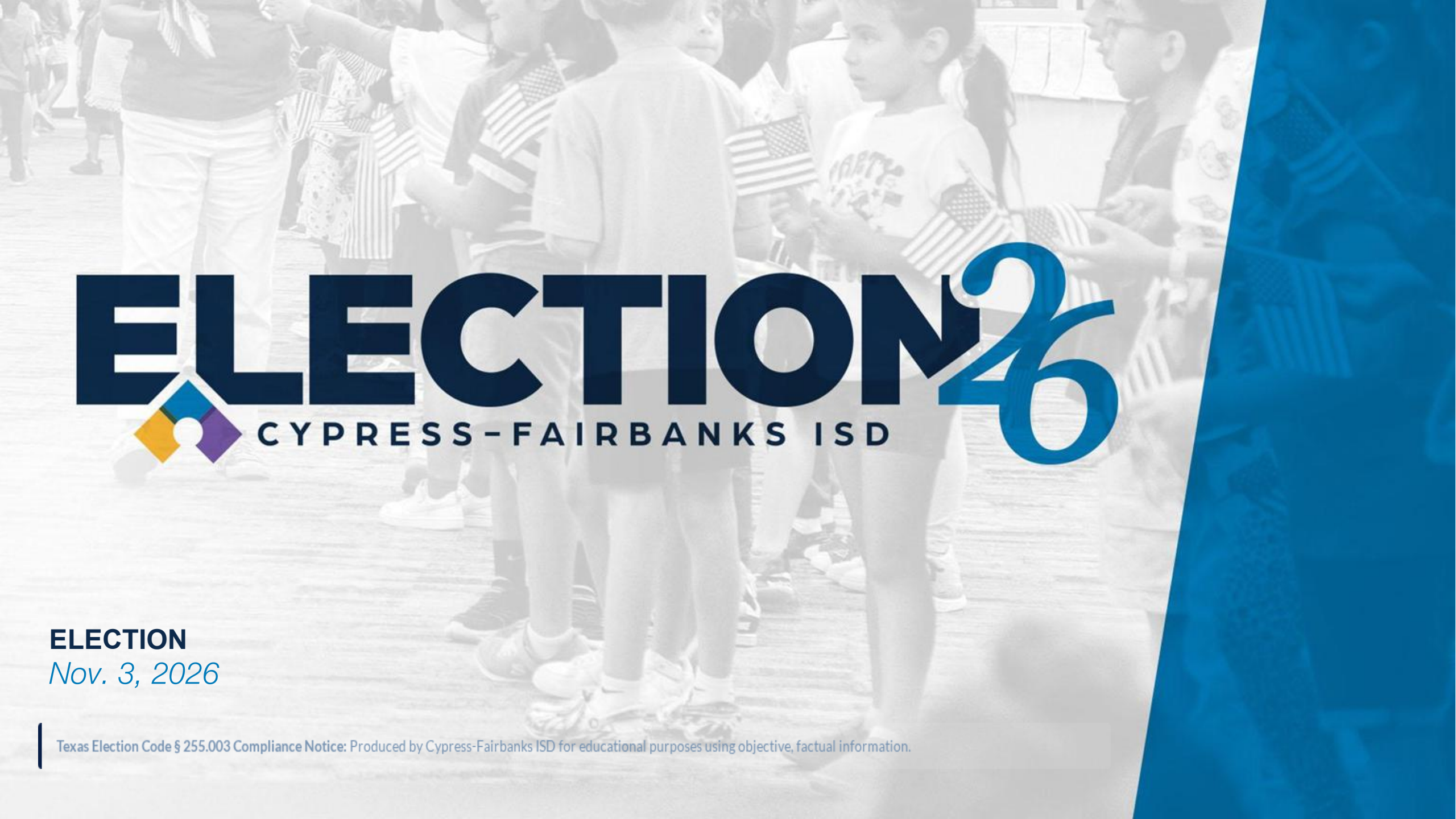




ELECTION 26



CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD

ELECTION
Nov. 3, 2026

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Why? Structural Revenue Deficit

