



LAKE DALLAS ISD Tax Rate Election October 4, 2008

This document was prepared to answer the most frequently asked questions concerning the upcoming Tax Rate Election for Lake Dallas ISD



Why a Tax Increase?

- Texas Legislature changed the school finance system in 2006
- School district revenue was frozen at the 2006-2007 level
- This revenue cap remains in place until the legislature changes it
- State funding system does not allow for inflation or the funding of competitive teaching salaries for Lake Dallas ISD



Current State Funding System

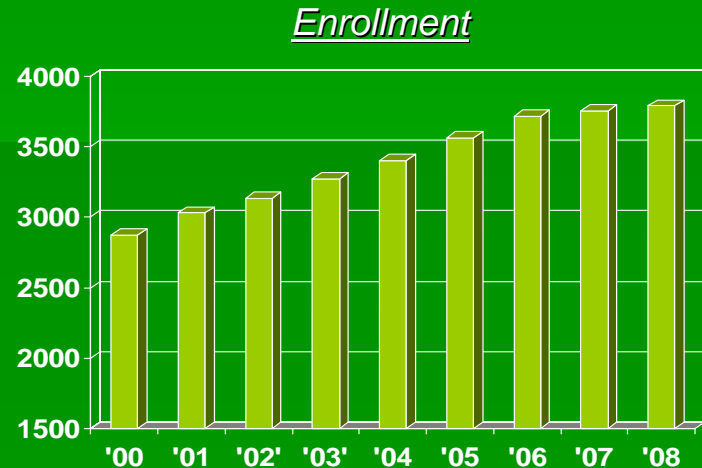
- Property value increases does not benefit the District
- Property value increases now benefit the State
- Each new dollar increase causes a dollar decrease in state funding
- No ability to increase revenue when the cost of benefits, health insurance, energy, fuel, supplies, etc., all continue to climb



Current State Funding System

- Revenue is now based on the number of students
- Student growth equals increased revenue
- No growth equals no additional revenue

Lake Dallas ISD's enrollment has slowed





Current State Funding System

Current state funding system lacks equity between Districts

- Lake Dallas ISD's revenue per student is
 - 5% less than the State Average
 - 14% less than the Denton County Average



Future State Funding

- The Texas Legislature is not expected to increase school district funding in the 2009 Legislative Session
- Voter approval is now required to increase revenue
- Almost 1 in 5 Districts in Texas have called a tax rate election



How were expenditures Reduced in the 2008-09 Budget?

- Reduced campus staff – Savings \$600,000
- Reduced Campus Budgets by 10%
- Reduced other departmental budgets



How are Bond Funds Being Used to Benefit Students?

Bond Funds May Only Be Used to Renovate or Build New Facilities

- Fall 2006 Completed Shady Shores Elementary
- Fall 2008 Completed High School Addition and Renovation
- Fall 2009 Lake Dallas Elementary School
 - Close Lake Dallas Primary School
 - Close Lake Dallas Intermediate School
- Fall 2009 Addition to Falcon Stadium

* Bond funds can not be used to finance operations



What is the difference in Starting Teacher Pay of Local Districts and Lake Dallas ISD?

- The larger School Districts of Denton County pay an average of 17% more to a first year teacher than does Lake Dallas ISD



Why is there a difference in Teacher Pay?

Lake Dallas ISD is funded at a lower level than most Denton County Districts



Current Budget Issues

- Most School Districts in North Texas have adopted a deficit budget
- Lake Dallas ISD will have a deficit budget without additional revenue
- Lack of additional funding will
 - force the District to consider future program cuts
 - limit the ability to retain quality teachers and staff



What would the additional money be used for?

- Eliminating the 2008-09 budget deficit
- Provide Salary Increases:
 - Teachers (total of \$620,000)
 - Other Professionals (excluding Administrators), Paraprofessionals, Aides, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Maintenance, and Food Service Workers (total of \$300,000)
- Inflationary cost of supplies for the next few years



What is the tax increase and how much would it cost?

- 13 cent tax increase
- Average homeowner would see \$186.78 per year increase (\$15.57 per month)
- Average Home Value - \$158,708
- A Taxpayer age 65 or older will not see a tax increase on the taxpayer's homestead



What is the Tax Rate History of Lake Dallas

- Overall tax rate of \$1.65 remains lower than it has been in seven out of the past eight years.
- The \$1.65 tax rate is 21 cents less than \$1.86 rate that was used to fund the 2005-06 school year.

2000-2001	\$1.66
2001-2002	\$1.69
2002-2003	\$1.69
2003-2004	\$1.74
2004-2005	\$1.80
2005-2006	\$1.86
2006-2007	\$1.79
2007-2008	\$1.52
2008-2009	
Proposed Tax Rate	\$1.65



Tax Rate Election

- Election Day – Saturday October 4, 2008
 - At the Administration Building
315 East Hundley Drive
Lake Dallas, Texas 75065

- Early voting – September 17 – 30
 - At LDISD Campuses and Administration Building



Tax Rate Election

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