



Arlington ISD

# VATRE

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election

The Arlington ISD Board of Trustees has called for a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) on Nov. 3, 2020. State law requires school districts to seek voter approval to raise their tax rate above a prescribed amount. Arlington ISD has never had a VATRE and its Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate has remained the same or declined in each of the past 15 years.

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## WHY CALL A VATRE?

### TEACHER PAY

Arlington ISD has lost ground in competitive market pay for teachers over the last several years. A VATRE would be used to increase teacher compensation.

### ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING

The proposed tax rate increase would generate approximately \$18 million in state aid that the district would not receive otherwise.

### STAFF PAY

Arlington ISD would use the VATRE to increase pay for the approximately 4,000 support staff who provide educational support services for students, drive buses, clean and maintain schools and provide security services.

*If the VATRE is approved by voters in November, the total tax rate would increase 8.84 cents. It would generate approximately \$56 million in additional revenue for the district, a combination of tax revenue and state aid.*

**EARLY VOTING Oct. 13-30, 2020**

**Election Day Nov. 3, 2020**