

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION NOV2025

TOWN HALL MEETING # 1



WHY?

BOND 2025

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TIMELINE

FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

APPROXIMATELY 50 MEMBERS

4

MEETINGS

APRIL 21

MAY 5

JUNE 9

AUGUST 4

BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 11, 2025

- FPC SPOKESPERSON MADE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TO CALL A BOND ELECTION
- THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY CALLED FOR A NOVEMBER BOND ELECTION

INTRODUCTIONS



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Donald Rhoads
President



Keila Ketchersid
Vice-President



Chad Partington
Secretary



Chad Brooks
Trustee



Donnie Halpain
Trustee



Tysen Mortensen
Trustee



Blake Thrash
Trustee



PURE EAGLES

670
STUDENTS

7%
ANNUAL GROWTH
5 YEARS
(39 STUDENTS)

30%
5 YEAR GROWTH
(156 STUDENTS)

98
STAFF

30.8%
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

71.2%
WHITE

27.3%
HISPANIC

1.4%
OTHER

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TIMELINE

FACILITY & CAPACITY STUDY

FALL 2024

STUDY ON SIZE OF CLASSROOMS & SPACE

NOTES: WHILE CLASSROOMS ARE SMALL AND FACILITIES ARE DATED, THEY ARE WELL MAINTAINED.

ELEMENTARY PRE K - 4TH

TEA RECOMMENDATION: 792 SQ FT
ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS: 700 SQ FT

SECONDARY 5TH - 12TH

TEA RECOMMENDATION: 800 SQ FT
ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS:
405 SQ FT – 900 SQ FT
*3 CLASSROOMS ARE SHARED BY MULTIPLE TEACHERS

LIBRARIES X 2

TEA RECOMMENDATION: 2,144 & 3,459 SQ FT
ROPES ISD: 1,105 SQ FT & 1,968 SQ FT

NEW ADDITION:

