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BEAUMONT ISD

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BISD ELECTIONS

State law prevents school districts from using public funds or resources to advocate for or against school district elections. District resources include an employee's paid time, a Board member's time in their official capacity, as well as district facilities, equipment, and supplies.

Here are a few helpful tips on what you can and can't say, and can and can't do, during a BISD election.

DO

Understand the VATRE process.

- On August 15, the BISD Board of Trustees adopted the 2024-2025 tax rate at $0.096491, the lowest in more than 7 years.
- The VATRE requests voter approval to add 9 cents to the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) rate, following the State Legislature's compression and the Board's reduction of the Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate.

Share the facts. During school hours or when serving in your official capacity, you may only share facts about the VATRE.

- Educate people about the elections any time you want (but you can't encourage citizens to vote for or against either measure when you're in your official role with the school district).
- Refer them to www.bmtisd.com/vatre for more information.
- Provide information about the tax rate impact and explain that the tax rate will go down regardless of whether the VATRE passes.

Encourage people to vote.

- Encourage people who live within the district boundaries to register to vote if they are not currently registered.
- Share voting times and locations.
- Encourage registered voters to exercise their right to vote, but don't tell them how to vote.

Remember that the only time you may express your opinion on the elections is on your own time (off-duty), using your own resources (cell phone, laptop, and personal email account etc.).

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DON'T

Don't advocate during work hours or while attending school district meetings/events.

- You can only share facts during work hours. After hours, you can express an opinion as long as you are not serving in your capacity as a district employee or Board member at that time.

Don't spend or authorize spending of district money for political advertising.

- Do not use, purchase, or authorize the purchase of district materials to create or distribute political advertising.
- Political advertising is a communication that advocates a particular outcome of an election (encourages support or opposition).
- The communication can be in written or broadcast form, such as a flyer, newsletter, website, email, text message, radio, tv, or social media post.

Don't conduct political advocacy or advertising using district-owned resources.

- Do not use the paid time of district employees to create or distribute political advertising.
- Do not use district resources to create or distribute political advertising.

District resources include use of district telephones, computers, email or social media accounts, copiers, facilities, etc. For example, staff may not copy, staple, or distribute political advertising on work time or with district supplies.

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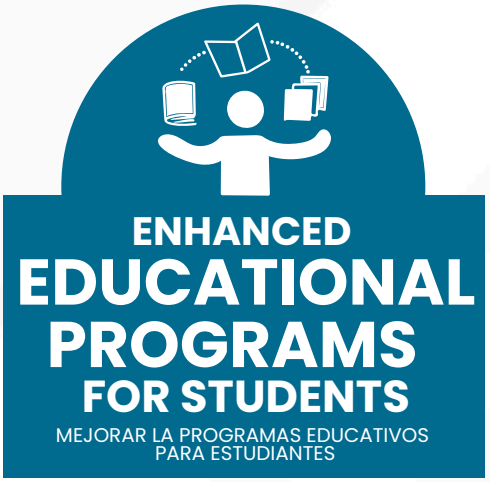
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Voter Approval Tax Rate Election

Aprobación de los votantes de la tasa impositiva







The **VATRE** allows you to vote for or against a new tax rate. If approved, the rate will generate $13 million for District expenses while **lowering the overall tax rate**.

Visit www.bmtisd.com/VATRE to learn more about the **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** election.