additional Revenue			\$10,301,018
Budget Items approved		\$24,574,373	-\$14,273,355

# FUND BALANCE

	Fund Balance	Percentage of Operating
2019	\$ 99,134,726	44.4%
2020	\$ 90,062,710	40.2%
2021	\$ 83,823,552	34.0%
2022	\$ 99,904,957	38.7%
2023	\$ 111,215,675	36.4%
2024	\$ 107,215,675	35.1%
2025	\$ 92,215,675	28.0%*

3 months operating = 25%  
= 42%

4 months operating = 33%

5 months operating

\*based on a deficit of \$15M

# FUNDING STATISTICS FROM COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Compensation Stats

- Average Texas teacher salary = \$62,463 which is \$9,000 below national average
- With inflation, Texas teacher salaries are down 6% from 2015
- National averages among 50 states:
  - 29<sup>th</sup> in teacher salary with national average of \$71,699
  - 34<sup>th</sup> for support staff salary with national average of \$33,756

# FUNDING STATISTICS FROM COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Student Funding Stats

- Texas spends an average of \$12,781 per student (includes debt service). This includes basic allotment which is \$6,160 per student which is used to fund daily operations and salaries. No increase to this since 2019.
- Per student spending in Texas has dropped 2.5% since 22-23 while national average has increased 2.9%. Texas spends \$5,220 less per child than the national average.
- National averages among 50 states:  
46<sup>th</sup> for per-student funding, with national average of \$18,001



# BUDGET PRIORITIES NEXT YEAR – NO FUNDING CHANGE

## Budget Priorities:

### 1. Protect Student Programs

- Growth Budget (**Minimize hiring to reduce staff**)
- Ratio Discussions (**Must increase class size ratios**)
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### 2. Maximize Compensation for Staff

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- Pay Scale Adjustment (**No changes or increases to pay scale**)
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### 3. Protect Fund Balance

- Historical Analysis (**Balanced budget**)

# SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES INVOLVE TWO FIGURES

## General Operating Fund

(Maintenance & Operations)

Day-to-day operations and expenses

**FOR SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS, THIS  
INCLUDES:**

Staff Salaries  
Utilities  
Supplies  
Repairs  
Fuel



**FOR THE AVERAGE  
CITIZEN, THIS IS  
SIMILAR TO:**

Groceries  
Utilities  
Minor home repairs  
Routine services  
Car fuel

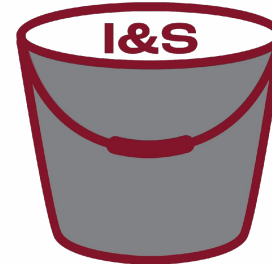
## Debt Services Fund

(Interest & Sinking)

Principal and interest payments on debt issued

**FOR SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS, THIS  
INCLUDES:**

New construction  
Renovations  
HVAC Systems  
Roofing  
Technology



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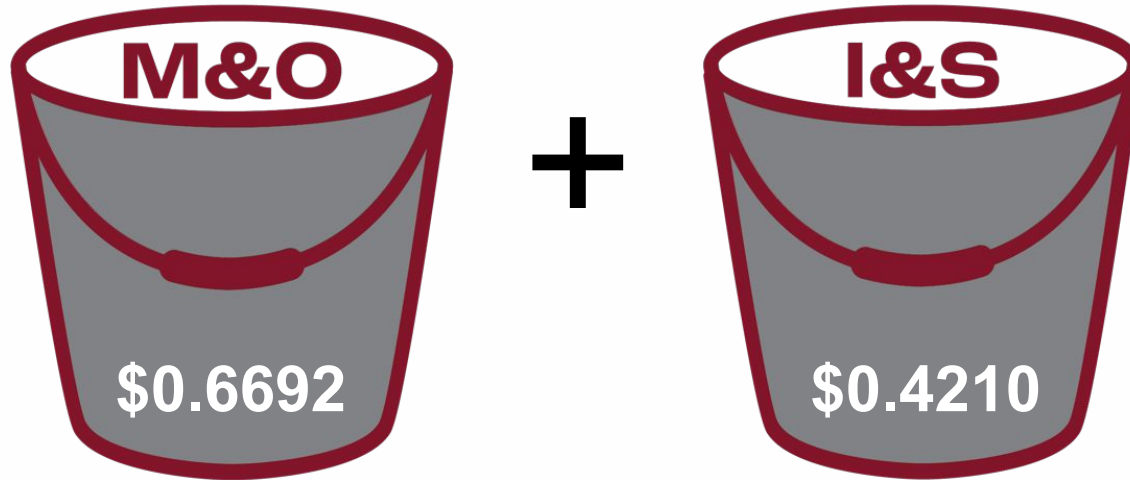
Mortgage  
Home renovation  
Major appliances  
Land  
Car