FAIRLY SIZED



HISTORY

RECENT BOND HISTORY

2013

PROP 1: SCHOOL BUILDING & SECURITY:
SCHOOL SAFETY, MAIN ENTRANCE, AND BUILDING UPGRADES

PASSED 143 TO 74

$5,000,000

2019

PROP A: SCHOOL BUILDING:
NEW CAFETERIA, NEW SECONDARY ADDITION

PASSED 165 TO 129

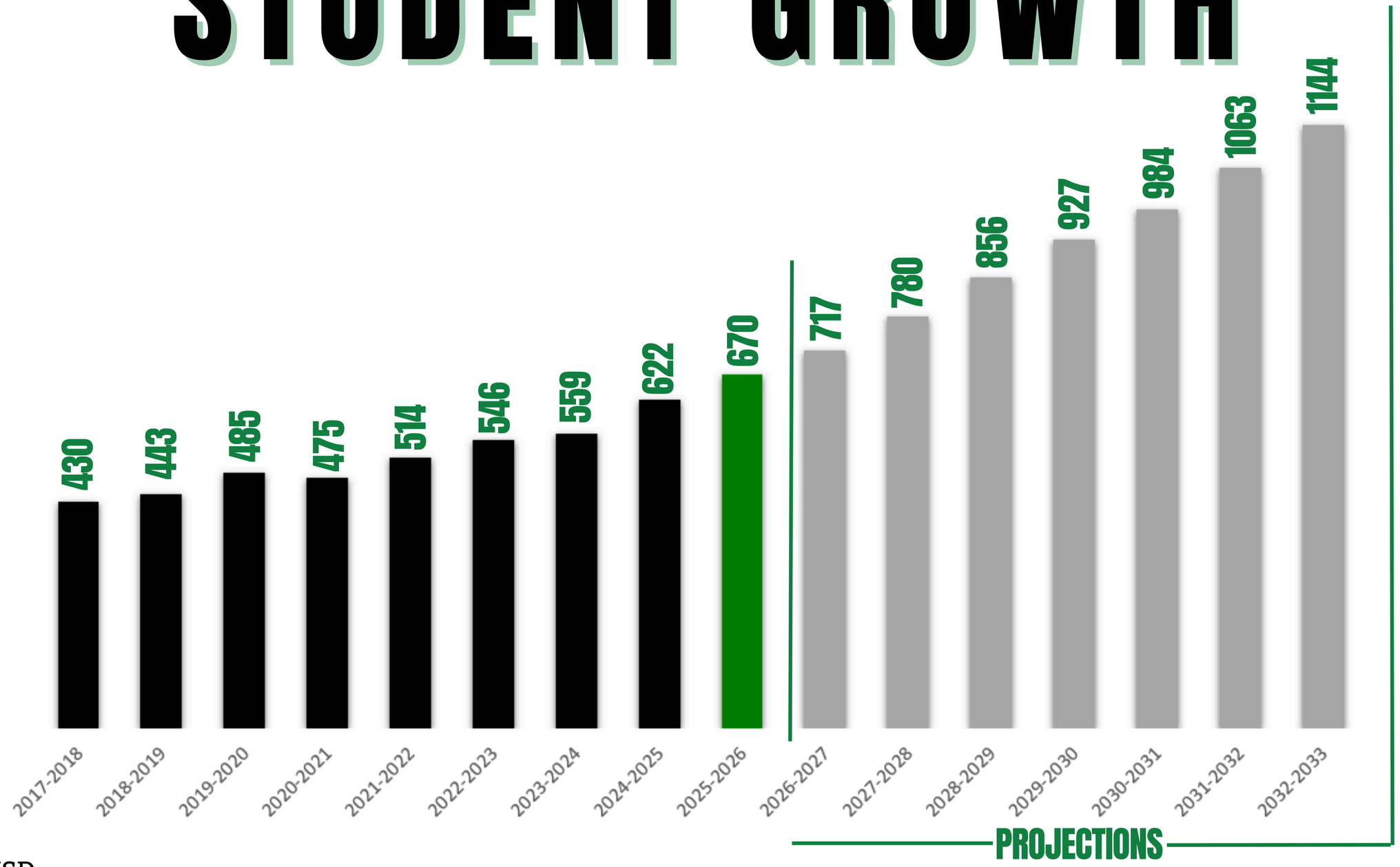
$5,825,000

HISTORY & DEMOGRAPHICS

DEVELOPMENTS & SUBDIVISIONS

STUDY	DEVELOPMENTS	LOTS
2018	3	57
March 2024	11	532
November 2024	13	547
September 2025	18	692

