Board of Trustees Meeting
August 26, 2025

2025 - 2026 Tax Rate Adoption

Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

On Track…to 2025-2026 Tax Rate Adoption

July 25th
Certified Property Value Roll received from Tarrant Appraisal District

August 1st
Texas Education Agency submission deadline for "Compressed Tax Rate" for all Texas Public Schools

August 13th
FWISD publishes proposed tax rate

August 26th
Date for the Board to consider and adopt tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

Proposed 2025-26 Tax Rates
Decrease of 3.3 cents over prior year

Tier	Adopted Rate 2024-25	Proposed Rate 2025-26	Net Change
Maintenance & Operations (M&0) Rate	$0.7869	$0.7869	$0.0000
Interest & Sinking (I&S) Rate	$0.2755	$0.2422	($0.0333)
Total Tax Rate	**$1.0624**	**$1.0291**	**($0.0333)**
No New Revenue Tax Rate		***$0.9813***	

Tax Rate Highlights

- ***Last year's tax rate*** is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year.
- This year's ***no-new-revenue tax rate*** (formerly referred to as the effective tax rate) would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years, less improvements made to those properties. It does not account for impacts in state aid or recapture that would occur if the rate was adopted.
- This year's ***voter-approval tax rate*** (formerly referred to as the rollback tax rate) is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a tax ratification election This is also the District's proposed tax rate.

Tax Rate – Legislative Impacts

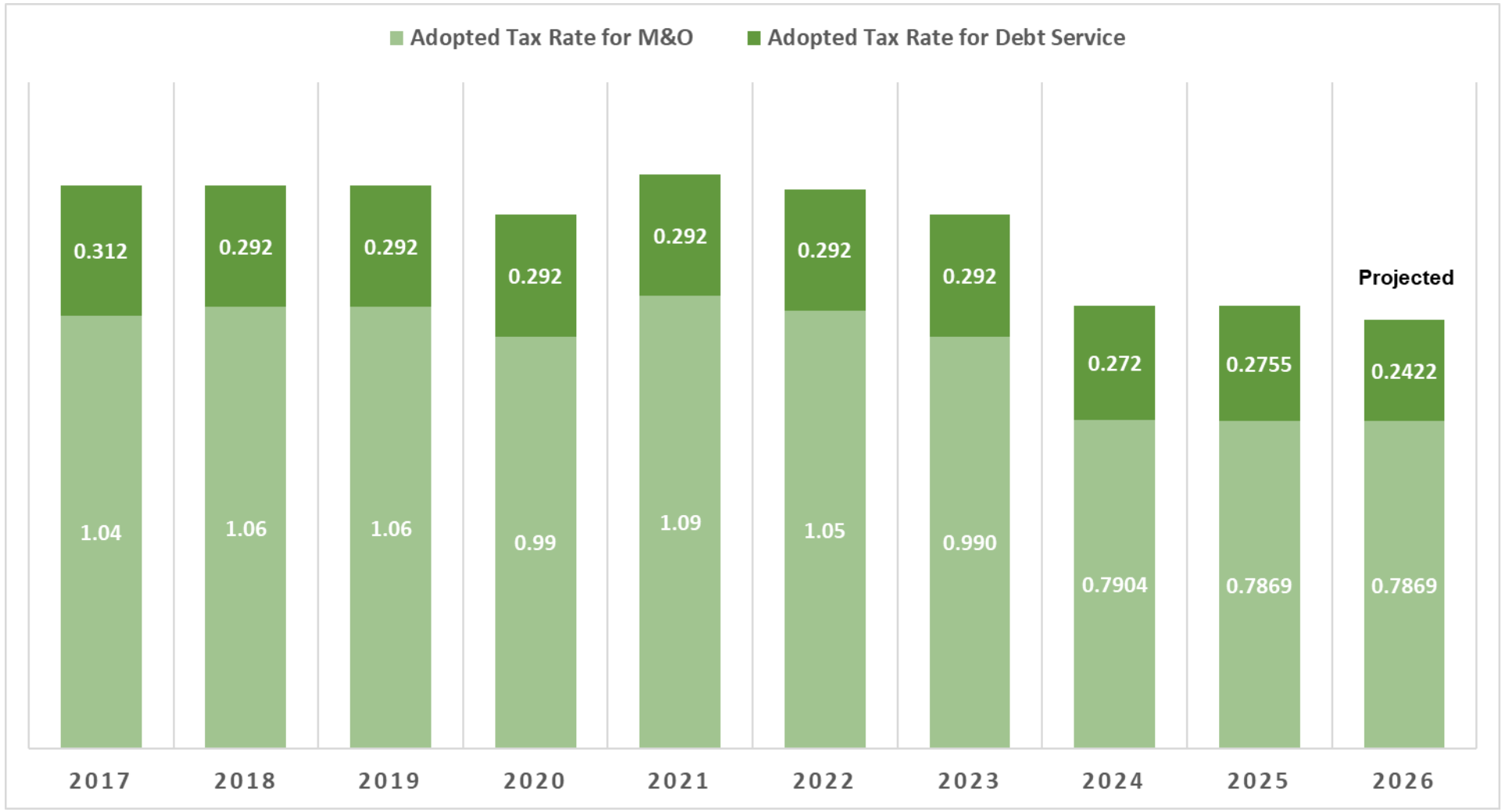
- SB 4 increased the state-mandatory homestead exemption applicable to school districts from $100,000 to $140,000 per eligible homestead and provided additional state aid to hold districts harmless for the decrease in local tax revenue.
- SB 23 increased the homestead exemption of a person who is elderly or disabled applicable to school districts from $10,000 to $60,000 per eligible person's residence homestead and provided additional state aid to hold districts harmless for the decrease in local tax revenue.
- Both increases are contingent upon the passage of the constitutional amendment, Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 2, which will be on voter ballots in November 2025.
- Beginning with school year 2025–2026, there are additional provisions in both SB 4 and SB 23 not contingent upon passage of SJR 2 that would reduce additional state aid for the homestead exemptions for debt service by the difference (if greater than zero) between total calculated state and local revenue for debt service and scheduled debt service.

