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Mr. Schwerin

Good afternoon, I wanted to circle back on some of the concerns and statements from the previous board meeting to provide insight and provide future meetings where budget will be discussed. First, you inquired about an effective tax rate comparison to municipalities and if I understand correctly, requested that the school district follow what many cities are following in Texas regarding the effective tax rate. ***I wanted to express the school board's commitment to good stewardship of taxpayer dollars.*** School and municipal funding is different and I will do my best to provide those differences during a future presentation. Please know that Wylie ISD's M&O rate and the overall tax rate have decreased every year since 2018-19. We plan to devote an entire workshop to this subject. Here are the current list of topics that will be covered.

- Understanding House Bill 3
- How State Funding Works
- New Legislation
- How Property Values & Tax Compression Works
- No-New-Revenue Tax Rates
- Tax Rate Factors & Considerations

Moreover, a breakdown of the district's tax rates can be found in the [financial transparency](#) section of the website. It is important to note that municipality funding and school district funding are vastly different, and this plays a role in tax rate adoptions. The 86th Texas Legislature overhauled school finance in 2019 with House Bill 3. The community can find a comprehensive breakdown of the bill [here](#). Community members may also find an overview of school finance [here](#) and [here](#), and more information [here](#).

We have tentatively scheduled our workshop to review these topics on May 16. Trustees will hold

budget workshops from now until the budget is adopted in June 2022. Additionally, once certified values are received from the Collin County Appraisal District, the district will move forward with adopting a tax rate in August 2022. More information can be found on wylieisd.net/schoolboard. I know that you receive alerts regarding board meetings and wanted to point your attention to the March 21 Wylie ISD Board Meeting and that it will include a budget workshop that will begin our process. This Friday's notification will have more information.

Last, based on your presentation, I wanted to make you aware that Wylie ISD does not owe \$446 billion in debt. I believe you meant to say "millions." Note that due to the fast growth, Wylie ISD issued additional bonds to expand facilities to accommodate student growth. School districts that are not in a fast-growth mode can pay down debt more quickly before needing to issue additional bonds to improve aging facilities. Please know that the Wylie ISD Board of Trustees is committed to paying down our debt as quickly as possible through conservative and intentional approaches to avoid passing the debt burden along to future generations. In fact, Since 2011, Wylie ISD has saved \$136,100,000 with the board's commitment to defeasance & bond refunding strategy.

Sincerely,

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