STUDENT GROWTH



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NET TAXABLE VALUES

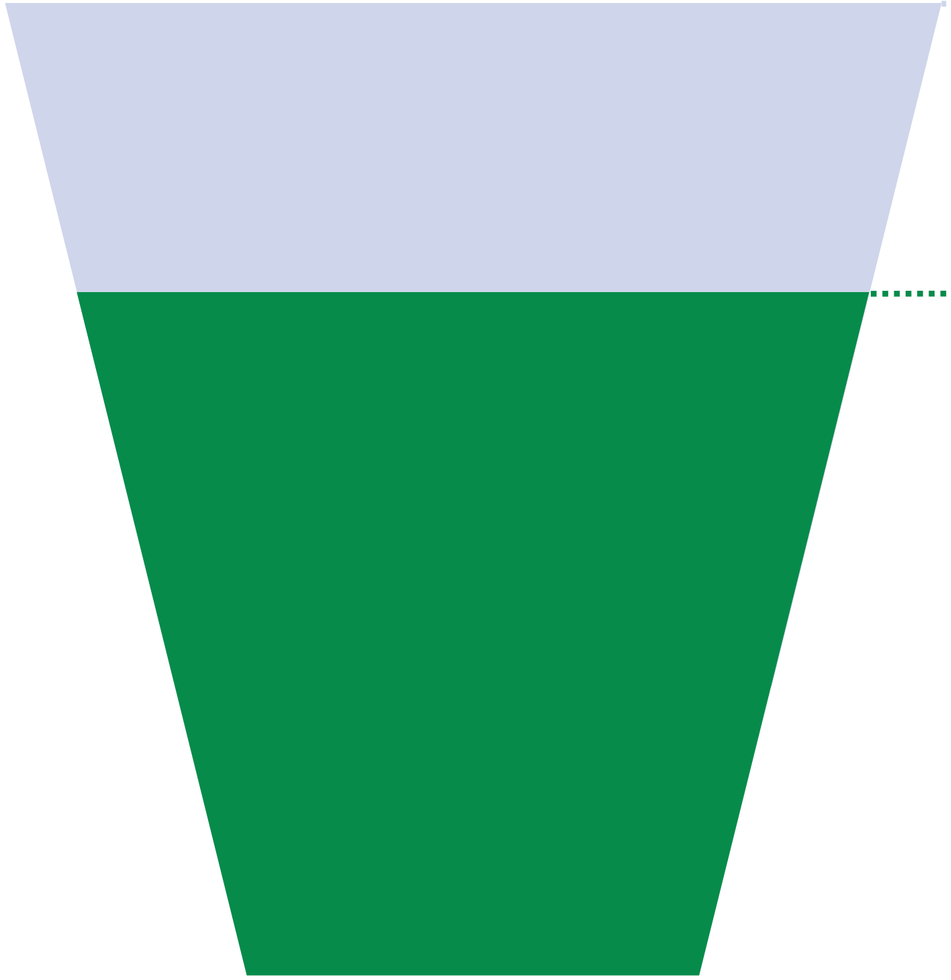
NET TAXABLE VALUES BY YEAR

ROPES ISD 2019–2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
HOCKLEY COUNTY	$ 94,453,621	$ 114,562,165	$ 101,561,719	$ 113,018,269	$136,400,467	$ 166,670,515



