



# SCHOOL FUNDING ELECTION

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Factual Information Presentation

# Students By the Numbers



**14** Schools  
**11,300+** Students

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**8** Elementary | **3** Middle Schools  
**2** High Schools | **1** CTE Center

**30**  
spoken  
languages


**30%**  
economically  
disadvantaged

**66%**  
specialized learning  
enrollment growth



# ACADEMICS




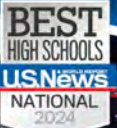
*Did*  
**YOU KNOW?**



**\$16 Million**  
Earned Scholarships

**Nearly 800 Graduates**

In the Class of 2024,  
9 out of 10 graduates  
are college, career or military ready.



- ✓ 3 Military Academy Nominations and 1 Appointment
- ✓ 2 ROTC \$200,000 Scholarships
- ✓ 29 students earned Certified Nursing Assistant licenses
- ✓ 33 students earned National Phlebotomy Certifications
- ✓ 14 students earned EMT Certifications
- ✓ 11 students earned Food Managers Certificates
- ✓ \$250,800 in stock show sales at the Ellis County Show
- ✓ JROTC Jr. Nationals Orienteering #10 and #12 in the country
- ✓ Debate Team advanced to nationals in two contests
- ✓ 3rd place in Ready Writing at State UIL Academic
- ✓ 2nd place in Feature Writing at State UIL Academic
- ✓ 4 Destination Imagination teams advanced to Globals

<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>141</b>
National Merit Finalist	National Merit Commended	National Recognition Scholars	National AP Scholars

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# ATHLETICS

- ✓ 52 student-athletes sign letters of intent
- ✓ 17 Academic All-State students
- ✓ 5A UIL Soccer State Championship
- ✓ 9 state qualifiers in wrestling, 2 State Champions
- ✓ 3 state qualifiers in track and field, 1 bronze, 1 silver, and 1 State Champion
- ✓ 7 state qualifiers in girls powerlifting, 1 boys State Champion
- ✓ 2 state qualifiers in cross country
- ✓ 1 state qualifier in girls golf



52

Signed Letters  
of Intent

17

Academic All-  
State Students

22

State  
Qualifiers

4

Individual State  
Champions

1

Team State  
Champion

# FINE ARTS

- ✓ Best Communities for Music Award
- ✓ Drill team Best of the Best National Champions
- ✓ 1 All-State Band student
- ✓ 9 Broadway Dallas High School Musical Theatre award nominations
- ✓ 14 students named Thespian National Qualifiers
- ✓ 6 student art pieces advanced to state VASE
- ✓ 3 Choir Sweepstakes Awards
- ✓ Marching band programs advanced to Area



