

Just the Facts

Bryan ISD VATRE

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election

Information Session





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WHAT IS A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION?

A Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) is an election that allows voters to decide whether the school district can increase its Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate above the amount allowed by state law.



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STRATEGIC PLANNING OUTCOME

Strategic Planning Committee

March 3

March 17

April 1

April 9

April 15

April 21

April 28

May 7

May 14

Community Focus Groups

Student Focus Groups

Parent Leadership

Faith-Based Partners

District Leadership Team

Teacher Advisory

School Board Meetings

Superintendent Advisory Council





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PROJECTED USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Recurring funding can be used for the district's day-to-day operations, such as:

Compensation

- Staff salary scenarios to be considered by the Board of Trustees
- If approved, salary increases will be retroactive to this year's contract start date

Student Programs

Safety & Security



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VATRE Elections vs. Bond Elections



What can a VATRE be used for?

A VATRE approves an increase in the district's Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate, which can only be used for items related to programs and people, such as teacher salaries and stipends, training programs, educational programs, and student extracurricular activities.

(Source: TASB, *A Toolkit for Strong Budget Discussions*, 2026)



How can bond funds be used?

Bond funds can be used for items such as new buildings, renovations, land acquisition, and other capital improvements. They cannot be used for staff salaries or operating costs.

(Source: TASB, *A Toolkit for Strong Budget Discussions*, 2026)



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BRYAN ISD'S TAX RATE COMPONENTS

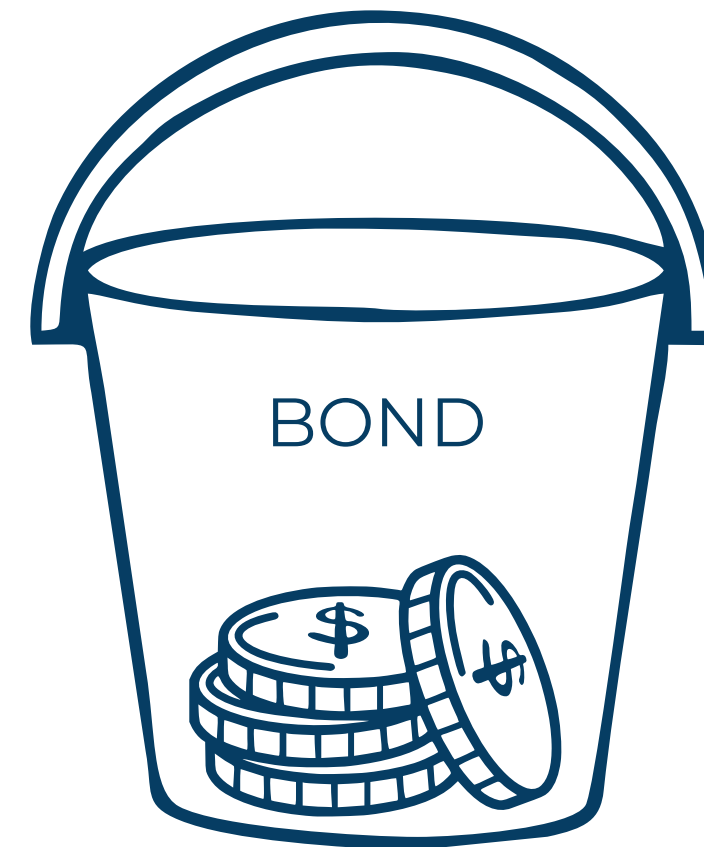
\$0.6769 +



\$0.2700



**Maintenance &
Operations**



**Debt Service/
Interest & Sinking**



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IMPACT TO BRYAN ISD'S MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS TAX RATE



Local Tax Collections

\$2.5M

Golden Pennies
"Enrichment Pennies"



