

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, August 29, 2023 in 210 S. Jefferson Street, Bronte, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.699200/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	1.59 % increase
Debt Service	0.00 % increase
Total Expenditures	1.59 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$146,993,670	\$168,756,363
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,529,360	\$15,418,930
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$129,884,720	\$39,834,910
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,529,360	\$1,835,970

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.884600	\$0.000000	\$0.884600	\$6,904	\$7,770
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0	\$0
Proposed Rate	\$0.699200	\$0.000000	\$0.699200	\$6,346	\$8,838

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$87,038	\$87,063
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$56,669	\$44,665
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.884600	\$0.699200
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$501.29	\$312.30
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-188.99

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.699200. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$0.699200.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$350,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://tfsweb.tamu.edu) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

up, if it isn't dry already, and ranchers have started providing supplemental feed and hay," Tomascik said.

Although the spring rains allowed many ranchers to make one or more cuttings of hay, supplies are still low after last year's devastating drought.

"Cattle performance also typically declines in high temperatures like those we've been experiencing this summer," Tomascik said. "Their grazing may also be reduced because they are trying to avoid the sun."

This summer has set records in some areas for the number of days without measurable precipitation. In June, most of the state recorded multiple days over 100 degrees, and it was one of the 10 hottest months on record for South Texas.

Wildfire activity will continue to be a concern this summer and heading into the fall.

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for wildfire activity in 191 counties. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

"The state of Texas continues working with local officials to respond to critical wildfire activity across the entire state," Abbott said. "I issued a disaster declaration to surge the deployment of additional resources and assistance to 191 counties currently experiencing dangerous wildfire conditions. As we continue to respond to wildfire conditions across the state, Texas is ready to provide additional resources and aid to impacted communities. I commend the bravery and service of the hundreds of emergency personnel and firefighters who have swiftly responded to the wildfires to protect their fellow Texans and communities. Texans are encouraged to remain weather-aware and heed the guidance of state and local officials."

View the full list of counties in Abbott's disaster declaration.

For more information about summer wildfire prevention, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/summerwildfires>.

View the list of counties under a burn ban at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/TexasBurnBans>.

Despite unrelenting summer heat, dove season expected to have soaring numbers

A cool and rainy spring means that despite above-average summer temperatures, Texas hunters could encounter significantly increased dove populations as the 2023 season opens Sept. 1.

Spring surveys conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff found an estimated 28.3 million mourning doves in Texas, a 44 percent increase from 2022. White-wing dove populations have increased 20 percent, tying the record high with an estimated 11.7 million this year.

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