



# Strategic Finance Update

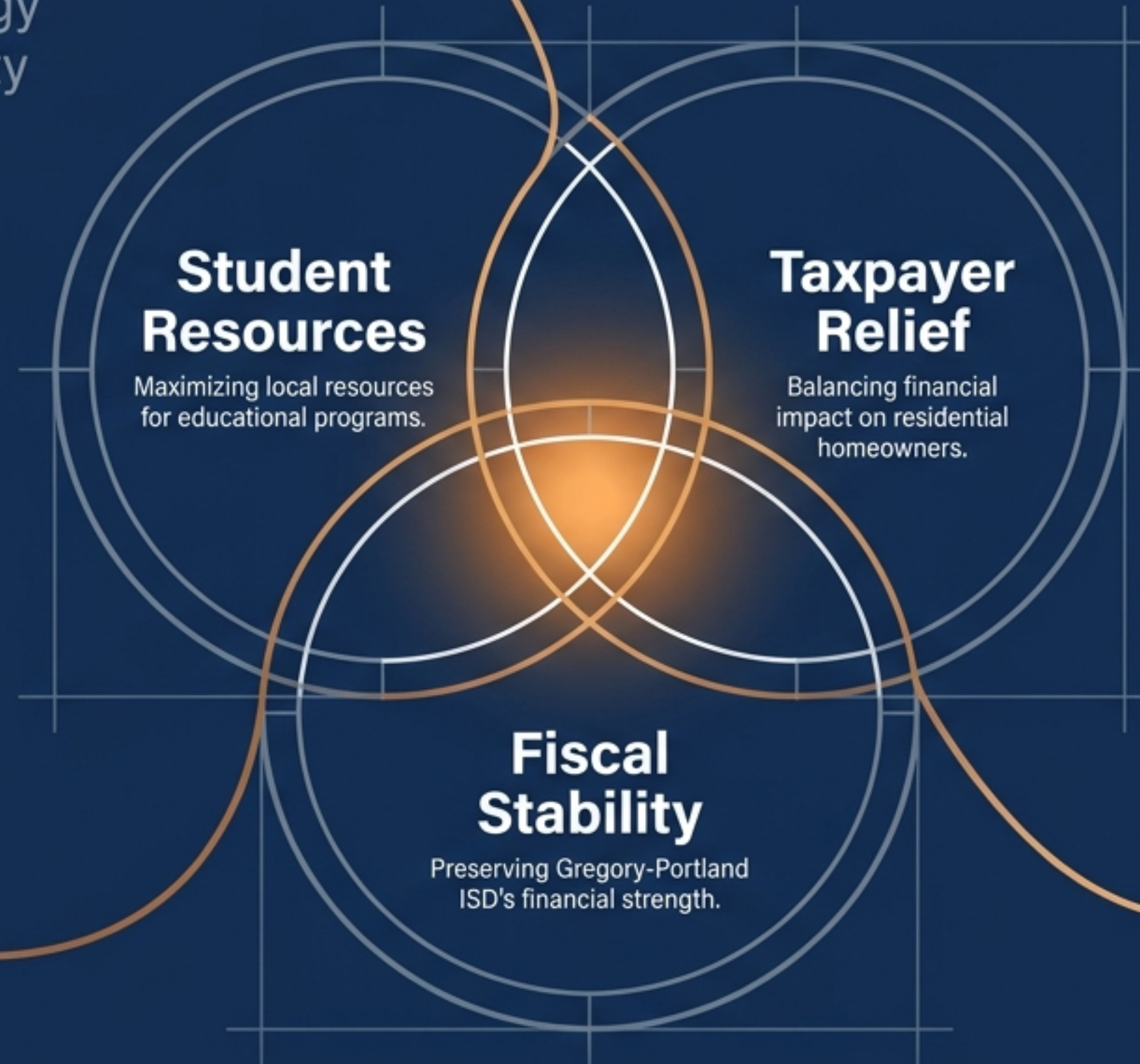
## Retaining Local Dollars

 **Board of Trustees Informational Session**

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# Our Core Objective

Aligning financial strategy to protect our community and our classrooms.



# The Catalyst: Chapter 313 Expirations

Massive property value is returning to the M&O tax rolls at full taxable value.

- Major Chapter 313 Value Limitation Agreements are expiring.
- Most notably includes the Corpus Christi Liquefaction project.
- Nearly \$2 billion more returning to the tax roll than expected.