State Funding

\$3M



= \$5.5M

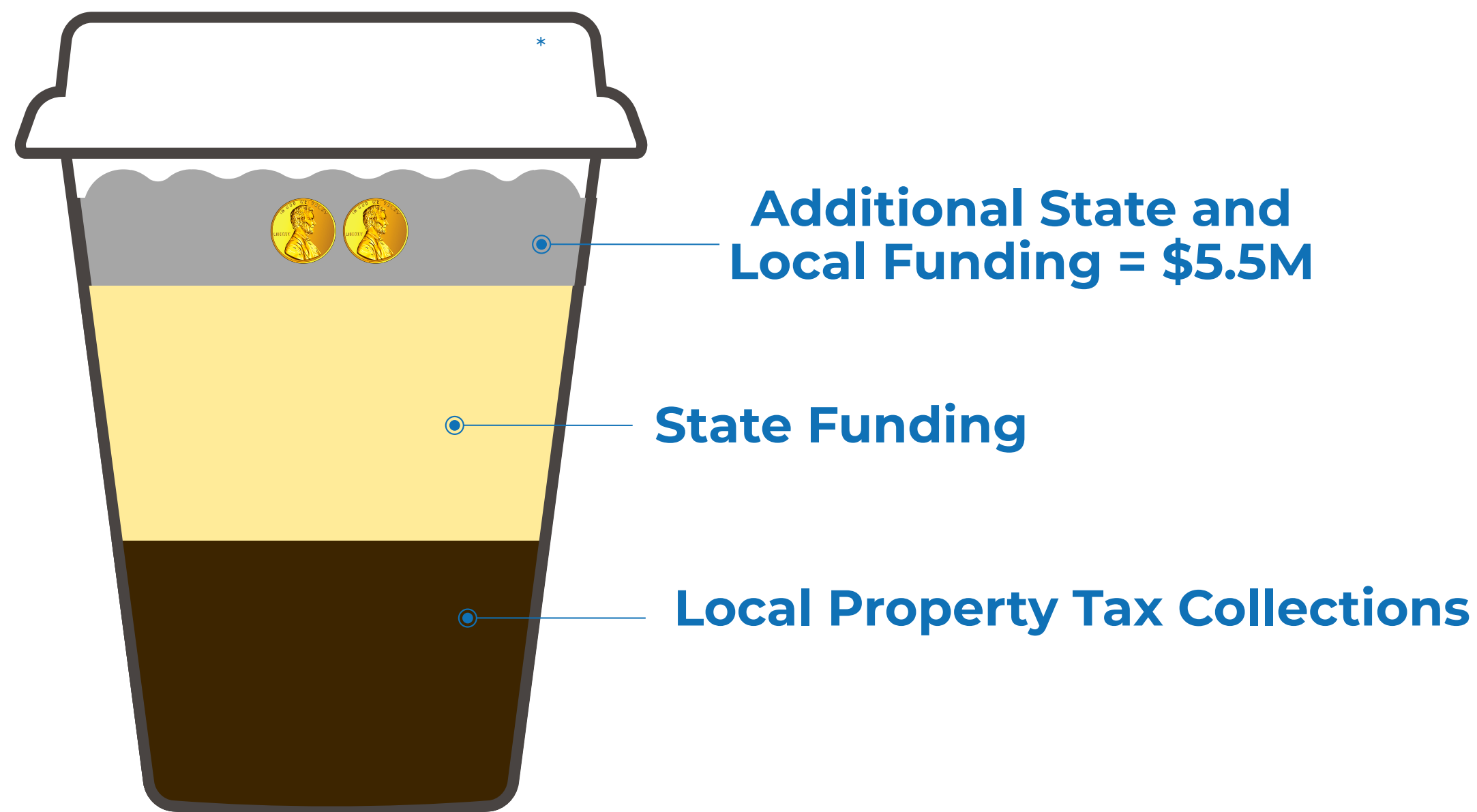
**Recurring per year; Not
subject to recapture**



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VATRE IMPACT ON BRYAN ISD FUNDING



**The additional funding stays with
the district each year**

*Images are not to scale. Proportion shown may not be accurate.

