



CARROLL
Independent School District

Dear Mayor McCaskill and TIRZ Chair Councilman Robbins,

Thank you for your partnership this past year allowing us to use a portion of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) funding for much needed infrastructure improvements on our campuses within the TIRZ. We understand city council is set to consider the FY 2027 budget at the August 18, 2027, city council meeting and does not have the capacity at this juncture to consider an additional allotment of TIRZ funding to the district. Therefore, we respectfully ask that you consider Carroll ISD's request for an additional \$500,000 in the next budget cycle to help fund much-needed capital improvements at Eubanks Intermediate School, Dawson Middle School, Dragon Stadium, and Old Union Elementary School. (project list attached)

These are not new construction projects or discretionary enhancements. They are routine maintenance and infrastructure improvements that preserve the safety, functionality, and longevity of facilities that serve thousands of students, staff, families, and community members every year.

As you know, the TIRZ was established in 1998 as a partnership to reinvest the growth in property tax revenues generated within the district back into the community. Carroll ISD has been a participating entity since the beginning.

An important fact that is often overlooked is the Carroll ISD contribution to the TIRZ originates as Carroll ISD property tax dollars. Property owners within the TIRZ pay their school taxes to Carroll ISD, and the incremental growth in those school property tax revenues is dedicated to the TIRZ under our participation agreement with the city.

Today, public education in Texas faces one of the most difficult financial environments in decades. School districts across the state continue to absorb rising costs while operating under a school finance system that has not kept pace with inflation or the increasing demands placed on public schools.

Carroll ISD also contributes more than \$20 million annually through the State's recapture ("Robin Hood") system. These locally generated property tax dollars leave our community to support school finance across Texas. While Carroll ISD fulfills this obligation as required by law, it means that maintaining our own campuses with the resources that remain has become increasingly challenging.

Despite these financial realities, Carroll ISD continues to maintain the schools and facilities that have become synonymous with excellence and have helped make Southlake one of the most desirable communities in Texas. Our schools are the backbone of this community.

Families move to Southlake because of Carroll ISD. Strong schools support strong neighborhoods. They help sustain property values, attract businesses, foster civic pride, and create the exceptional quality of life that residents have come to expect. The success of our schools and the success of our city have always been interconnected. That is why our request for funding is important to consider.

According to the City's current financial projections, the TIRZ is expected to add almost \$2 million to its fund balance this fiscal year, resulting in a projected fund balance exceeding \$16 million.

Per the TIRZ agreement between Carroll ISD and the City of Southlake, the district remits the incremental tax revenue generated by properties within the TIRZ. Under the agreement, once that funding is received, the city returns a designated portion, approximately 70%, to the school district. The remaining incremental funds are managed by the City of Southlake and are intended to be used for capital projects outlined in the TIRZ agreement to benefit both the district and the city.

We are grateful that Carroll ISD requested and the city approved allocating a portion of the remaining incremental TIRZ funds last year and that the city approved a modest increase this year. However, it is important to recognize that Carroll ISD has participated in the TIRZ since 1998 and has not requested any of the remaining incremental TIRZ funding until last year.

After nearly three decades of partnership, we believe it is reasonable for taxpayers to ask how the benefits of the TIRZ have been distributed over time and how those funds have been used to benefit both Carroll ISD and the City of Southlake. For that reason, we respectfully request a comprehensive public accounting that provides taxpayers with a complete picture of the TIRZ's history, including:

- The total amount of Carroll ISD property tax increment contributed to the TIRZ since 1998.
- The total amount of TIRZ funds received and spent by the City.
- The current fund balance and historical accumulation of reserves.
- A description or designation of how the City plans to spend the current TIRZ fund balance.
- A summary of City projects funded throughout the TIRZ's history.

We believe transparency strengthens public trust. Providing taxpayers with a comprehensive accounting of the Carroll ISD property tax dollars contributed to the TIRZ over the past 28 years would help the community better understand the value of this longstanding partnership.

Most importantly, we respectfully ask you to consider our additional \$500,000 request as an investment that would help preserve public assets that benefit the entire community. It would help maintain schools and facilities that are used not only by students but also by countless Southlake residents for athletic events, community gatherings, and civic activities. These projects represent responsible stewardship of taxpayer investments and will extend the useful life of facilities that serve generations of Carroll Dragons. A thriving school district strengthens every neighborhood, every homeowner, every business, and every resident.

Thank you for your service, your leadership, your partnership and your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



Cam Bryan
President,
Carroll ISD Board of Trustees

TIF Funds - Additionall \$500K Request

Dawson MS

Rework nurses office				\$ 9,884.00
Mini Splits (IDF) 2				\$ 36,582.00
Scoreboard for main gym				\$ 20,114.00
Eubanks IS				
Bleachers for gym				\$ 49,900.00
Paint (halls, bathrooms, café, gym, library)				\$ 99,012.00
Old Union Elem				
New stage curtain				\$ 14,811.00
Safety Fence around back of building				\$ 17,983.00
replace surge protector				\$ 8,593.00
Freezer Door				\$ 12,241.00
Chairs				\$ 29,393.00
IT for Classroom Conversion				\$ 16,576.00
Playground Repairs				\$ 11,961.00
Dragon Stadium				
Replace unit heaters				\$ 24,058.00
Restroom update		(Resenous)		\$ 23,750.00
Resenous flooring (dressing rooms)				\$ 91,693.00
Security (cameras/badge readers press box)				\$ 10,502.00
Fence/Gate repair				\$ 7,942.00
Corridor light replacement				\$ 15,000.00
Total				\$ 499,995.00