

POTH ISD PROPOSITION A

UNDERSTANDING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE

What you'll see at the polls

- The ballot describes Proposition A as a property tax increase because it raises the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) portion of the school district's tax rate.
- The ballot language does not separately show the change to the other portion of the district's tax rate, the Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate. Poth ISD has proposed a total tax rate that decreases the I&S rate by \$0.1200 per \$100 of taxable value, offsetting the increase on the M&O side for a net zero rate change.
- Poth ISD's proposed tax rate will remain at \$0.95540 per \$100 of taxable value with the M&O rate changing from \$0.66690 to \$0.78690, while the I&S rate changes from \$0.28850 to \$0.16850.
- The district anticipates approximately \$1.35 million in additional annual M&O revenue comprised of \$535,000 in local taxes (previously collected under the I&S rate) and \$815,000 in new state revenue (triggered by the guaranteed yield of the additional 12 pennies). Staff compensation and facility improvements have been identified as the funding priorities for this new revenue.

Understanding the two parts of the tax rate

M&O

Maintenance & Operations

Supports the district's operating expenses. The proposed VATRE increases this portion of the tax rate.

I&S

Interest & Sinking

Used for payments on school district debt that finances facilities. The proposed VATRE decreases this portion of the tax rate.

TOTAL

Combined tax rate

The published figures show the combined tax rate remaining \$0.95540 per \$100 of taxable value.

The numbers in one view

	Current	VATRE	Change
M&O	\$0.66690	\$0.78690	+\$0.12000
I&S	\$0.28850	\$0.16850	-\$0.12000
Total	\$0.95540	\$0.95540	\$0.00000

What the ballot language looks like

Ballot wording shown in the sample

"THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

The sample ballot states that Proposition A would ratify an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.9554 per \$100 of taxable value and describes the resulting increase in maintenance and operations revenue, thus the stated phrase THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

However, the ballot language does not separately show the matching I&S tax revenue DECREASE as described in Poth ISD's VATRE/Proposition A information.

The \$535,292 shown on the ballot is the total increase in M&O tax revenue for the district as a result of the \$0.12 (12-cent) shift. That same amount of tax revenue was reduced from the I&S side of the tax rate for a net zero change, but it legally cannot be expressed on the ballot.

Poth Independent School District (Distrito Escolar Independiente de Poth)

Proposition A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.9554 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation in Poth Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 18 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$535,292.

(Proposition A)

(ESTE ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.)

(Se ratifica la tasa del impuesto ad valorem de \$0.9554 por cada \$100 de valor catastral imponible en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Poth para el año en curso, una tasa que resultará en un aumento del 18 por ciento en los ingresos por impuestos de mantenimiento y operaciones para el distrito, durante el año en curso en comparación con el año anterior, lo que representa \$535,292 adicionales.)

☐ For (A Favor)

☐ Against (En Contra)