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Alvarado ISD Board of Trustees Calls for VATRE Election

On November 4, 2025, and during early voting hours, voters residing within the Alvarado ISD boundaries will be asked to consider a 12-cent increase to the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate.

This would generate approximately \$4 million in funding for school district operations, including safety, instruction, staff, transportation, maintenance, and other daily operating expenses. After several years of inaction, state funding was increased this year to make way for much-needed teacher pay raises. However, very little was done for non-professional educators and the day-to-day operational costs of the district.

If voters approve, funds from the VATRE would be used to provide competitive salaries for all educators, address facility maintenance, increase employer contribution to health insurance, transportation needs, and operational costs like property insurance and utilities.

“This was not a decision we came to easily,” Alvarado ISD Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Estes said. “Our team has worked to find ways to reduce expenditures over the past few years while maintaining our educational quality. We have the most supportive School Board in the state and they regard the stewardship of the taxpayers' money as a high priority. They spent a lot of time deliberating on deciding to call for this election.”

Any Alvarado ISD resident registered to vote may cast a ballot in this election. Alvarado ISD officials will schedule informational meetings to share details and answer questions. Once those meetings are finalized, information will be shared through the district's regular communication channels. We encourage the community to learn more about the VATRE, budget information, district tax rates, and ask questions.