SCHOOL FINANCE 101

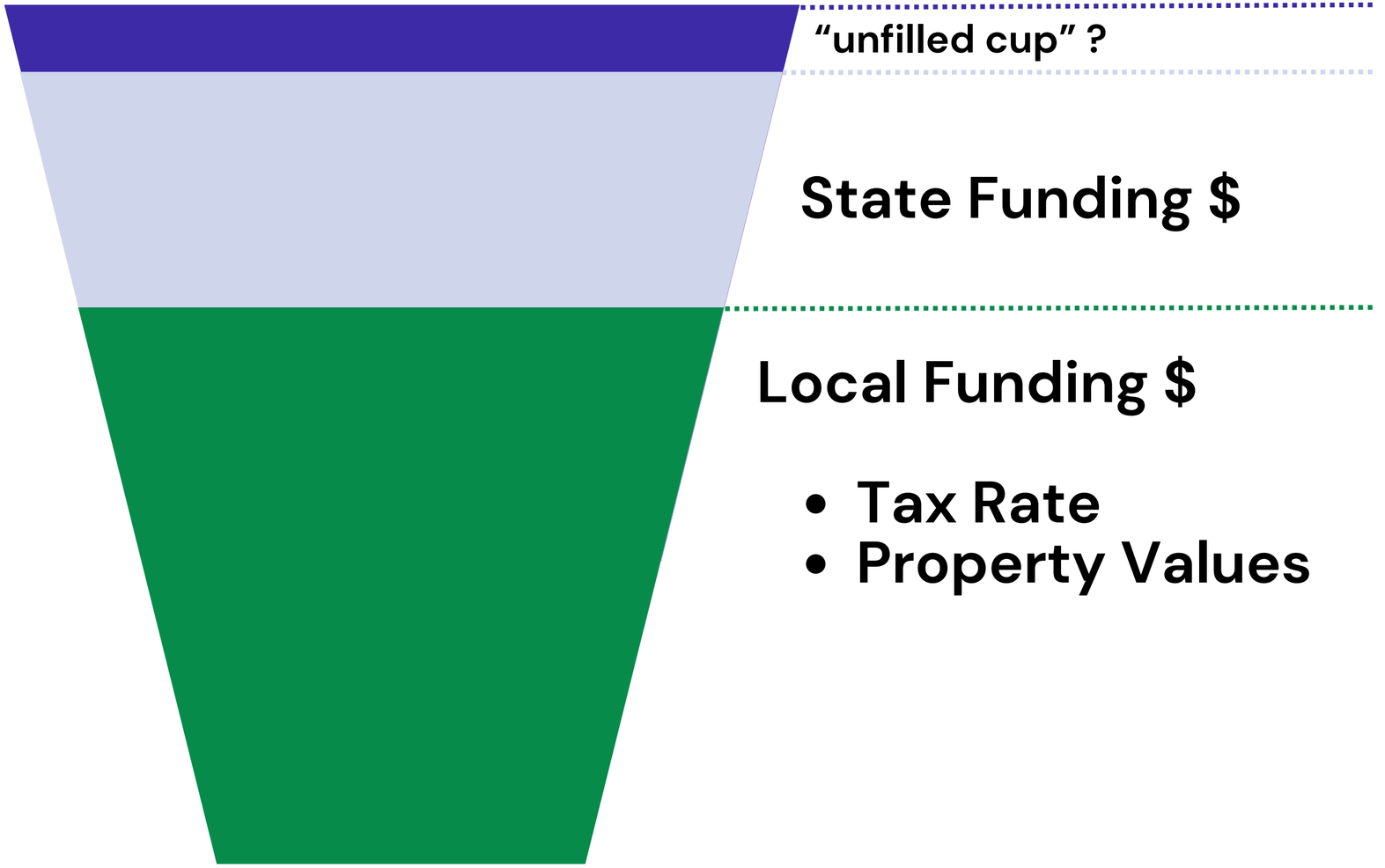


State Funding $

Local Funding $

- **Tax Rate**
- **Property Values**

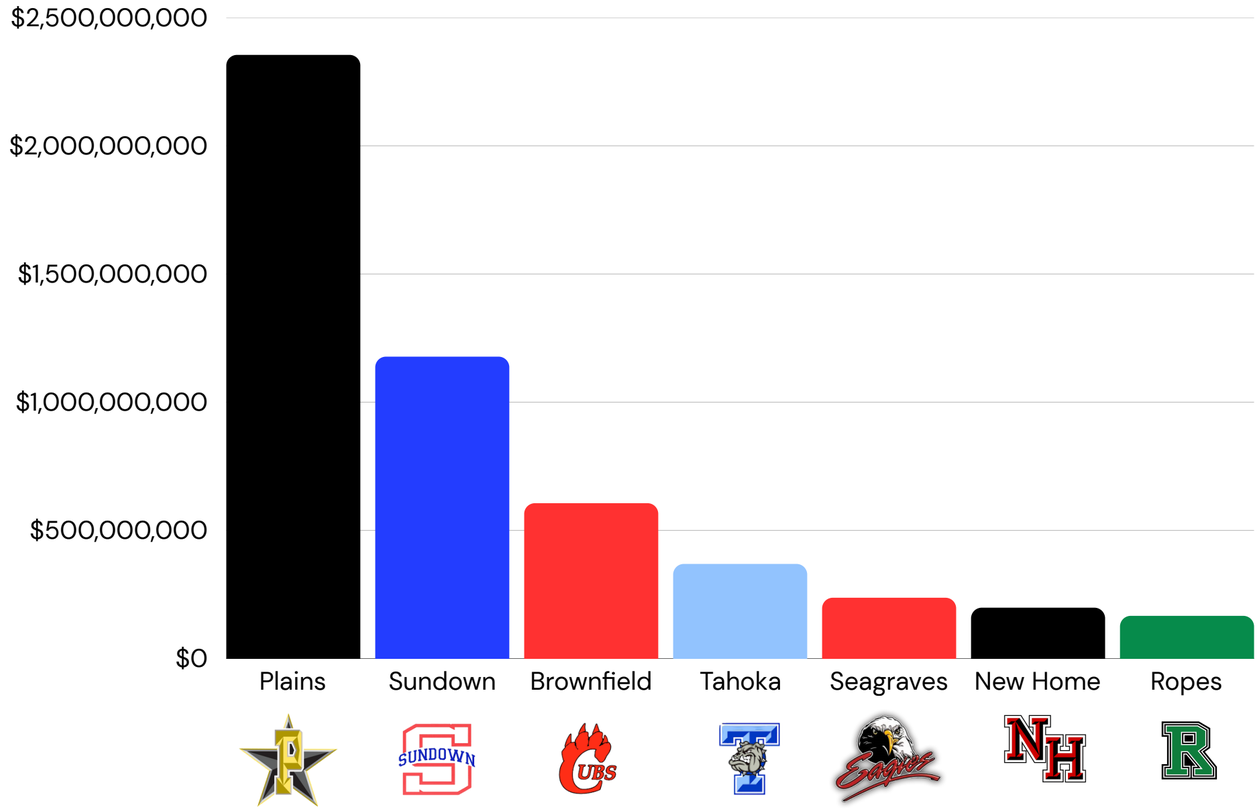
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NET TAXABLE VALUES

