The Clear Creek Independent School District

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To: Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools

From: Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer

Re: Public Hearing to Discuss Budget and Tax Rate

As part of the budget and tax rate adoption process, the Board President must officially "call a meeting" for the purpose of discussing and adopting the budget and proposed tax rate. In accordance with Section 44.004(a) of the Education Code, "when the budget has been prepared under Section 44.002, the Board President shall call a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of adopting a budget for the succeeding fiscal year." The Board President shall also provide for the publication of notice of the budget and proposed tax rate meeting in a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper published in the district. Notice of the meeting shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing. Any taxpayer of the district may be present and participate in the meeting.

Please note the dates and rates presented below reflect your recommendation to not hold a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election in November. In the event a VATRE is pursued an earlier date of August 17 would be required for a Public Hearing and the tax rates on the Notice would need to reflect the higher tax rate for M&O.

Administration requests that the Board President call the public meeting to be held during the August 24, 2026, Board meeting. The public notice for the budget/tax rate hearing will be published in the August 14, 2026, edition of Galveston Daily News.

In the public notice, the proposed Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rates must be published. The administration recommends publishing an M&O rate not to exceed $0.6990 and an I&S rate not to exceed $0.2700. Under current law, the state maximum 2026 Tier 1 tax rate allowed for M&O purposes is projected to be $0.6254, and the floor is $0.5628. Based on early estimates of property values and compression under current law, CCISD's M&O Tier 1 rate is not expected to compress and will remain $0.6190, resulting in a total M&O rate of $0.6990. The current I&S rate is $0.2700. The combined total tax rate proposed for 2026-2027 is $0.9690, reflecting no change from the prior year. The Board may adopt a tax rate that is LOWER than the published rate, but must publish the Notice a second time in order to adopt a higher rate than that published. The 2026 certified values will be received in late July, and the actual tax rate will be adopted in September 2026.

The 2026-2027 budget will be adopted at the August 24, 2026, meeting. The tax rate will be discussed at this meeting but will not be adopted until September 2026.