Proud BCME District



14

Thespian  
National  
Qualifiers

9

Broadway  
Dallas HSMTA  
Nominations

6

VASE State  
Qualifying Art  
Pieces

3

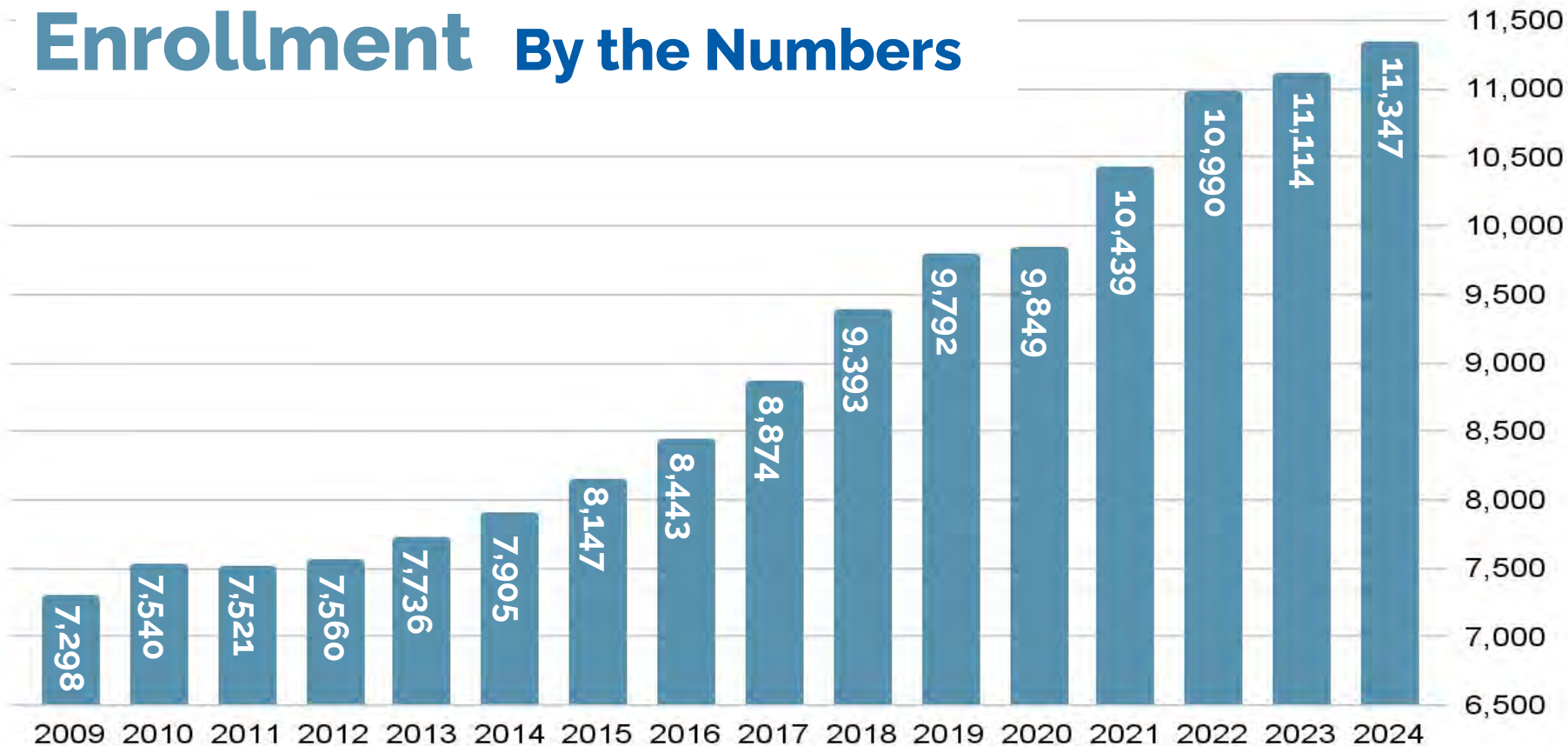
Choir  
Sweepstakes  
Awards

1

All-State Band  
Student

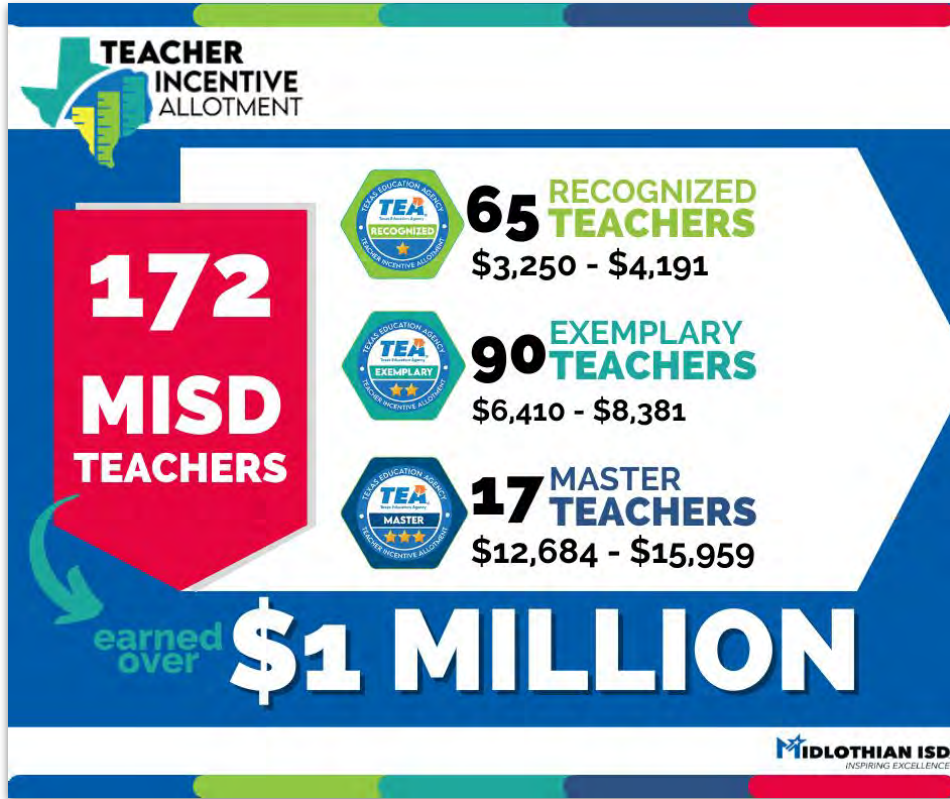


# Enrollment By the Numbers



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Funded outside MISD's budget by the state.

# Staff By the Numbers

**680+**

Classroom teachers

**58%**

6+ years teaching experience

**1,381**

MISD staff members



turnover rate

2% below the state average

# Fiscal Stewardship



MISD continues to be recognized annually for its strong fiscal management practices.



**\$128,906,984**  
Annual Midlothian ISD Budget

**\$111 Million**  
Saved in interest payments  
through early Bond debt repayment





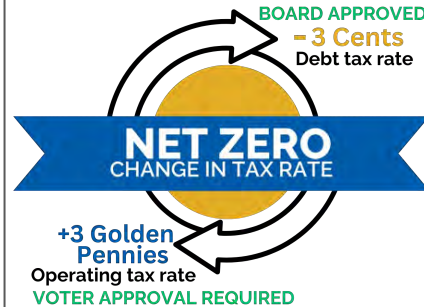
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3 Golden Pennies



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\*Comparison to last year

3 Golden Pennies Generates

**\$4.7 MILLION**  
Additional Funds



