

What has West Hardin County CISD done to save money?

- ◆ Reduced spending in all areas
- ◆ Postponed maintenance projects
- *District expenses continue to increase while revenue has decreased

How will the money be used?

- ◆ Improve student and campus safety
- ◆ Address academic programs
- ◆ Address facility needs
- ◆ Improve employee salaries/benefits

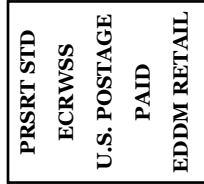
Community Meetings Currently Scheduled:

(follow website/social media for updates)

- 8/7/18** Votaw/Thicket VFD Senior Meal
11am-12:30pm
- 8/7/18** Batson FBC (Tentative)
Community Meeting 6-7 PM
- 8/11/18** Votaw/Thicket VFD Fund Raiser
11am-1pm
- 8/14/18** Saratoga VFD Backpacks for Kids
4-6 PM
- 8/16/18** Saratoga VFD Community Meeting 6-7 PM

Early voting in Central Office:

Thursday, August 9th; 4:00 - 8:00 PM
 Saturday, August 11th; 3:30 - 5:30 PM
 Friday, August 17th; 4:00 - 5:00 PM



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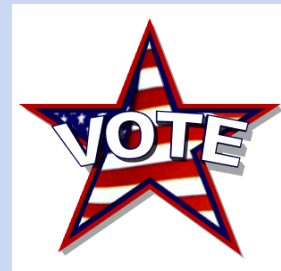
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Tax Ratification Election (TRE)

This information has been prepared by West Hardin County CISD. It is intended to inform West Hardin County CISD voters about the upcoming election. All eligible registered voters are encouraged to become informed and exercise their right to vote in this important election.

A vote  "FOR" the TRE means...

- ◆ **\$500,000 increase in annual state funding for the students of WHCCISD**
- ◆ **NO CHANGE** in WHCCISD overall tax rate



How will the TRE affect my taxes?

No change in your total tax rate.

Current tax structure and rates are:

M & O = \$1.07228

I & S = \$0.13

Total = **\$1.20228** for every \$100 of property value.

*\$0.03228 of current M&O rate is for Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) required by TCEQ

The ballot will show a tax rate of \$1.33228 (increase of 13¢). The additional 13¢ protects the district if the TRE fails, keeping money in the I&S fund so we can pay our debts. The Board has already passed an ordinance to reduce the \$1.33228 rate by 13¢ back to \$1.20228 if TRE passes.

New structure and rates **if TRE passes:**

M & O = \$1.17

I & S = \$0.03228

Total = **\$1.20228** for every \$100 of property value – same rate as 2017

...Plus \$500,000/year for our students

THE BOTTOM LINE IS...

A vote “FOR” the TRE means a “win-win” for all stakeholders...

◆ **NO increase** in the overall tax rate

◆ Current local tax money **will generate an additional \$500,000 in new state funding annually** for our students



West Hardin County Consolidated Independent School District (WHCCISD)

Tax Ratification Election (TRE)

Early Voting: August 8, 2018—August 21, 2018

Election Day: August 25, 2018

Election Day voting location: Board Room

Additional Early Voting:

Thursday, August 9th; 4:00 PM—8:00 PM,

Saturday, August 11th; 3:30 PM—5:30 PM

Friday, August 17th; 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Early voting location: Superintendent’s Office



“FOR” = **\$500,000/year** in new state funding

and **NO CHANGE** in overall tax rate



“AGAINST” = \$0 from the State

and **NO CHANGE** in overall tax rate

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WHAT IS A TRE?

A tax Ratification Election (TRE) is a special election, called by the Board of Trustees that, if passed, can significantly increase state funding for the District **without increasing** taxes.

School districts are funded through local tax dollars, State and Federal funding. Local taxes are collected into two different accounts: Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S). M&O pays for everyday operations of the district: salaries, supplies, student services, buses and facility maintenance. I&S is similar to a mortgage and can only be used to pay the debt on school building bonds.

The state of Texas school funding formula generates significantly more money for tax dollars in the M&O tax fund versus the I&S tax fund. Therefore, more dollars on the M&O side generates significantly more funding from the state for our students.

The TRE will be asking voters to approve moving tax money to the M&O fund from the I&S fund to generate more state funding. The overall tax rate **will not increase**. To increase the M&O rate above the \$1.04 tax rate allowed by state law, voter approval is required.

