

#### Want to Learn More?

To learn more about the Voter-Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE), visit our Alamo Heights ISD website at <a href="https://www.ahisd.net">www.ahisd.net</a> and select the About the District tab.

Attend our Community Information Meeting set for October 14, at 6 p.m., in the Oaks at Alamo Heights High School.

### Early Voting/Election Day:

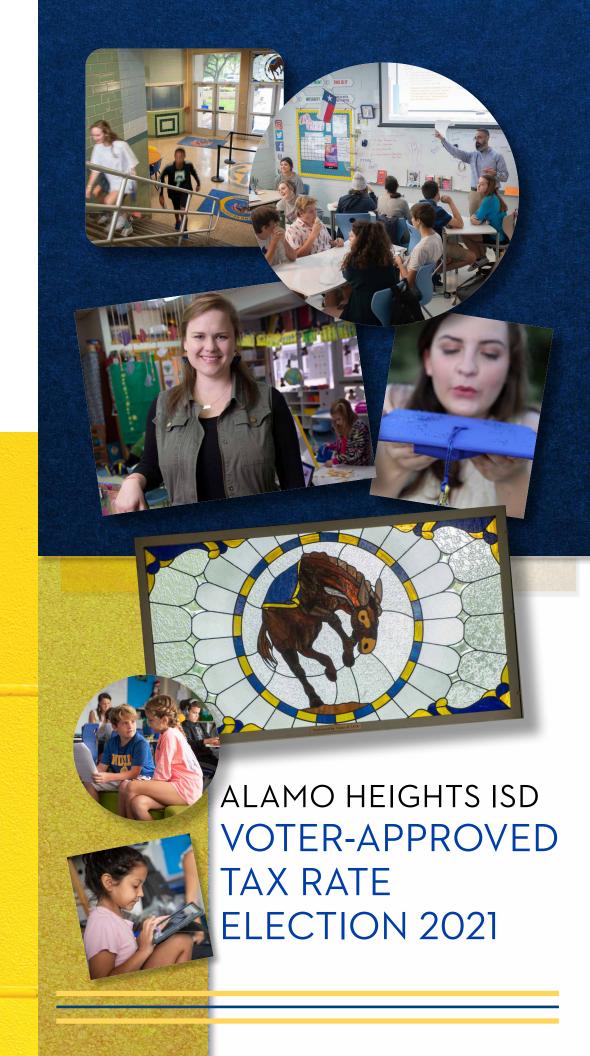
Early voting begins on October 18 and runs through October 29.

Election Day is November 2.



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# VOTER-APPROVED TAX RATE ELECTION Just the Facts:

The Alamo Heights Independent School District Board of Trustees called for a Voter-Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE) that will be held on November 2, 2021.

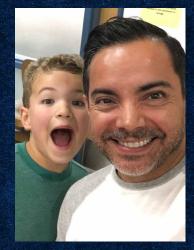
A tax rate election is a special election called by a school district's Board of Trustees, asking voters to approve a tax rate proposal.

A landmark school funding law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2019, HB3, provided more funding to the majority of Texas school districts; however, Alamo Heights ISD received less funding than other districts across the state. If approved by voters in Alamo Heights ISD, the VATRE would generate an additional \$1.4 million dollars to allow the district to provide competitive salaries for our employees and educational programming for students.

This would **not** result in a tax rate increase; rather, it would reduce homeowners' property tax rates, creating the lowest total tax rate in 10 years. The decrease in property tax rates presents a unique opportunity for AHISD taxpayers to raise more local revenue.

The incremental new revenue would not be subject to recapture by the state; rather, it would stay right here in Alamo Heights ISD, to provide competitive salaries for our employees and educational programming for students.





#### Did You Know?

School Taxes are levied in two parts:

- Maintenance & Operations or M&O, which funds general operations like building maintenance and salaries.
- Interest & Sinking or I&S, which funds the payment of bonded indebtedness.

#### **AHISD Tax Rates**

YEAR	M&O TAX RATE	I&S RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
2020-2021 Actual	\$.9764	\$.22	\$1.1964
2021-2022 Recommended	\$.9934 (includes 2 "golden" pennies)	\$.20	\$1.1934
Decrease			-\$.003



DISTRICT	BEGINNING TEACHER SALARY	AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY
Northside ISD	\$55,110	\$59,887
South San Antonio ISD	\$54,500	\$58,645
Harlandale ISD	\$54,150	\$60,643
Medina Valley ISD	\$53,710	\$57,000
San Antonio ISD	\$53,400	\$57,081
Fort Sam Houston ISD	\$53,000	\$59,668
North East ISD	\$53,000	\$56,837
Judson ISD	\$52,552	\$55,270
East Central ISD	\$51,500	\$56,706
Schertz-Cibolo Universal City ISD	\$50,600	\$61,279
Alamo Heights ISD	\$52,950 8th Ranking in Bexar County	\$57,880 6th Ranking in Bexar County

\* 2020-2021 Salary Comparison by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)



## What does a VATRE mean for Alamo Heights ISD?

- Alamo Heights ISD taxpayers will see no tax rate increase
- The new tax rate will be the lowest rate in the past 10 years
- The new tax rate will generate an additional \$1.4 million dollars that will not be subject to recapture, which means all of the money generated will stay in our school district
- The additional revenue generated will allow Alamo Heights ISD to provide competitive salaries for our employees and educational programming for students