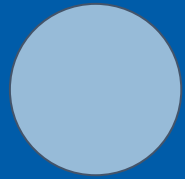
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Funding

PRIORITIES

Safety and Security  
Maintain Low Class Sizes  
Student Programming and Experiences  
Teacher and Staff Compensation





# How Schools Are Funded

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# Total Tax Rate is Made Up of Two Parts

## M&O

Maintenance & Operations



Funds from this portion of the tax rate are used for operating the district and include items like **Salaries, Utilities, Insurance, Supplies.**



## I&S

Interest & Sinking



Funds from this portion of the tax rate can only be used to pay off bond debt.  
**I&S funds cannot be used for operational costs.**



Complex funding formulas  
2 Funding Buckets

# Funding is Determined by the State

The State determines the amount of funding a District will receive and that **creates a ceiling**



The size of your funding bucket is set by the state

**\$6,160**

**Basic Allotment  
per student**



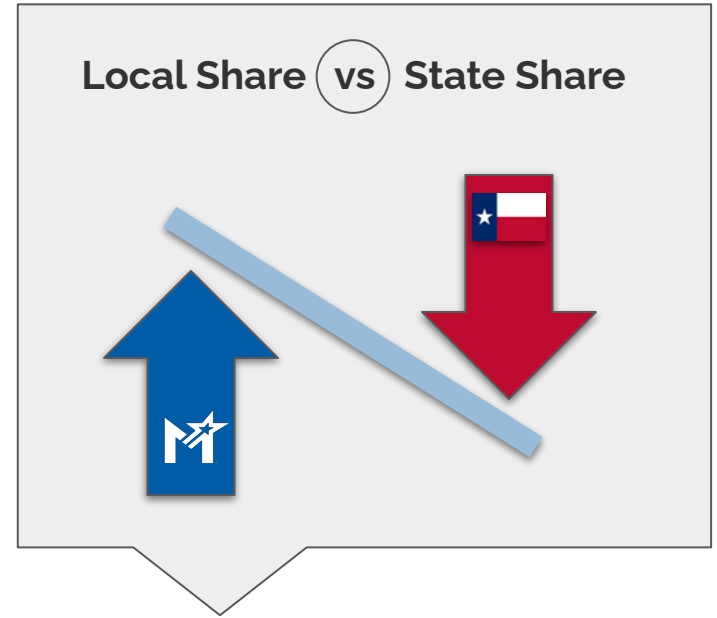
Every District receives a base minimum per student