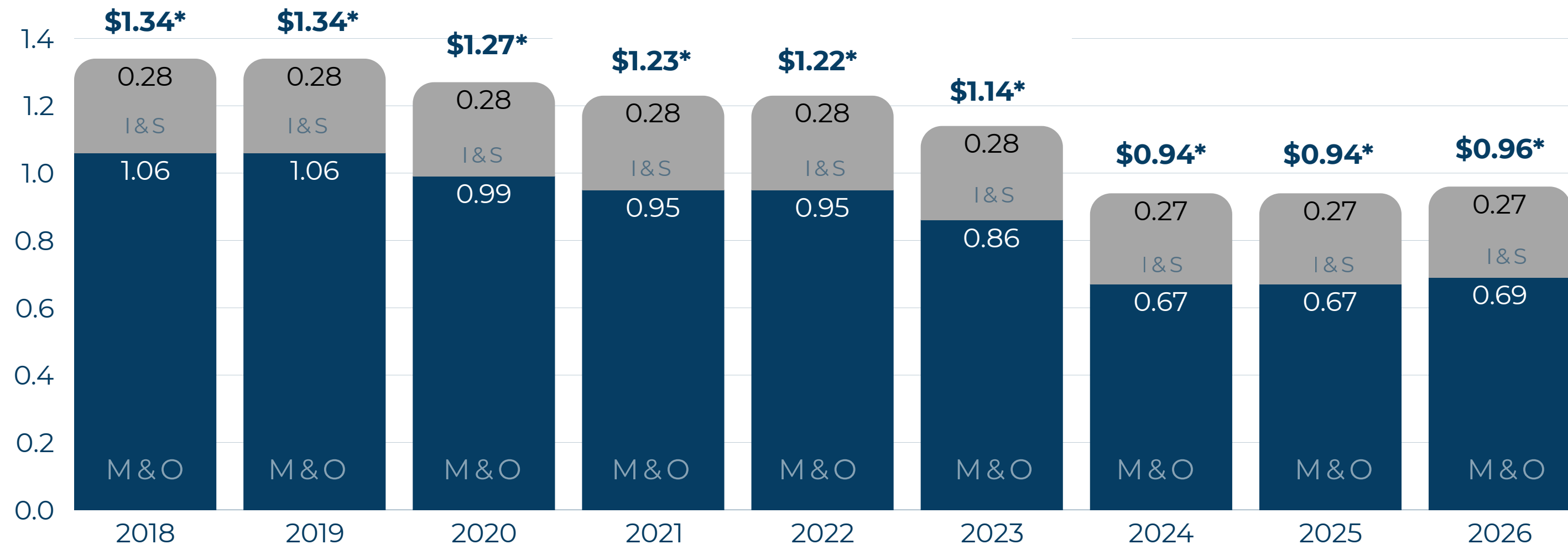


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BRYAN ISD RECENT TAX RATE HISTORY

● Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Tax Rate ● Interest & Sinking (I&S) Tax Rate



*Total Bryan ISD Tax Rate

The November Bryan ISD VATRE will ask voters to determine whether to ratify the levy of a total tax rate of \$0.9668 per \$100 ad valorem tax rate, incorporating a 2-cent M&O tax rate increase.



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EXAMPLE OF HOMEOWNER FINANCIAL IMPACT*

*Bryan ISD's portion of the property tax bill



\$350,000 County Appraisal Value
-\$140,000 Homestead Exemption
\$210,000 Taxable Value

Approx annual increase = \$42.00

Approx monthly increase = \$3.50

Approx daily increase = 12 cents



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VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION



**Individuals 65 years
or older will not see
a tax increase.**

Homeowners aged 65 and older who qualify for a property tax freeze and have not made improvements that increase the taxable value of their residence, will not see an increase in the dollar amount of school district taxes they owe.



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BALLOT LANGUAGE

BRYAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

“Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.9668 per \$100 valuation in the Bryan Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 2.10 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$5,595,641.”



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VOTING INFORMATION

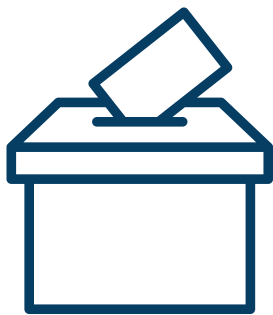
Last Day to Register to Vote: October 5, 2026

Early Voting Locations Include: Arena Hall (2906 Tabor Road), Brazos County Election Administrator Office (300 East Wm. J. Bryan Pkwy), College Station Utilities Meeting & Training Facility (1603 Graham Road), Galilee Baptist Church (804 N. Logan), Memorial Student Center - Room L526 (Texas A&M University Campus)

Locations above are for Brazos County voters only.

Early Voting: October 19-30, 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	OCT. 19 EARLY VOTING 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	OCT. 20 EARLY VOTING 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	OCT. 21 EARLY VOTING 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	OCT. 22 EARLY VOTING 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	OCT. 23 EARLY VOTING 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	OCT. 24 EARLY VOTING 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
OCT. 25 EARLY VOTING 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	OCT. 26 EARLY VOTING 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	OCT. 27 EARLY VOTING 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	OCT. 28 EARLY VOTING 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	OCT. 29 EARLY VOTING 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	OCT. 30 EARLY VOTING 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday,
Nov. 3, 2026



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Discussion and Questions