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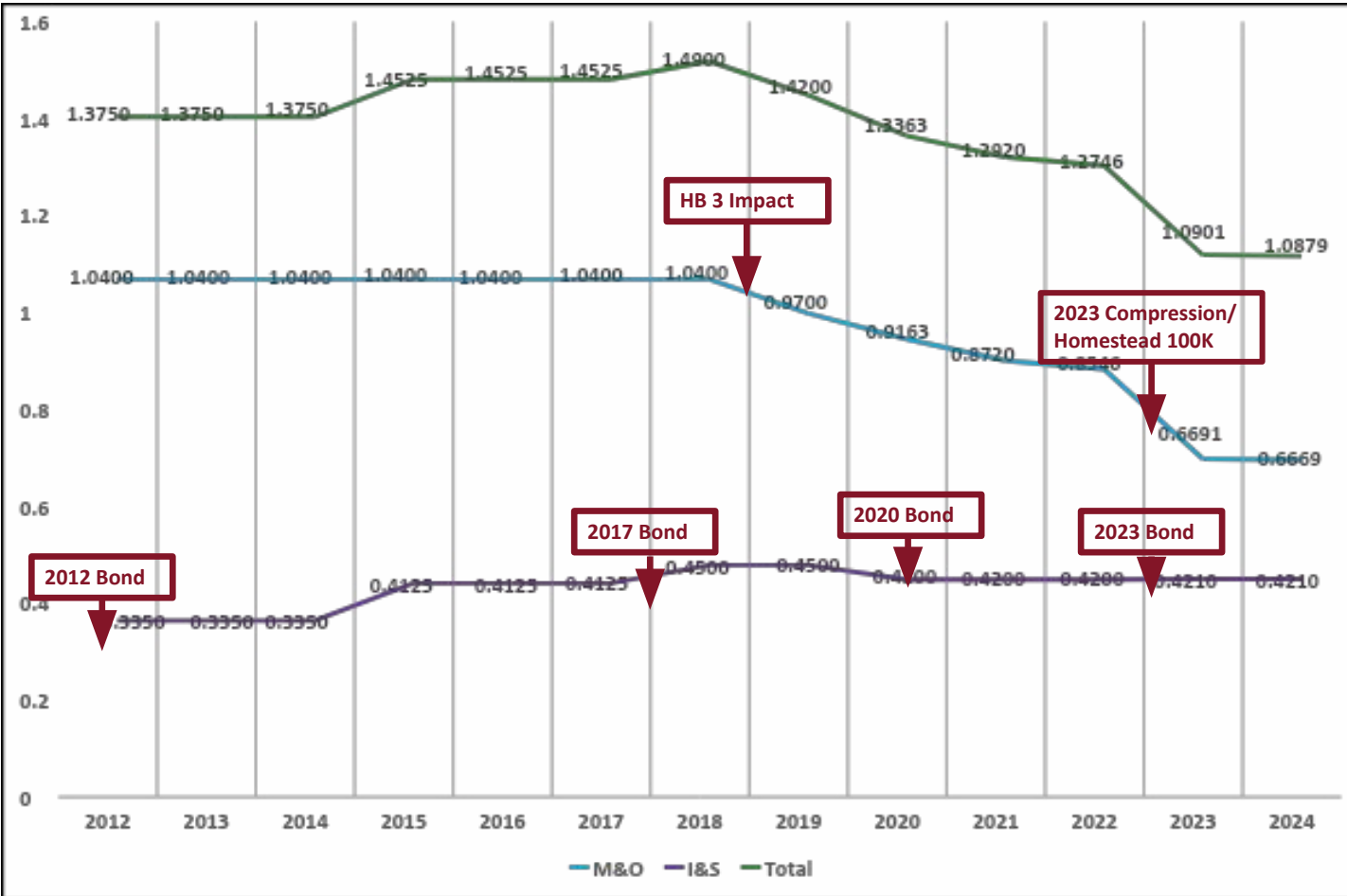
Bond Election – Election for I&S Only