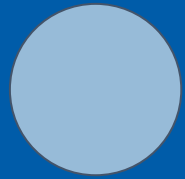
Funding to fill the bucket comes from local property taxes and the state

# A Balancing Act

- Districts must tax at their maximum capacity to receive full state funding
- Increased property value does not equate to increased revenue, as these values are figured into the funding formula (local fund assignment)



As **local** revenue **increases**,  
**state** funding **decreases**



# Tax Rate Information

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# Tax Rate Comparison and Tax Payer Impact

2023-2024 Tax Rate

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{M\&O} \\ \hline \text{Rate} \\ \hline \text{\$0.6692} \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{I\&S} \\ \hline \text{Rate} \\ \hline \text{\$0.44} \\ \hline \end{array} = \text{\$1.10}_{92}$$

*Last year*

If approved, 2024-2025 Tax Rate

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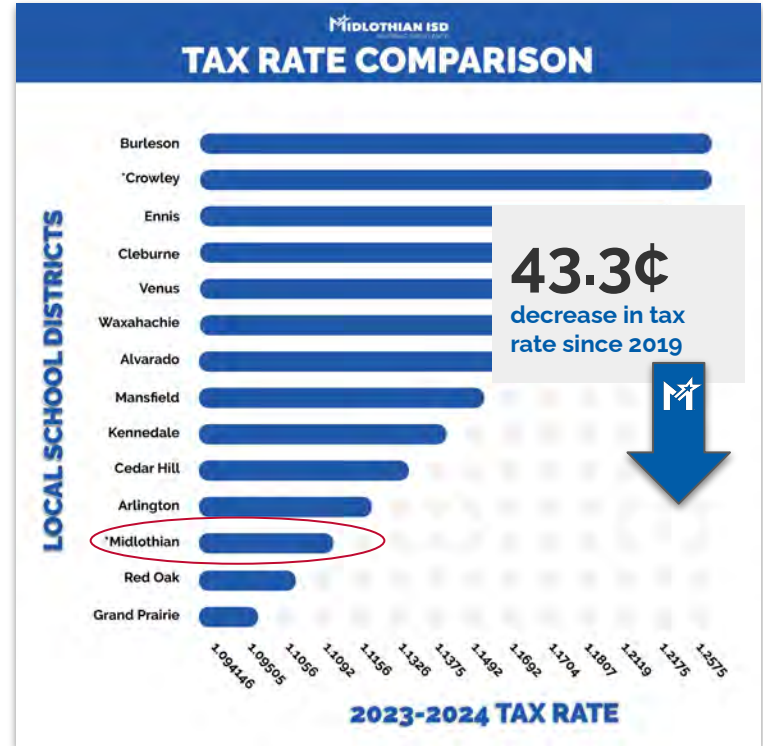
*This year*

+ 3 Cents      - 3 Cents



\*Actual yields slight decrease

**65+** ZERO IMPACT  
With Frozen Levy

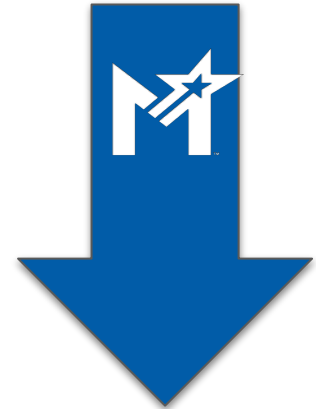


Option to access Golden Pennies with **NO INCREASE** to last year's tax rate

# Our Tax Bill Compared to Other Districts

School District	Home Value	Local Deduction	State Deduction	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Tax Due
Burleson ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.2575	\$4,401.25
Ennis ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.2175	\$4,261.25
Cleburne ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.2119	\$4,241.65
Venus ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1807	\$4,132.45
Alvarado ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1692	\$4,092.20
Waxahachie ISD	\$450,000	\$5,000	\$100,000	\$345,000	\$1.1704	\$4,037.88
Mansfield ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1492	\$4,022.20
Kennedale ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1375	\$3,981.25
Cedar Hill ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1326	\$3,964.10
Arlington ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1156	\$3,904.60
Red Oak ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.1056	\$3,869.60
Crowley ISD	\$450,000	10%	\$100,000	\$305,000	\$1.2575	\$3,835.37
Grand Prairie ISD	\$450,000		\$100,000	\$350,000	\$1.0951	\$3,832.68
<b>Midlothian ISD</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$305,000</b>	<b>\$1.1092</b>	<b>\$3,383.06</b>

