

Financial Futures Committee Recommendation re TRE & Bond Elections

March 19, 2019

Financial Futures Committee (FFC) Purpose

to provide findings and recommendations from community stakeholders to the Board of Trustees relating to budgets and long-range financial planning to support the District's Strategic Plan.



Multi-Year Budget Forecast (in millions)

	Actual 2016-17	Projected 2017-18	Adopted 2018-19	Adopted w/cert values 2018-19	Forecast 2019-20
Beg. Fund Bal.	204.7	199.4	191.8	191.8	160.3
Revenues/Oth. Res	515.3	510.2	491.7	498.9	478.8
Expend/Oth. Uses	<u>520.6</u>	<u>517.8</u>	<u>530.4</u>	<u>530.4</u>	<u>528.6</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5.3)*	(7.6)*	(38.7)	(31.5)	(49.8)
Ending Fund Bal.	199.4	191.8	153.1	160.3	110.5

ASSUMPTIONS:

Property Value Growth: 5% for 2019-20; 4% for 2020-21; 3% for 2021-22; 3% for 2022-23 M&O Tax Rate: No change Salary Increases: None after 2018-19

Enrollment: Approx. 1.3% decrease/year Includes operating costs for new facilities at scheduled openings

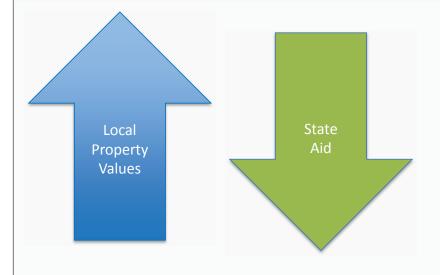
State Funding: No change in formulas after 2018-19

July 27, 2018

^{* 2016-17 &}amp; 2017-18 deficits include planned uses of surplus fund balance to construct classroom addition, new cafeteria, new kitchen at SHHS and purchase land. 2017-18 deficit also includes planned use of surplus fund balance to renovate the TP kitchen.

All Forecast Years: Changes that will impact budget include enrollment changes, property value growth, legislative actions

Property Values/Property Tax Rates



- As property values increase, state aid decreases
- Modest growth in values is projected over next four years
- M&O tax rate is \$1.04 & can only be raised with voter approval through a Tax Ratification Election (TRE)

Property Values/Property Tax Rates

Absent additional funding from the state, districts will be forced at some point to make difficult budget choices

- Raise the M&O tax rate through a Tax Ratification Election (TRE)
- Spend fund balance
- Make budget reductions, which may reduce opportunities for students



Challenge:

In order to support the current strategic plan and continue quality opportunities for students, more revenue is needed...

FFC Report Feb. 2018 RECOMMENDATION 4...

We recommend the Board decrease the I&S tax rate and increase the M&O tax rate—by equal amounts—resulting in *no change* to the overall tax rate.

FFC 2018 Recommendations

In addition, we recommend preserving flexibility in the I&S rate on top of the swap to allow for any future capital needs without the need for raising the I&S rate.

FFC 2018 Recommendations

2018-19 FFC Topics

- Investments in elementary schools
- Operational efficiencies
- Texas School Finance System & legislative activities
- New specialized instructional programs
- Capital needs assessment
- Pre-Kindergarten

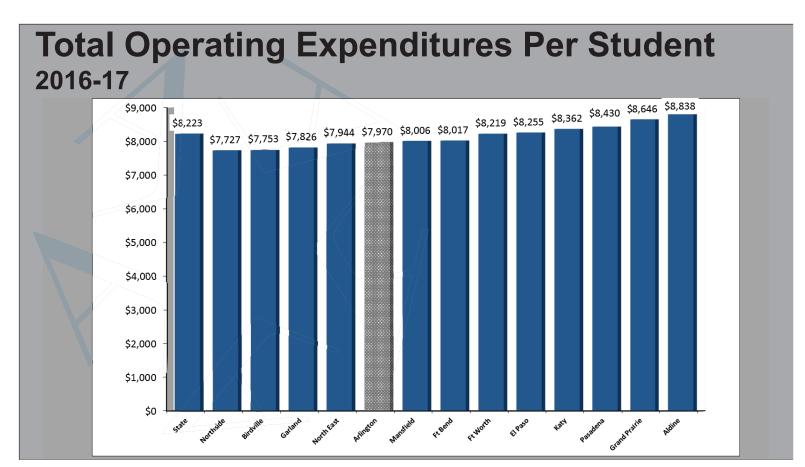
Financial Priorities

- Implement strategic plan
- Maintain healthy fund balance in the General Fund
- Balance General Fund budget
- Competitive compensation
- Address capital needs
- Tax rate stability

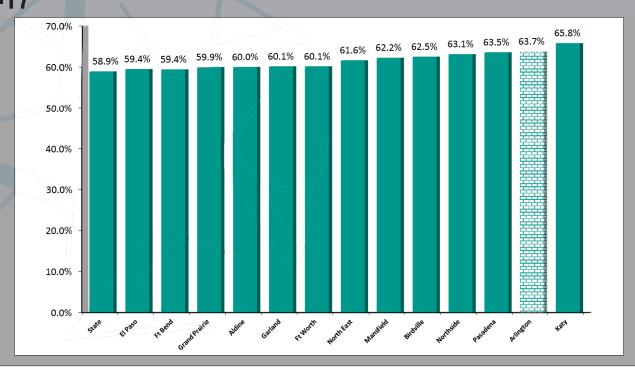


Comprehensive Solution

- Objectives
 - Invest in capital priorities
 - Reduce budget deficit
 - Sustain instructional opportunities
- Comprehensive solution
 - TRE and bond package
 - Budget reductions/efficiencies