Proposed 2025-26 Tax Rates
Comparison of Median Values

	Median Value	Homestead Exemption	FWISD Tax Rate Rate/$100 Valuation	Tax Levy
Current Year Median Appraised Value	$226,017	$140,000	$1.0291	$885.20
Previous Year Median Appraised Value	$218,819	$100,000	$1.0624	$1,262.33
Change Year over Year	**$7,198**	**$40,000**	**($0.0333)**	**($377.13)**

Note: HB 1522: Effective after September 1, 2025, For budget adoption meetings, the notice must include a taxpayer impact statement that shows a comparison between (1) the tax bill for a median-valued homestead for the current fiscal year and (2) the tax bill for a median-valued homestead if the proposed budget (and new tax rate) for the next year is adopted.

History of M&O and Debt Service Tax Rates for FWISD from 2017 to 2025 and Proposed 2026



2026 - $1.0291 combined rate

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2026 - $0.7869 (M&0 Rate) + $0.2422 (I&S Rate) = $1.0291 combined total rate

Tex. Tax Code Section 26.05

- **For a school district, the vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the *sum* of the no-new-revenue *maintenance and operations tax rate* of the district as determined under Section 26.08 (Automatic Election to Approve Tax Rate of School District)(i) and the district's current *debt rate* must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance, resolution, or order.**

- **A motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate must be made in the following form: *"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of (specify tax rate), which is effectively a (insert percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate) percent increase in the tax rate."***

Comparison of Surrounding District's Tax Rate

District	City	County	Adopted 2024-2025 Tax Rate	Proposed 2025-2026 Tax Rate
Arlington ISD	Arlington	Tarrant	1.1035	1.1035
Azle ISD	Azle	Tarrant	1.0979	1.0950
Birdville ISD	Haltom City	Tarrant	1.1983	1.12824
Carroll ISD	Southlake	Tarrant	.9617	0.9602
Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD	Saginaw	Tarrant	1.2457	1.2457*
Everman ISD	Everman	Tarrant	1.2268	1.2268
Fort Worth ISD	Fort Worth	Tarrant	1.0624	1.0291
Keller ISD	Keller	Tarrant	1.0852	1.0852*

*Proposed rate unavailable

Motion – Language Required

Language Required in the Motion Setting This Year's Tax Rate:

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $1.0291, which is effectively a 4.87 percent increase in the tax rate.

This year's proposed tax rate EXCEEDS the rate to maintain same level of maintenance & operations revenue & pay debt service. The vote to adopt the tax rate must be a record vote and must have at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body vote in favor of the resolution. This applies to all members and is not restricted to just members that are present.

Questions?