Comparison Districts  
Average Tax Bill =  
\$3,996.88



**\$645.94**  
**LESS**

Source: Ellis County Tax Office Records





# Comparison of Proposed Levy

	Last Year 2023-24	This Year 2024-25
Average Market Value on Residence	\$504,275	\$476,902
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Valuation	\$1.109200	\$1.106900
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$3,792.62	\$3,465.49
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		<b>-\$327.13</b> <b>Less Than Last Year</b>

\*Source: Midlothian ISD Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate as prepared by the Ellis County Tax Office.

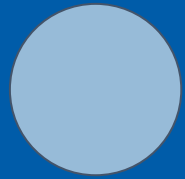
# MISD Fund Balance

Fund Balance	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024**	2025 Estimate without VATRE	2025 Estimate with VATRE
Fund Balance	\$32,938,020	\$33,443,069	\$33,612,991	\$32,789,640	\$26,449,138	\$31,593,227
% of Fund Balance to Expenses	32.87%	28.01%	28.44%	25.86%	20.42%	24.39%
3 Months Expense	\$25,049,297	\$29,852,776	\$29,551,015	\$31,701,511	\$32,342,151	\$32,341,124

\*State recommended reserves is equal to 3 months operating expenses

\*\*Updated 10/9/2024 based on audited financial statements





# Proposition Information

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# Key Funding Priorities



1

Safety and Security

2

Maintaining Low  
Class Sizes

3

Student Programming  
and Experiences

4

Teacher and Staff  
Compensation

# Key Funding Priorities

*MISD continues to focus on safety.*

- *Increasing the number of SROs  
\$1,447,600 budgeted in 2024-25*
- *\$613,814 budgeted for safety*
- *MISD has secured \$1.1 million in grants*
- *The state provided \$300,000 for safety and security*

## 1 Safety and Security

2 Maintaining Low Class Sizes

3 Student Programming and Experiences

4 Teacher and Staff Compensation



# Key Funding Priorities

*MISD saved **\$2,677,582** through staff attrition in the following ways:*

- *26:1 Student to Teacher Ratio up from a 25:1 Ratio last year for grades 5-12*
- *Staff Resignations and Retirement*
- *Expired Contract Positions*

- 1 Safety and Security
- 2 **Maintaining Low Class Sizes**
- 3 Student Programming and Experiences
- 4 Teacher and Staff Compensation

# Key Funding Priorities

*MISD offers diverse academic, extracurricular, and career & technology programs including:*

- *Advanced Academic Programs*
- *Dual Credit Course*
- *JROTC*
- *Engineering*
- *Cyber Security*
- *Destination Imagination*
- *Athletics and Arts*
- *Entrepreneurship*
- *Health Sciences*
- *Extracurriculars - athletics, band, visual arts, performing arts*
- *Elementary School Art and Music*
- *And more...*

- 1 Safety and Security
- 2 Maintaining Low Class Sizes
- 3 **Student Programming and Experiences**
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# Key Funding Priorities

*MISD is committed to investing in staff.  
The 2024-25 budget includes:*

- *A **3%** general pay increase for teachers and librarians*  
*\$2,490,474*
- *Average **1%** increase for all other positions*  
*\$1,041,704*

- 1** Safety and Security
- 2** Maintaining Low Class Sizes
- 3** Student Programming and Experiences
- 4** **Teacher and Staff Compensation**

