

Dear Peaster ISD Parents, Staff and Community,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who took part in our recent Voter-Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE). While the proposed measure did not pass, I am grateful for the time you invested in letting your voice be heard in shaping the future of Peaster ISD.

The VATRE would have allowed the district to access additional revenue to help manage our budgetary challenges, which include rising costs, unfunded state mandates, and the need to support student programs, retain high-quality staff, and address the district's growing operational needs. Though disappointed, we remain committed to conservative, transparent financial planning and are already exploring ways to balance our budget with minimal impact on education quality.

As many of you know, Peaster, like so many other districts across Texas, is facing a financial shortfall, but our strong, dedicated community sets us apart. As educators, we have faced challenges before and have emerged stronger together. I am confident that we will approach this moment with the same resilience, and dedication to excellence that has always defined Peaster ISD. The strength of our Peaster legacy lies with the heart of the community and in the passion, professionalism, and care each of our staff brings to our schools every day.

We will continue to be open with our staff and community about the steps we take, honoring our commitment to financial transparency. In the coming weeks, we'll work closely with our Board of Trustees to develop a plan that considers our current needs and our vision for the future. We will keep you informed as these conversations progress, and we invite you to remain engaged in the dialogue about how we can best serve our students, staff, and community. Simply stated, your voice matters; please reach out to me any time.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Peaster. I am grateful for each of you and the difference you make in the lives of our students. Together, we will rise to this challenge and continue to build a bright future for Peaster ISD.

Sincerely,

*KENDRA PITTMAN*

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