

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

August 5, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

**Consider Approval of 2026 Proposed Tax Rate
to be Published in Notice of Public Hearing**

According to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, a proposed tax rate must be adopted by the Board of Trustees prior to publishing the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. As part of HB 3, the 86th Legislature compressed maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rates for school districts. TEA calculates a Maximum Compressed Rate (MCR) for M&O after Certified Property Values are received from local appraisal districts, and districts must wait for TEA's approval before adopting M&O rates. This year, Galveston County Appraisal District submitted a Certified Estimate of Certified Property Values as allowable by law. These values were used to determine the MCR Rate submitted to TEA. GISD's 2026 M&O tax rate is summarized as follows:

Maximum Compressed Rate	\$0.6169
Golden Pennies	<u>\$0.0600</u>
2026 Proposed M&O Rate	\$0.6769

By law, districts are allowed to levy an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate that will cover the annual debt service on their bonds. GISD's proposed total tax rate for 2026 is below:

Maintenance and Operations:	\$0.6769 (same amount from the prior year)
Interest and Sinking Fund:	<u>\$0.1728 (an increase of \$0.0082 from the prior year)</u>
Total Proposed Rate	\$0.8497 (an increase of \$0.0082 from the prior year)

The 2026 Certified Estimate of Certified Property Values are attached for your review. The Galveston County Tax Office is responsible for GISD's Truth in Taxation calculations after obtaining certain information from the Chief Financial Officer, who reviews the final worksheets.

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the board approve \$0.6769 for maintenance and operations and \$0.1728 for interest and sinking for a total 2026 proposed tax rate of \$0.8497, to be published in the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss budget and tax rate.



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Superintendent



Jeff Martello
Chief Financial Officer