



# FINANCE FACTS

We urge state leaders to make a meaningful investment into public schools that also provides sustainable relief for property taxpayers

Eanes ISD, along with numerous other school districts, faces significant budget challenges due to a combination of factors including legislative inaction, declining student enrollment, and the State's growing dependence on the Recapture program.

Eanes ISD relies primarily on local property taxes to fund its operations, supplemented by state funding based on a per-student allocation that considers various factors such as special education and English language proficiency.

However, the Recapture program exacerbates the financial strain on districts like Eanes ISD by diverting taxpayer dollars to fund state initiatives such as infrastructure, healthcare, prisons and state services, rather than utilizing the State's ample \$33 billion surplus. This mechanism siphons resources away from local educational needs, placing additional pressure on already strained budgets.

**Eanes ISD will send \$95.2M million of its taxpayer dollars to the State of Texas for the 2025-26 school year.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 87% of Eanes ISD's budget is allocated to paying staff salaries and benefits. If the State does not increase funding to public schools, it becomes increasingly more difficult to keep up with inflation and pay our staff competitively.
- Eanes ISD has seen inflation increases of up to 55% in areas such as property insurance, gasoline, utilities, etc., yet funding from the State has not changed since 2019.
- Eanes ISD has used every cost-savings mechanism or tool it has to keep cuts away from programs and students; the district is operating a world-class school district on a shoestring budget.
- Eanes ISD's total tax rate of \$0.888 is the second lowest in the area and our senior citizens can "freeze" their tax bill if they file an Over-65 Exemption.