2024 COMPS



	Plains	$ 2,354,632,347
	Sundown	$ 1,177,649,159
	Brownfield	$ 606,068,595
	Tahoka	$ 369,160,280
	Seagraves	$ 237,330,004
	New Home	$ 198,516,141
	Ropes	$ 166,670,515

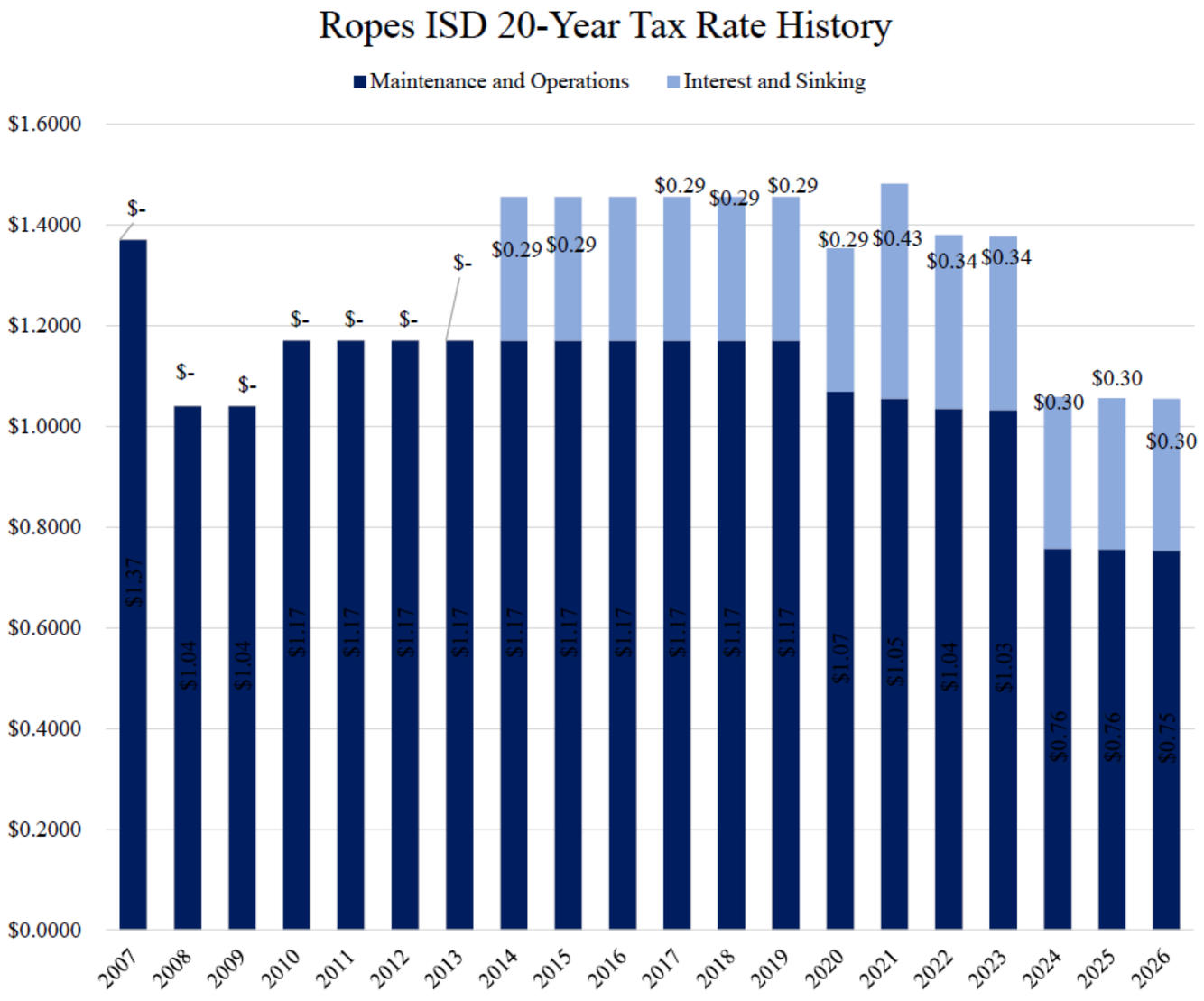
TAXABLE VALUES



The District's values are determined by the local appraisal districts, and this drives the tax rate calculation. This then determines your tax bill.