**\$4.8  
Billion**

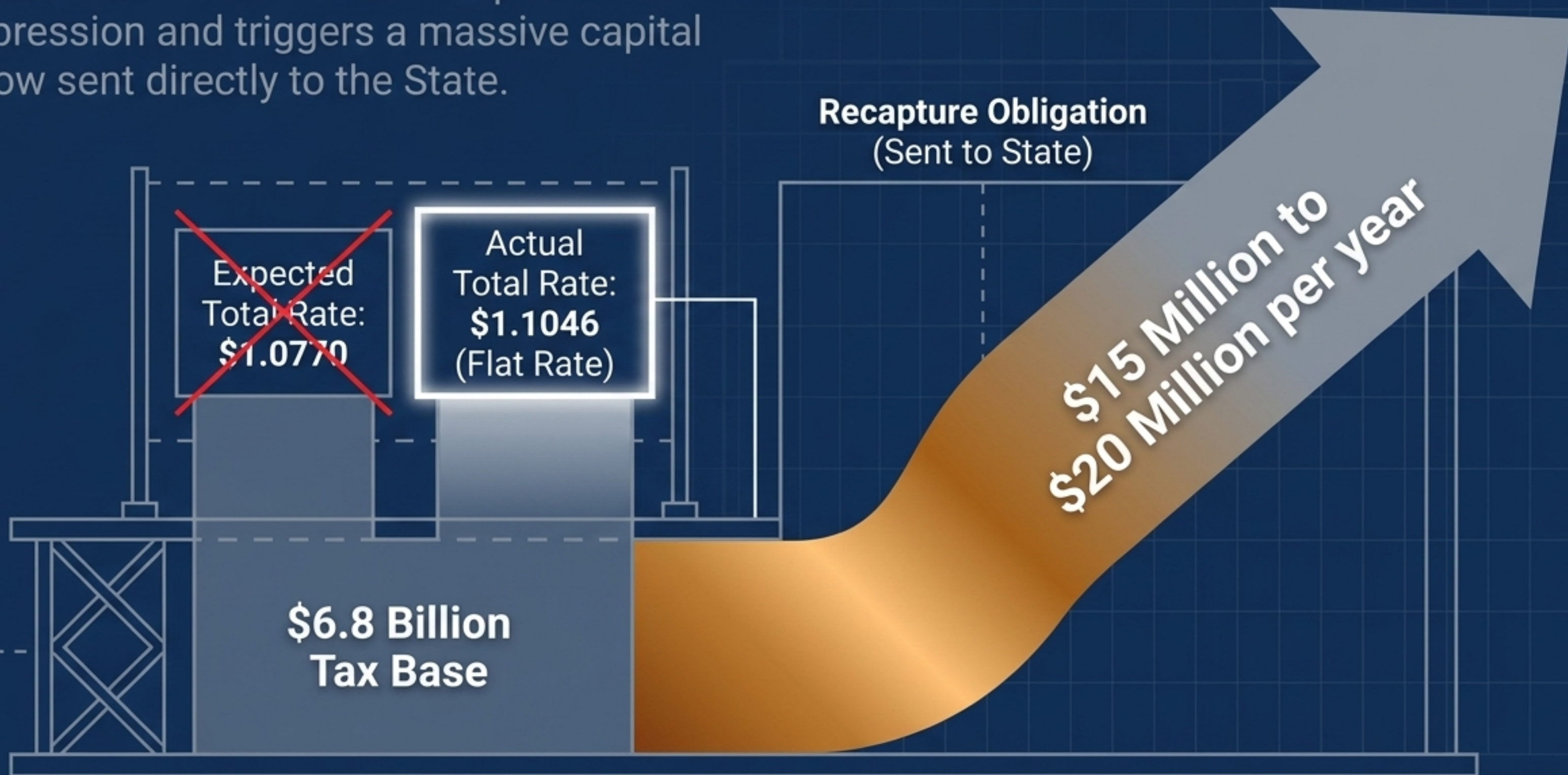
**Initial Projection:**  
Preliminary value estimates  
from San Patricio CAD.

**\$6.8  
Billion**

**Updated Projection:**  
Massive wave of new  
taxable value.

# The Surge in Recapture

The influx of value eliminates expected tax rate compression and triggers a massive capital outflow sent directly to the State.



# Redirecting the Current

A dual-strategy approach to keep Gregory-Portland ISD dollars local.



**LOHE**

**Local Optional Homestead Exemption**  
Targeted Taxpayer Relief

**VATRE**

**Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election**  
Restoring District Revenue

# Strategy Part 1: Local Optional Homestead Exemption (LOHE)

Offsetting the effects of recapture growth by lowering taxable property value.



Provides direct, meaningful property tax relief.

Targeted specifically and exclusively toward residential homestead property owners.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees prior to the statutory deadline.

# Tangible Taxpayer Relief

The real-world financial impact of LOHE on a standard Gregory-Portland ISD homeowner.

Based on a residence valued at \$300,000

## 10% LOHE Exemption

Estimated Annual Tax Savings

**\$3331.38**

## 20% LOHE Exemption

Estimated Annual Tax Savings

**\$6662.76**

# Strategy Part 2: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE)

Restoring previously compressed pennies to access critical state funding tiers.

