

# Fort Stockton ISD Board of Trustees Approves Calling Prop A Election

**Fort Stockton, Texas** — The Fort Stockton Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved calling Proposition A, also known as a Tax Rate Election (TRE) for November 5, 2024.

Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora said, “I believe our district stakeholders care deeply about our students and the educators who work to help all areas of the district. The School Board and I consistently work to earn the trust and confidence of our school community. We hope all stakeholders will objectively look at the situation and vote based on the information they learn.”

The state of Texas has barely provided any additional funding for school districts since 2019 - even with inflation at record highs. This puts constraints on the district’s buying power to continue providing a safe, supportive, and secure environment in Fort Stockton ISD.

Without Prop A, FSISD would lose approximately \$3 million from the local Maintenance and Operation budget. This would result in the inability to provide staff with their annual recruit and retain fall stipends, as well as deeper program cuts.

Proposition A provides new revenue to impact every Fort Stockton ISD employee, student, and teacher. This measure would generate just over \$1M in additional annual funding, directed toward the district’s Maintenance & Operations budget.

If passed, the board will focus primarily on continuing to fund two areas including:

- Teacher and Staff Recruit & Retain Fall Stipends
- Student Educational and Extracurricular Programs

If voters approve Prop A, there will not be a total tax rate increase to the District tax on a homestead bill in Fort Stockton ISD. Fort Stockton ISD will reduce the Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate by more than the proposed increase in the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) rate if Prop A is approved. The tax rate would be set at \$1.0488. This is a decrease from the 2023 rate of \$1.06.

“The board and myself have made a promise to our community to not raise the total tax rate above \$1.05 and even if this proposition passes, we can continue to keep that promise,” said Dr. Zamora. “I want our community to know that we will hold true to that promise.”

More information about the Prop A projects, estimated impact, and voting locations will be available on the district website at [www.FSISD.net/PropA](http://www.FSISD.net/PropA). Voters can also expect to see printed and digital materials about factual information regarding Proposition A.

“We will be reaching out to all registered voters in the district to provide factual information about Prop A,” Zamora said. “We want our community to have all the facts so they can make an informed decision at the polls in October and November.”

To register to vote or to find out your registration status, call the Fort Stockton County Elections Department at (432) 336-2115, or visit their website at [https://cityoffortstockton.com/departments/city\\_secretary/elections.php](https://cityoffortstockton.com/departments/city_secretary/elections.php)

The last day to register to vote in the November election is Monday, October 7.

Early voting begins October 21 and ends November 1, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.