



### **Meeting Agenda**

- Recap of October Meeting
- Determine Consensus
- School Finance 101
  - Jarrell ISD Financial Overview
- Project Discussion
- Campus Tour\*



<sup>\*</sup>Optional



#### Consensus

Consensus is defined by Merriam-Webster as:

- a general agreement
- the judgment arrived at by most of those concerned
- group solidarity in sentiment and belief;
- concerned with the process of deliberating and finalizing a decision

#### Goal:

Goal is to agree on a definition and then, once recommendation goes forward, for everyone to be able to support it.

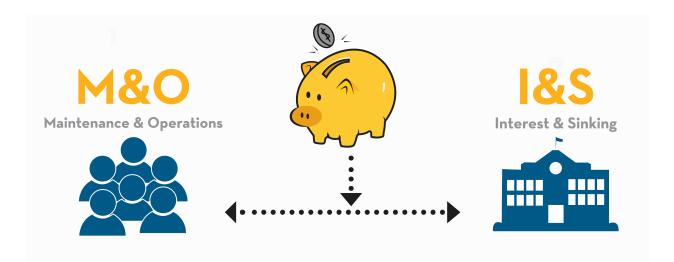
## Group Discussion: What is our definition of consensus?

- Unanimous agreement
- Unanimous consent ("I can support that.")
- Unanimous agreement minus one or two votes
- Unanimous consent minus one or two votes
- Super majority thresholds (90%, 80%, 75%, two-thirds, and 60% are common)
- Simple majority



### Texas School Tax Rate Facts

 School budgets and tax rates are made up of two parts: Maintenance and Operation (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S). The money generated from each part can only be used for specific types of expenses.

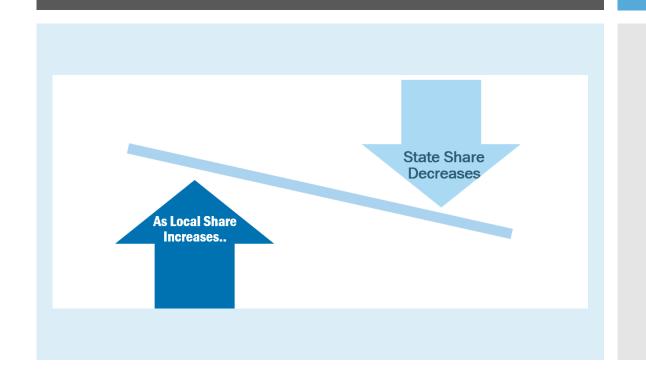




Funding coming into this bucket is primarily used for operating JISD. Employee salaries and benefits; educational resources; classroom supplies; and services (i.e. utilities) are paid from this source of funding.

This is similar to buying things like car fuel and routine maintenance, groceries, clothing, cleaning supplies, and utilities like electricity, telephone and water.

### Balancing Act



The only new money comes from new students

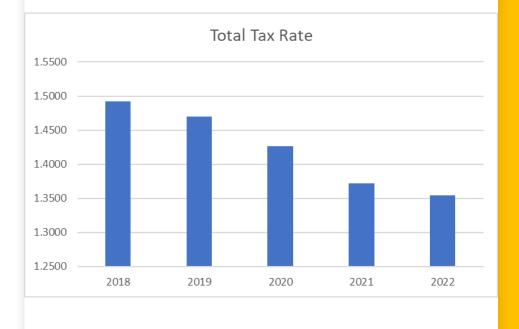
# Interest & Sinking (I&S)

- Funds from this portion of the tax rate can only be used to pay off bonds sold for construction and capital improvements to facilities.
- A school district can only take on new debt through a voterapproved bond election.



State law states \$0.50 is the max to issue new money bonds

### Jarrell ISD Tax Rate Trend



### Capacity

What factors are considered when determining capacity?

**I&S** Tax Rate

Term

**Competing Goals** 

**Property Tax Base** 

Defer/Accelerate Principal

#### Term



State law allows up to 40 years



# Generally speaking, asset life drives the term

Technology & buses in 5 years
Improvements in 15-20 years
New construction in 25-30 years

### Competing Goals

- Early retirement of existing bonds?
- Future capacity for growth beyond this bond election?
- Preserve savings account for slow downs in the economy?

### Property Tax Base



**NEW IMPROVEMENTS** 



APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION
OF EXISTING PROPERTIES



TAX EXEMPTIONS

### 6-Year I&S Revenue Trend





- Average payment is \$11,680,925
- Final maturity from last sale is 2048
- All fixed rate bonds
- No prepayment penalties to payoff early
- Can be refinanced 8-10 years after issuance

### What Have We Learned Thus Far?

Our revenues exceed our payments

We anticipate growth in our tax base due to new improvements

Our I&S tax rate is already at the max allowed by the State

We can define capacity in several ways depending on our goals

### Bond Capacity/Expectations

- \$275 300 million bond election can be funded
- 30-year max term
- Tapered property value growth
- Remain at \$0.50 I&S tax rate
- Collection rate remains strong
- Strong savings account is maintained
- Economic slowdown should be offset by use of conservative property value assumptions





### **Project Recap**

		Potential Project Cost	<u>'s</u>		
		Project Description	Consutruction Cost	Project Cost*	Est. Completion
	Facility Committee Recommendation	Elementary School #4	\$52,000,000	\$62,700,000	July '25
e e		Elementary School #5	\$60,000,000	\$74,900,000	July '27
lrge		Middle School #2 (Phase 1, 700 Students)	\$60,000,000	\$76,500,000	July '25
<b>2</b> 0		JHS Additions & Renovations (+950 Students)	\$65,000,000	\$89,250,000	Dec. '25
		Operations Center	\$12,000,000	\$15,300,000	June '25
ommittee		Admin. Bldg Additions & Renovations	\$10,000,000	\$14,500,000	July '26
οm		Academic Support Center (Relocate PAW Prints/DAEP)	\$18,000,000	\$22,600,000	June '25
Р		Technology		śś	-
Bon		Security		śś	-
Pre-Bond		Land		śś	-
		Buses		śś	
		Other		śś	-

\*includes Fees/Permits/FF&E/Contingencies/Soft Costs

### **Project Discussion**

There are three stations around the room. You will rotate around the room to each station as small groups for an opportunity to discuss specific projects, needs, and questions.

You will be in each station for 15 minutes before rotating to the next. At the end of that 15 minutes, you will have an opportunity to place stickers on a "Priority Sheet" to represent which projects and features you deem as the high priority, medium priority, and low priority.

### **Project Discussion**

- Station 1: Elementary, Middle and High School Projects
- Station 2: Operations Facility, Admin Building, and Other Facility Needs
  - DAEP, PawPrints, etc
- Station 3: Miscellaneous Needs
  - Land, Storm Shelters, Security, Technology, Playgrounds, etc.





Needs Discussion



Parking Lot

### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is Thursday, December 8 at Jarrell High School beginning with light refreshments at 5:30 and the meeting at 6:00.
- We will cover:
  - The group's priorities as they were determined tonight
  - Bonding Capacity & Tax Rate Scenarios
  - Revisit Priorities with Cost Analysis
  - Come to initial consensus

# Thank you!

The optional campus tour will begin in 5 minutes.



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