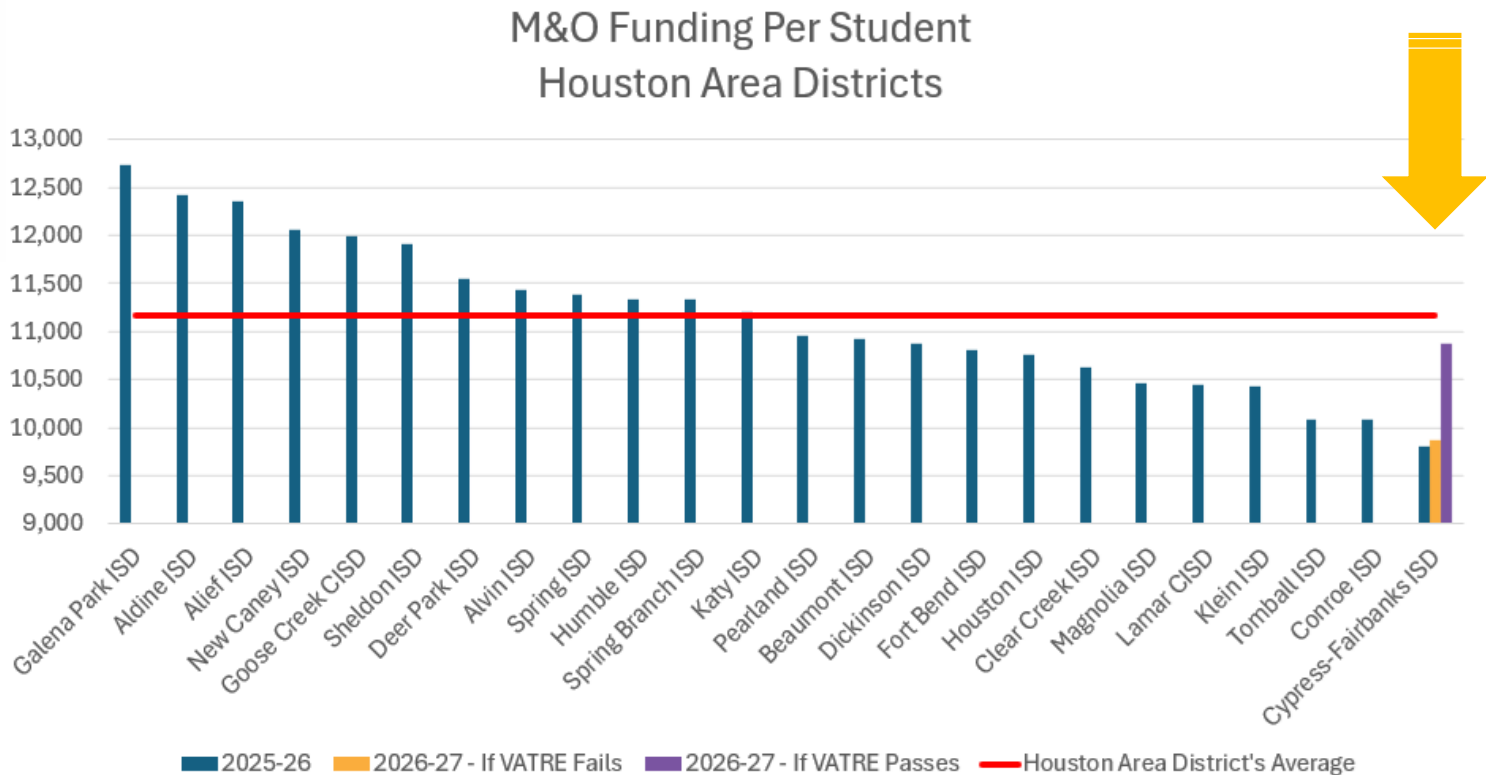


20% LOHE

Local Tax Option: CFISD maintains the maximum 20% Local Optional Homestead Exemption.

Provides Savings: Keeps property taxable value 20% lower.

Funding Formula: State funding formulas do not backfill local homestead exemptions.



Factual Context: The operating deficit stems from multi-year inflation, frozen historical state allotments, enrollment shifts, and the LOHE- Not uncontrolled spending.

Why? Structural Revenue Deficit



State Funding vs. Inflation

20%+ Inflation: Utility, fuel, and insurance costs surged since 2019.

HB 2: Net purchasing power deficit.

Static State Allotments: Some state allotments (2002/1987) remain static' coupled with expanded unfunded state safety, SPED, and testing requirements.



Enrollment & ADA Declines

Enrollment Realities: Drop of 3700 from Oct 23-Oct 25

ADA Revenue Loss: Texas funds per student average daily attendance (ADA); districts staff based on enrollment.

Fixed Costs Don't Shrink Proportionally: Utilities, bus routes, insurance, and classroom teachers cannot be fractionally reduced.

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Why? Demonstrated Fiscal Accountability

\$94.4M

Proactive Operating Reductions

Enacted across Fiscal Years 2025 through 2027 to manage inflation and structural revenue gaps.