# ONE TAX RATE, TWO BUCKETS

**NISD CURRENT TAX RATE \$1.0902**



# NISD Tax Rate History



<u><b>Tax Year</b></u>	<u><b>M&amp;O</b></u>	<u><b>I&amp;S</b></u>	<u><b>Total</b></u>
<b>2012</b>	1.0400	0.3350	<b>1.3750</b>
<b>2013</b>	1.0400	0.3350	<b>1.3750</b>
<b>2014</b>	1.0400	0.3350	<b>1.3750</b>
<b>2015</b>	1.0400	0.4125	<b>1.4525</b>
<b>2016</b>	1.0400	0.4125	<b>1.4525</b>
<b>2017</b>	1.0400	0.4125	<b>1.4525</b>
<b>2018</b>	1.0400	0.4500	<b>1.4900</b>
<b>2019</b>	0.9700	0.4500	<b>1.4200</b>
<b>2020</b>	0.9163	0.4200	<b>1.3363</b>
<b>2021</b>	0.8720	0.4200	<b>1.2920</b>
<b>2022</b>	0.8546	0.4200	<b>1.2746</b>
<b>2023</b>	0.6691	0.4210	<b>1.0901</b>
<b>2024</b>	0.6669	0.4210	<b>1.0879</b>

# NISD Tax Rate History

# WHAT IS A VATRE

Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate (.6669) can only be used for daily operations which includes teacher salaries, supplies, contracted services and maintenance/utilities.

School Districts are allowed up to 8 Golden Pennies that are not subject to recapture. Currently, the district has access to 5 Golden Pennies which leaves .6169 (current floor) for the remaining tax rate which is set by the State.

# WHAT IS A VATRE

For a School District to receive the remaining 3 Golden Pennies or any additional Copper Pennies, the School District must ask the tax payers to say yes to a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE).

Northwest would be asking the voters to approve the additional 3 Golden Pennies to increase the districts revenue and keep all the money in the district. The other .6169 pennies are subject to recapture and some of that money is paid back to the state. None of the Golden Pennies are subject to recapture.

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# NISD Tax Rate History



# GENERAL FUND PROJECTED REVENUE BUDGET 2024-2025

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57xx	\$278,251,634	Tax Revenue	\$290,723,592
58xx	\$18,192,132	State Revenue	\$21,536,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$296,443,776</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$312,260,077</b>
62xx	\$7,532,138	Recapture	\$8,096,960
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$288,911,628</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>\$304,163,117</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$14,273,355)</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$978,134</b>

2024-2025 VATRE Budget           \$304,163,117  
2024-2025 Projected Budget  
\$288,911,628  
Additional Revenue  
\$15,251,489

# **BUDGET PRIORITIES NEXT YEAR WITH VATRE**

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# BUDGET AND TRE HISTORY

## 2019-2020

- NISD adopted \$21 million budget deficit
- Board was set to call TRE
- HB3 cancelled TRE process for 2019-2020 school year
- \$7 to \$10 million from NISD Fund Balance will be used for deficit

## 2020-2021

- NISD adopted \$25 million budget deficit
- Board calls VATRE
- November 2020 elections fail
- NISD cut \$17.5 million from the budget

# HOW WILL A VATRE HELP?

All money from VATRE will go directly to compensation of teachers and staff while maintaining the current high standards for all NISD programs by increasing the Maintenance and Operations budget approximately \$15 million.

# MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE



If approved by voters, a **\$0.03** Maintenance and Operations increase could provide funds for **Teacher and Staff Pay Raises.**

# MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX REVENUE

**\$0.03**  
M&O  
Tax Rate Increase



**\$15-16**  
**Million** Additional  
Revenue



**Teacher and  
Staff Pay Raises**

# HOW WILL VATRE EFFECT TAXPAYERS?

Average Home Value is approximately \$500,000

	Current	VATRE
Value =	\$500,000	\$500,000
<u>Homestead Exempt=</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
Taxable Value=	\$400,000	\$400,000
<u>Tax Rate (per 100)=</u>	<u>1.0879</u>	<u>1.1179</u>
Total Taxes=	\$4,351.60	\$4,471.60
Yearly Difference=	\$120	
Monthly Difference =	\$10	

# VATRE TIMELINE

Dates	Action	Guidelines
July 5th	Select auditor for efficiency audit	4 months prior to election day
August 9th	Latest day to publish notice of public meeting	10 - 30 days prior to the public meeting
August 19th*	Last day to order general election/tax rate	Budget and tax rate must be adopted prior to election
October 5th	Efficiency audit posted on website	No later than 30 days before election
October 5th	No later than 3 months after auditor appointment	Efficiency audit completed
November 5th	Election Day	Go Vote!

\*Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.



# QUESTIONS