



## **CISD Regular Board Meeting**

### ***President's Report***

### **July 21, 2025**

As reported in my June 23rd President's Report, and as part of our continued effort to address the projected budget deficit for the '25 - '26 school year, the Board is considering a recommendation from the Budget Reduction Action Committee, or BRAC, Tiger Team. This team, comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and trustees, was formed to prioritize which BRAC recommendation(s) to pursue this year to offset the deficit.

The team has recommended this Board pursue a school funding measure that would require voter approval and be included on the November 4, 2025, ballot. This measure, officially known as a *Voter Approval Tax Ratification Election*, or VATRE, is the recommended primary immediate strategy to address our budget deficit.

The team found that even with the implementation of cost reductions and efficiencies, additional local revenue will be necessary to balance the budget and preserve the exceptional educational programs, teacher and staff compensation levels, and student services our community expects and deserves.

Please click below to watch a 9-minute video featuring two of our very own BRAC members explaining this funding measure further.

#### **[Dragon Podcast 2025-26: Episode 1 - VATRE](#)**

The Board plans to discuss for informational purposes at our August 4th meeting this action, and, if we want to, we can put it on the agenda and take action, which we plan to do at our August 18th meeting. If the Board approves this recommendation, the funding measure will be placed on the November 4th ballot for voter approval.

In addition, we have formed a second BRAC Tiger Team that will start meeting in the Fall and will be charged with prioritizing next steps in the BRAC's 5-year recommended plan. Thank you to all of the community members that have participated on this BRAC team. You're so very important to making decisions and recommendations to the District in order to make recommendations to this Board.

Also, as you know, the Board voted unanimously to hold a special election to fill the Place 3 Board seat vacated by Trustee Dudley Jordan earlier this year. The window to apply opened on July 19th and extends until 5pm on August 18th. If interested, please contact the district's point of contacts for elections, Karina Garcia. As a reminder, this election only serves to fulfill the remainder of the term, which is May 2026.

Lastly, we want to provide a quick update on the sale of our designated surplus properties: First, the 18-acre property on the corner of N. Carroll and E. Highland is currently being re-marketed for sale and we hope to have offers in the very near future. Second, the contract for the sale of the 25-acre property that this building and Old Dragon Stadium are located did not close on June 13 as expected. We are in discussions to potentially re-market a portion of this property. Our plans are to keep the administration building in CISD's ownership for administration and other purposes in the future. We will keep the community apprised on the status of these properties as we have updates.

Thank you,

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