If property values decrease, the tax rate may need to increase		If property values increase, the tax rate may decrease	
↓ Values	↑ Tax Rate	↑ Values	↓ Tax Rate

HISTORICAL TAX RATES



Historical Tax Rates			
FYE	Maintenance and Operations	Interest and Sinking	Total
2007	$1.3700	$0.0000	$1.3700
2008	1.0400	-	1.0400
2009	1.0400	-	1.0400
2010	1.1700	-	1.1700
2011	1.1700	-	1.1700
2012	1.1700	-	1.1700
2013	1.1700	-	1.1700
2014	1.1700	0.2850	1.4550
2015	1.1700	0.2850	1.4550
2016	1.1700	0.2850	1.4550
2017	1.1700	0.2850	1.4550
2018	1.1700	0.2850	1.4550
2019	1.1700	0.2850	1.4550
2020	1.0684	0.2850	1.3534
2021	1.0547	0.4269	1.4816
2022	1.0352	0.3447	1.3799
2023	1.0324	0.3447	1.3771
2024	0.7575	0.3007	1.0582
2025	0.7552	0.3007	1.0559
2026	0.7534	0.3007	1.0541

BOND CAPACITY

$19,795,000

These projections are based on the 140,000 and over-65 increased exemptions

All scenarios are based on a $0.1993 I&S Tax Rate Increase

Overview & Summary

- This scenario increases the I&S rate $0.1993 to $0.5000, and it is levied on local values held constant at 2025-2026 taxable values of $174 million.
- Assumes Caprock Solar and Sundown Wind hit the tax rolls at projected values in the 2028-2029 tax year.
- Includes 27 new homes with net taxable value of $260,000 each year 2026-2029
- Assumes the District issues the bonds in March 2026 and August 2028, following an election in November 2025.
- Assumes a 30-year debt service repayment on each issuance

Capacity Funding Statistics[1][2][3][4]

2026 Deposit to Construction Fund	$7,530,000
2028 Deposit to Construction Fund	$12,265,000
Total Construction Fund Deposits	$19,795,000
Annual Increase / (Decrease) on Average Home from 2024-2025	($130)

[1] Source: Terry and Hockley County Appraisal Districts.
[2] Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
[3] Includes Additional State Aid for Homestead Exemption, Existing Debt Allotment
[4] Preliminary, subject to change. Assumes "AAA/A", PSF, current rates + 0.15%

WHAT AFFECT DOES IT HAVE ON YOU?

$19,795,000 ?

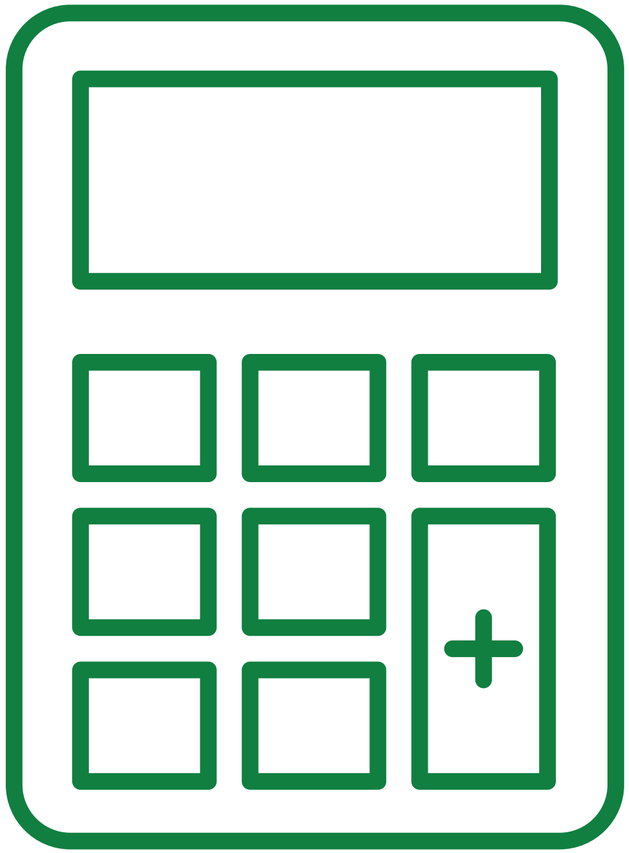
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Tax Rate				150,000		286,739		350,000		500,000	
M&O	+ I&S	=	Total	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly
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Change from 2024-2025 to 2026-2027				-402	-34	-130	-11	-4	0	295	25