Proactive Operational Adjustments

- **Administrative Overhead:** Cut central office & department operating budgets.
- **Staffing Restructures:** Reduced district and campus staffing models, including librarian and support positions.
- **Classroom Focus:** 89% of operating budget goes directly to personnel; 65%+ allocated to direct instruction.

Why? VATRE & Capital Bond Proposals

Proposition A (VATRE)

Purpose: Daily Maintenance and Operating Budget
("Checking Account")

Focus: RETAIN certified teachers and support staff,
academic, CTE, Athletic, and Fine Arts programs, class sizes,
safety resources, and transportation.

Propositions B–E (Capital Bonds)

Purpose: Capital Assets & Facilities ("Mortgage").

Focus: MAINTAIN infrastructure and school buildings;
such as Roofs/HVAC, technology, safety radios and
vehicles, classroom tech, and buses.

Statutory Limit: Bond funds *cannot* pay salaries or utilities.

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TAX RATE ELECTION & BOND

(See Bond information on opposite side)

PROPOSITION A: TAX RATE ELECTION (VATRE)

Daily School Maintenance & Operations

WHAT IS PROP A?
Prop A is a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election for daily school maintenance and operations (M&O). CFISD currently ranks 24th out of 24 in M&O funding as compared to surrounding Houston-area school districts. Based on the efficiency audit for the 2024-25 fiscal year, CFISD receives \$1,201 less in local and state revenue per student compared to peer districts and \$1,596 less per student compared to the state average.

HOUSTON-AREA FUNDING PER STUDENT

What Would Proposition A Do?

- Unlock State Funding:** Generate an estimated \$20 million in state-guaranteed funds directly for local classrooms.
- Classroom Instruction & Resources:** Support daily classroom instruction, instructional resources, and the maintenance of class size ratios.
- Student Programs & Transportation:** Provide funding to continue current district bus routes and support Fine Arts, Athletics, and Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs.
- Staffing & Competitive Pay:** Maintain staffing levels aligned with student enrollment and supports competitive teacher and staff salaries.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

\$94M↓

CFISD enters this election operating with the fourth-lowest administrative cost ratio in Texas, carrying its lowest property tax rate in 39 years, and having sequestered \$94.4 million in strategic budget reductions over the last three fiscal years.

OPERATIONS TAX RATE CHANGE

2025-2026 M&O TAX RATE
\$0.6669
PER \$100 PROPERTY VALUATION

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PROP A M&O TAX RATE
\$0.7869
PER \$100 PROPERTY VALUATION

TOTAL TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT

PROPOSITION A
12¢ INCREASE
PER \$100 PROPERTY VALUATION

PROPOSITION B
-3¢ DECREASE*
PER \$100 PROPERTY VALUATION

9¢ NET INCREASE**
PER \$100 PROPERTY VALUATION

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TAX RATE ELECTION & BOND

(See Tax Rate Election information on opposite side)

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- PROPOSITION B: Building Infrastructure for Safety & Transportation (\$1.2B)**
Build, rehab, construct and etc. existing facilities/emergency preparedness, technological resources and equipment, information technology, and other general capital.
- PROPOSITION C: Instructional Technology (\$25M)**
Student, teacher, and classroom technology equipment.
- PROPOSITION D: Existing High School Athletic Stadiums (\$40.5M)**
Turf fields, existing tracks, and bleachers at existing high schools.
- PROPOSITION E: Existing Pools (\$28.5M)**
Rehabilitating and replacing equipment at existing pools.

TOTAL BOND REQUEST: \$1.6 BILLION

100% of proposed bond projects focus on repairing, updating and securing existing CFISD schools, buses and technology — maintaining the facilities our community has already built.

HOW YOUR TAXABLE VALUE IS CALCULATED

\$350,000 HOME VALUE
- **\$70,000** HOMERULE
- **\$140,000** TAXABLE ADJUSTMENT
= **\$140,000** TAXABLE VALUE

NET TAX RATE

12¢ MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS TAX RATE INCREASE (PROP A)
-3¢ DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE DECREASE* (PROP B-E)
9¢ NET OVERALL TAX RATE CHANGE**

ESTIMATED NET COST ON A \$350,000 HOME

\$10.50 PER MONTH

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX FREE PROTECTION

\$0.00 TAX INCREASE
(for homeowners aged 65+ or disabled with an Over-65 Disability or exemption from using an assessed value floor)

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX RATES TO PEERS

SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES RANK
\$150,000 Home Value

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