WRCCISD - May 3, 2025 Bond Election Information

In order to attempt to clear up any misinformation received or confusion about the proposed bond and tax implications associated with it, the district has created this document with best-case and worst-case scenarios for the May 2025 bond election. There are many factors for projecting the tax rate including the current and projected taxable property values and the current and future interest rates. The tax rate is set annually at the August board meeting to fund current bonds. The bond election history and historical data is also included.

Bond election history for WRCCISD:

November 2004 - Voters approved $6,500,000 - I&S Tax Rate increase estimated to be $0.235 (from $0.00 up to $0.235)

November 2011 - Voters approved $15,000,000 - I&S Tax Rate increase estimated to be $0.24 (from $0.08 up to $0.32)

May 2024 - Voters rejected $26,403,037 - I&S Tax Rate increase estimated to be $0.1585 (from $0.32 up to $0.4785)

November 2024 - Voters rejected $23,000,000 - I&S Tax Rate increase estimated to be $0.158 (from $0.32 up to $0.478)

Historical Data

Historical Statistics & Growth Assumptions (click the link to view the chart of Taxable Value and Tax Rates since 2005-2006)

This data shows the fluctuations of the Taxable Values that West Rusk must use to make the predictions on the Preliminary Bond Program Analysis charts and also shows the historical I&S tax rates approved by the district.

Proposed Bond Election for WRCCISD

The May 2025 Bond Project includes a new elementary school to include grades Pre-K through 2nd grade based on enrollment at the time of occupying the building. Initial plans showed five sections of each grade from kindergarten to grade two. After discussing with faculty and the community, the district agreed to make room in the new elementary school building to house Pre-K through 2nd grade as enrollment allows.

May 2025 - Bond Election for $23,405,000 - I&S Tax Rate increase estimated between $0.1565 and $0.21 depending on many variables including: taxable values and interest rates (from $0.29 up to $0.4465-$0.50) - see the following Preliminary Bond Program Analysis charts with the two estimates provided.

Option 1: (best-case scenario): *Preliminary Bond Program Analysis* that would follow a successful May 2025 bond election that would assume the current Taxable Value of $420,000,000 for 2024-2025 at the current market interest rate (4.35%) at a $0.1565 Tax Rate Increase bringing the I&S tax rate to $0.4465.

Option 1 (click the link to view the chart)

Option 1: Tax Impact Charts (click the link to view the charts)

- The home value in red ($146,063) is the average priced home in the district (per Rusk County Tax Appraisal District)
- The bottom chart showing $140,000 State Exemption is still pending in legislation.

Option 2: (worst-case scenario): *Preliminary Bond Program Analysis* that would follow a successful May 2025 bond election that would assume the proposed Taxable Value of $420,000,000 for 2024-2025 and $390,000,000 for 2025-2026 at a proposed interest rate of (4.75%) at a $0.21 Tax Rate Increase bringing the I&S tax rate to $0.50.

Option 2 (click the link to view the chart)

Option 2: Tax Impact Charts (click the link to view the charts)

- The home value in red ($146,063) is the average priced home in the district (per Rusk County Tax Appraisal District)
- The bottom chart showing $140,000 State Exemption is still pending in legislation.