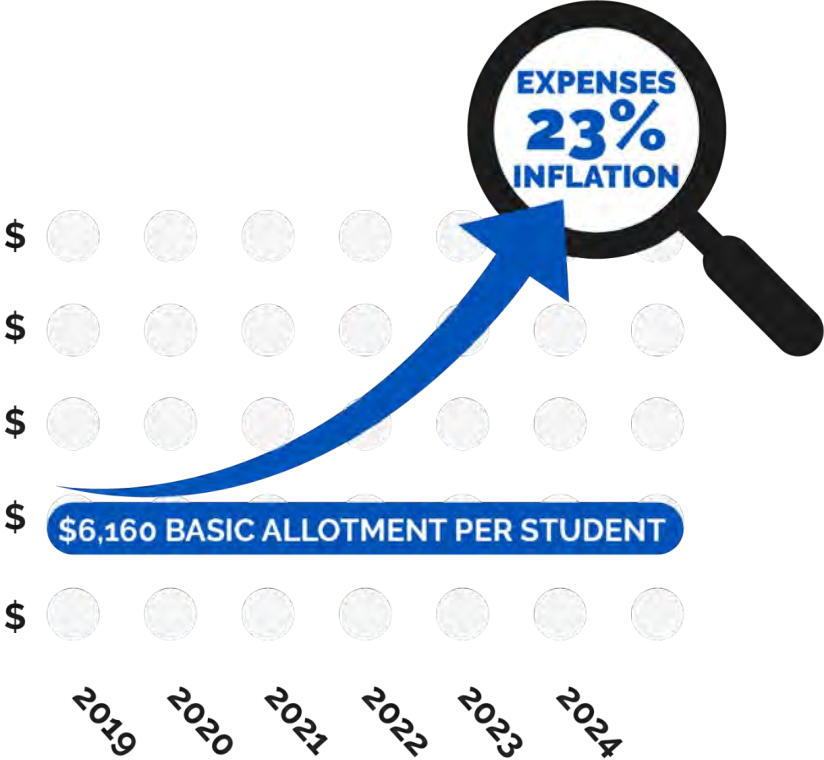




# Inflationary Impact to Schools (since 2019)

The **basic allotment of \$6,160** was last updated in 2019

National inflation from June 2019 to June 2024 was approximately 23%



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



# Inflationary/Growth Impact Since 2019



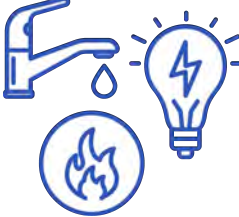
FUEL

**↑ 86.29%**  
(\$525,000)



GENERAL  
INSURANCE  
POLICIES

**↑ 370.21%**  
(\$2,828,575)



UTILITIES

**↑ 82.16%**  
(\$3,727,590)



SROs  
& SECURITY

**↑ 224.99%**  
(\$2,061,414)



TAX OFFICE  
COSTS

**↑ 112.38%**  
(\$1,094,615)

# \$10,237,194

## 2024-25 Operational Expenses

# \$6M

Increase Since 2019



# MISD Strategies to Address Increasing Costs

Adopted 2024-25 Budget = \$5.6 Million Deficit



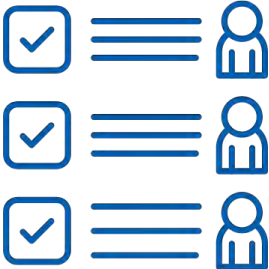
Budget  
Reductions

*Budget Cuts \$972,142.00*



Staffing to  
Enrollment

*Attrition Cuts \$2,677,580.00*



Improving Average  
Daily Attendance

MISD 2024-25 Budget projects 95% ADA.  
An increase of 0.5% generates approximately \$375,763 in State Funds.



# Why Do We Have to Have an Election

It is required by the state – that's why it is called a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election.

It allows local voters the opportunity to decide if the District should access additional operating revenue to fund, maintain, and/or expand academic and extracurricular student programs, safety initiatives and other operational items.

**“Our stewardship in paying down bond debt presented an opportunity to lower the I&S rate, which means taxpayers will see no change in the overall school district tax rate.”**

**- Board President Gary Vineyard.**

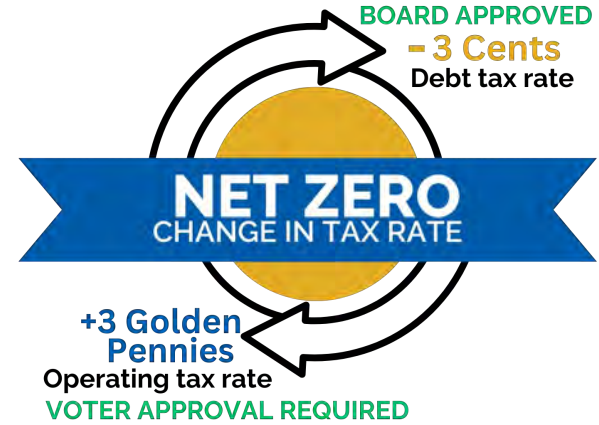
For OR Against

RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.1069 IN THE MIDLOTHIAN  
ISD FOR THE CURRENT YEAR A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN  
INCREASE OF 14.22 PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX  
REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED  
TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$7,750,999