CALCULATIONS







AG CALCULATIONS

HOW DO AG VALUES WORK?

AG LAND IS BASED ON *PRODUCTION* VALUE, NOT *MARKET VALUE*

IF A 100 ACRE FARM HAD PRODUCTION VALUE OF $200/ACRE THE ANNUAL TAX INCREASE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BOND WOULD BE $39.86

$200 ACRE x 100 ACRES / 100 x 0.1993 = $39.86 PER YEAR

VS. LOCAL VALUES ONLY

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BOND CAPACITY SUMMARY

Scenario	Total Project Fund Deposits[1][2][3][4]
No Appreciation of Local Values 27 New Homes @ $260,000 Value No 313s Included	**2026: $7,530,000**
No Appreciation of Local Values 27 New Homes @ $260,000 Value Caprock Solar & Sundown Wind	2026: $7,530,000 2028: $12,265,000 **Total: $19,795,000**



2 BUDGET BUCKETS

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

STAFF SALARIES
PROGRAMS
SUPPLIES
UTILITIES
REPAIRS
DAILY OPERATING COSTS





INTEREST & SINKING

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION
LARGE IMPROVEMENTS
NEW SCHOOLS OR RENOVATIONS

MADE UP OF STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING USED TO COVER DAILY OPERATING EXPENSES

FUNDED THROUGH BONDS

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PROPOSITION A

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,795,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF); THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS; THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES; THE RETROFITTING OF SCHOOL BUSES WITH EMERGENCY, SAFETY, OR SECURITY EQUIPMENT; AND THE PURCHASE OR RETROFITTING OF VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY, SAFETY, OR SECURITY PURPOSES, WHICH BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

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BALLOT VERBIAGE

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[ ] FOR

[ ] AGAINST

The issuance of $19,795,000.00 school building bonds for the construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and improvement thereof); the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings; the purchase of new school buses; the retrofitting of school buses with emergency, safety, or security equipment; and the purchase or retrofitting of vehicles to be used for emergency, safety, or security purposes, and the levy and imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements.



SCOPE OF PROJECT

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS

CTE BUILDING/ AG SHOP RENOVATION & EXPANSION

TRANSPORTATION

NEW TRACK

BAND HALL RENOVATION & EXPANSION

NEW GYM



PHASES / COSTS

2026 Deposit to Construction	$7,530,000	Phase 1
2028 Deposit to Construction	$12,265,000	Phase 2 & 3



PHASE 1

2026 DEPOSIT TO CONSTRUCTION

$7,530,000

4 CLASSROOMS SECONDARY	$975,400	($6,554,600)
ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS	$2,438,550	($4,116,050)
BAND HALL	$1,028,920	($3,087,130)
TRACK	$2,548,100	($539,030)
TRANSPORTATION	$539,030	----