Percent of Total Budget Instruction 2016-17



Efficiency Initiatives Since 2014

- Consolidations
 - Ferguson and Ousley
 - Hutcheson & Workman
 - Newcomer and Venture
 - TPHS and TPJH
- High school staffing
 - Staffing at 95% of projected enrollment
- Staffing tightly to enrollment projections
- Class size waiver considerations where appropriate
- Enrollment Management
 - Out-of-district transfers
 - Maximizes staffing / increases state aid

Efficiency Initiatives Since 2014

- Energy conservation & electricity supply contracts
- Maintenance benchmark studies
- Low-interest energy retrofit loans from State Energy Conservation Office
- Activity Buses
- Equipment / vehicle upgrades through bond program
- Department reorganizations
- Program evaluations

Efficiency Initiatives Since 2014

- Partnerships
 - TCC/Arlington Collegiate High School
 - UTA/STEM Academy
 - Holdsworth leadership development
 - RYHT leadership development
 - Moritz
 - Texas Trust
 - Dipert Family
 - Gene & Jerry Jones Youth Foundation / NFL / Hellas Workman Stadium

Tax Ratification Election Impact

	M&O	M&O	State		Total	Addtl. Rev. Per	Cumulative
Year	Tax Rate	Taxes	Aid	Recapture	Revenue	Penny of Tax	Addtl. Rev.
19-20	\$1.04	\$293,496,705	\$145,911,128	\$0	\$439,407,833		
19-20	\$1.05	\$296,167,192	\$151,000,204	\$0	\$447,167,396	\$7,759,563	\$7,759,563
19-20	\$1.06	\$298,836,639	\$156,089,280	\$0	\$454,925,919	\$7,758,523	\$15,518,086
19-20	\$1.07	\$301,505,629	\$156,034,850	(\$1,112,755)	\$456,427,724	\$1,501,805	\$17,019,891
19-20	\$1.08	\$304,174,369	\$156,034,770	(\$1,112,822)	\$459,096,317	\$2,668,593	\$19,688,484
19-20	\$1.09	\$306,841,882	\$155,976,464	(\$1,284,089)	\$461,534,257	\$2,437,940	\$22,126,424
19-20	\$1.10	\$309,509,174	\$155,955,631	(\$1,711,320)	\$463,753,485	\$2,219,228	\$24,345,652
19-20	\$1.11	\$312,175,670	\$155,934,867	(\$2,138,163)	\$465,972,374	\$2,218,889	\$26,564,541
19-20	\$1.12	\$314,841,593	\$155,864,274	(\$2,564,629)	\$468,141,238	\$2,168,864	\$28,733,405
19-20	\$1.13	\$317,506,774	\$155,843,641	(\$2,990,723)	\$470,359,692	\$2,218,454	\$30,951,859
19-20	\$1.14	\$320,171,450	\$155,823,071	(\$3,416,454)	\$472,578,067	\$2,218,375	\$33,170,234
19-20	\$1.15	\$322,835,870	\$155,752,669	(\$3,841,833)	\$474,746,706	\$2,168,639	\$35,338,873
19-20	\$1.16	\$325,499,461	\$155,732,220	(\$4,266,860)		\$2,218,115	\$37,556,988
19-20	\$1.17	\$328,162,477	\$155,711,830	(\$4,691,546)	\$479,182,761	\$2,217,940	\$39,774,928

Note: Calculations are based on current school finance law and assume a TRE passes in November 2019

Bond / TRE Impact on Tax Rate

NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) FROM 2018 TOTAL TAX RATE							
	Bond Package / I&S Rate						
M&O	\$500 M	\$600 M	\$700 M	\$800 M	\$900 M	\$1 B	
Tax Rate	.2814	.2933	.3071	.3181	.3287	.3387	
1.04	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.01)	0.00	0.01	
1.05	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.00)	0.01	0.02	
1.06	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.00)	0.01	0.02	0.03	
1.07	(0.02)	(0.01)	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	
1.08	(0.01)	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	
1.09	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	
1.10	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	
1.11	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	
1.12	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	
1.13	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	
1.14	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	
1.15	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12	
1.16	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	
1.17	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	

Next Steps

Budget

- •Complete development of 2019-20 Budget (March June)
- •FFC annual report to Board (Spring)
- Consider impact of Legislation (June-August)
- Hold budget hearings and adopt budget (June)

Capital Needs

- Review Community Dialogue data / Develop options (March)
- Hold community dialogue #2 to solicit input on options (April 9-10)
- Develop recommendations (April-May)
- Steering Committee report to Board (June)

Tax Rate/Elections

- Board considers needs for TRE / bond elections (June August)
- 2019 certified property values published by Tarrant Appraisal (July 25)
- Board adopts 2019 tax rate (August)
- Call election(s), if appropriate (Deadline is August 19)