**REQUIRED Ballot Language**



AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.1069



## Represents the Proposed Tax Rate

M&O Rate	+	I&S Rate	=	\$1.10 <sup>69</sup>
\$0.6969		\$0.41		

The passage of the ballot measure will add 3 cents to the M&O side of the tax rate, and the **overall tax rate will not increase**. The language does not account for the 3 cent decrease in the I&S tax rate adopted by the Board.

## REQUIRED Ballot Language



WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 14.22% PERCENT IN  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE

**Represents the  
Increase in Property  
Value Compared to  
Last Year's Levy**



Includes the additional  
3 Golden Pennies



**REQUIRED Ballot  
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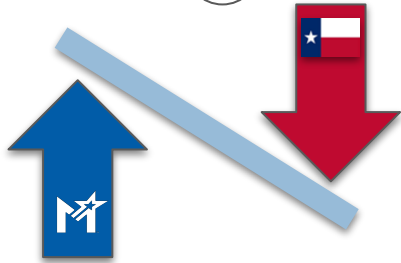


WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$7,750,999.

## Represents **Gross Increase** Related to Property Value **Growth**

Revenue above Golden Pennies is subject to fund assignment and will reduce MISD's state funding.

Local Share (vs) State Share



**\$4.7\***  
**MILLION**  
**ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

- SAFETY & SECURITY MEASURES
- MAINTAIN LOW CLASS SIZE
- STUDENT PROGRAMMING & EXPERIENCES
- TEACHER & STAFF SALARIES

\* Estimated



# REQUIRED Ballot Language





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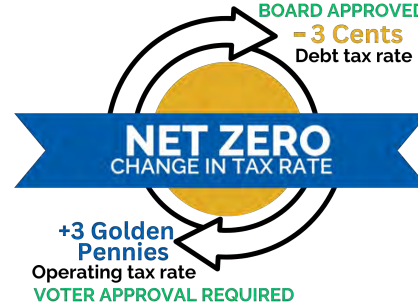
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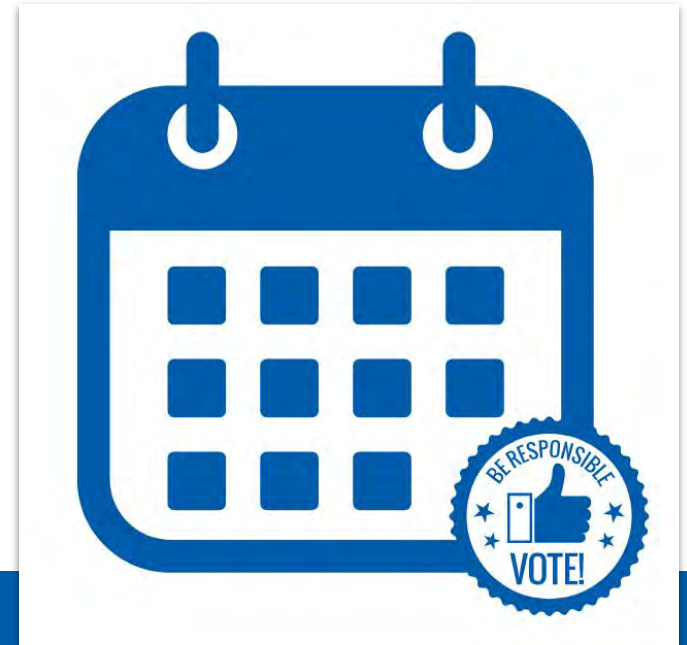
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**Election Day is Tuesday, NOV. 5**

**Early Voting is OCT. 21 - NOV. 1**

**Register to Vote by OCT. 7**



**VOTING INFORMATION**





# Questions?

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