PHASES 2 & 3

2028 DEPOSIT TO CONSTRUCTION

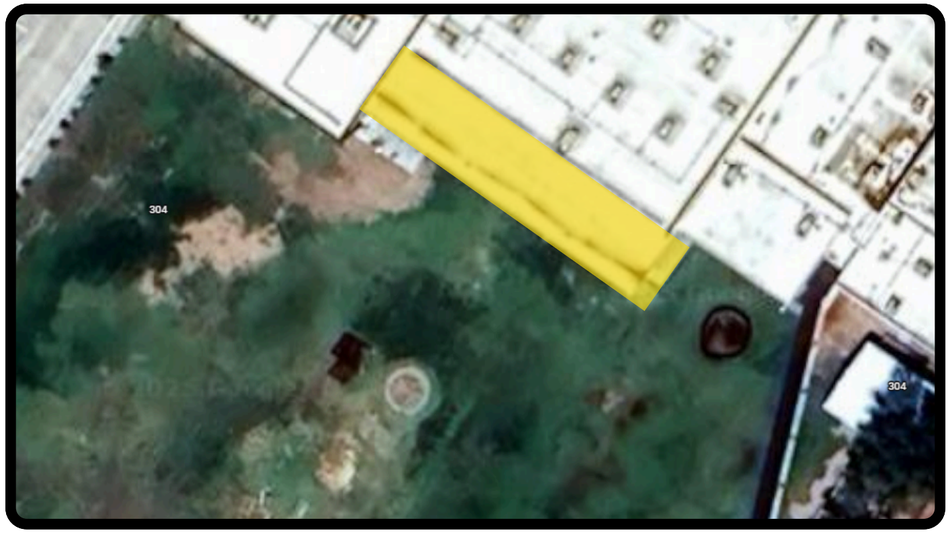
$12,265,000

PHASE 2	CTE / AG SHOP	$6,712,025	($5,552,975)
PHASE 3	GYM	$5,000,000	($552,975)
PHASE 3	TRANSPORTATION	$552,975	-----

CLASSROOMS

SECONDARY & ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS

PHASE 1



SECONDARY
4 CLASSROOMS
3,500 SQ FT



ELEMENTARY
4-6 CLASSROOMS
5,900 SQ FT

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TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION

REPLACE TRANSPORTATION FLEET WITH:

- HIGH MILEAGE
- + 10 YEARS OLD
- MAINTENANCE ISSUES



PHASE 1 & PHASE 3



BAND HALL

BAND HALL EXPANSION & RENOVATION

ADDITIONAL 2,400 SQ FT FACILITY

- EXPAND
- RENOVATE
- PRACTICE ROOMS
- STORAGE ROOMS
- OFFICES



PHASE 1



TRACK

TRACK FACILITY

- 8 LANE TRACK





PHASE 1

CTE FACILITY

CTE / AG FACILITY

APPROX. 12,000 SQ FT

- EXPAND
- RENOVATE
- ADDITIONAL CLASROOMS
- ADA COMPLIANCE
- SAFETY UPDATES & COMPLIANCE
- STORAGE
- OFFICES

PHASE 2



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GYM

GYM

APPROX. 14,000 SQ FT

APPROX. CAPACITY: 1,000 – 1,200

LOCKEROOMS
CONCESSION
OFFICES
FLEX ROOM FOR DISTRICT & COMMUNITY USE

PHASE 3



EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

HOCKLEY COUNTY

LOCATION	DATES	TIMES
Ropesville City Hall 107 Hockley Main St, Ropesville, TX	October 20-24 Mon. - Fri.	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	October 27 - 31 Mon. - Fri.	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Hockley County **Elections Office** 911 Austin St, Levelland, TX	October 20-24 Mon. - Fri.	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
	October 27 - 29 Mon. - Wed.	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
	October 30 & 31 Thur. & Fri.	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

TERRY COUNTY

LOCATION	DATES	TIMES
Terry County Annex 507 W Main St Brownfield, TX	October 20-24 Mon. - Fri.	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	October 27 - 29 Mon. - Wed.	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	October 30 & 31 Thur. & Fri.	6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

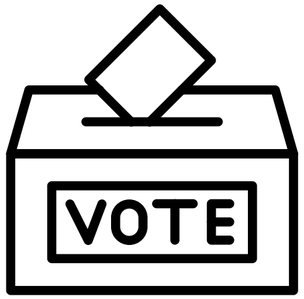
HOCKLEY COUNTY

LOCATION	DATES	TIMES
Ropesville City Hall 107 Hockley Main St, Ropesville, TX	November 4 Tuesday	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

[Location determined by County Precinct]

TERRY COUNTY

LOCATION	DATES	TIMES
Meadow Community Center 904 1st Street Meadow, TX	November 4 Tuesday	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM



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TOWN HALL MTG #2

- ARCHITECT PRESENTATION
- CONTINUED PLANNING DISCUSSION
- FAQs

MONDAY, OCT. 13

7PM

DISTRICT AUDITORIUM

THANK YOU



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