## 3.17 Copper Pennies

(\$0.0317 previously compressed under HB3)



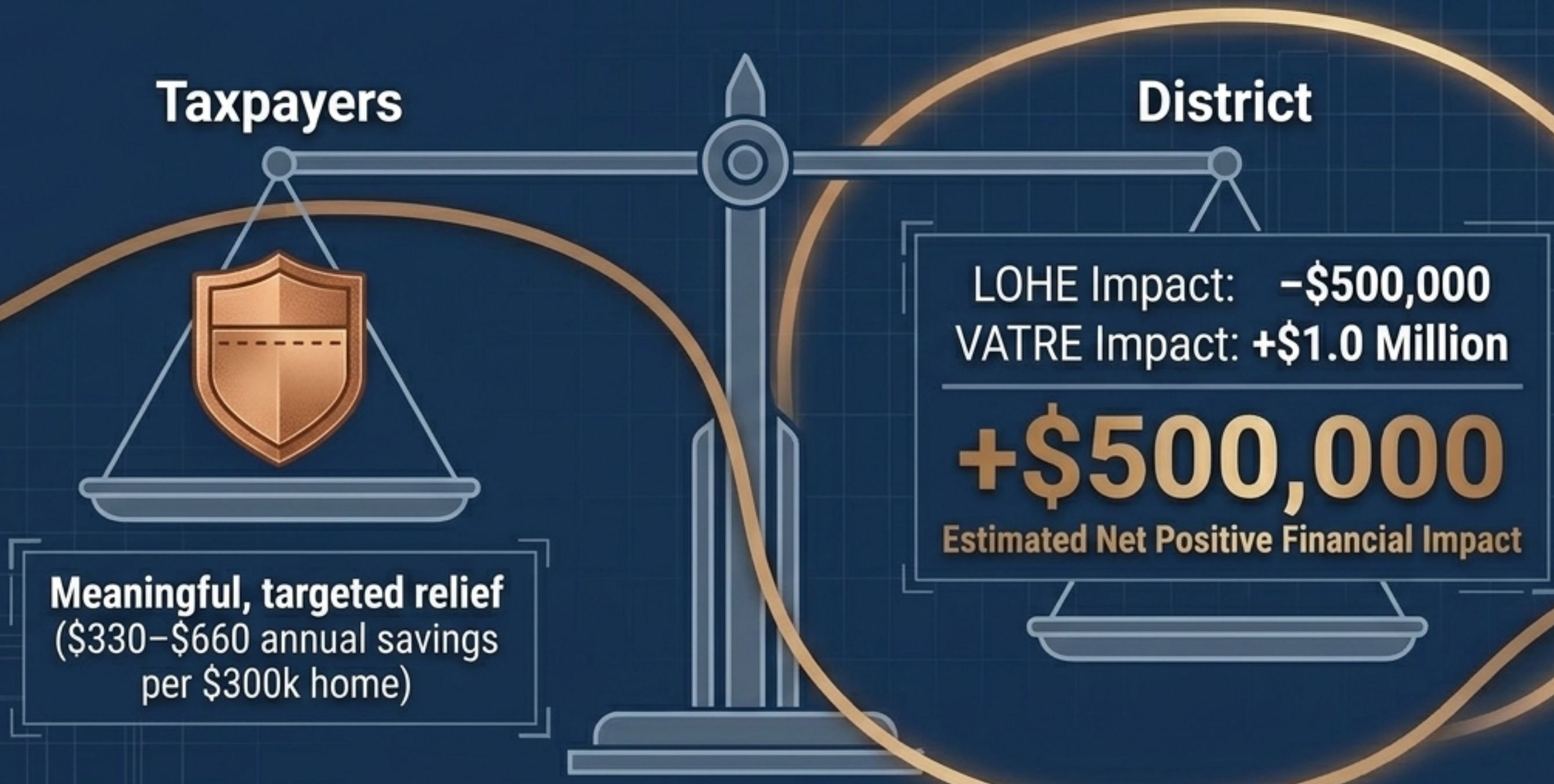
Tier II  
State  
Funding  
Multiplier

Retained  
Local  
Revenue

- Generates additional Tier II state funding.
- Offsets future funding pressures caused by increasing recapture obligations.
- Secures resources for educational programs, employee compensation, and district operations.

# The Win-Win Synthesis

Protecting taxpayers while simultaneously strengthening district finances.



# Roadmap to Execution

Critical milestones for securing local dollars.

**June 15**



LOHE Resolution on the Board Agenda.

Action required to adopt exemption by statutory deadline.

**July 25**



Certified values received from San Patricio County Appraisal District (SPCAD).

Finalizes the exact financial data.

**August**



Post-July 25: Informed recommendation presented to the Board.

Statutory deadline to call the VATRE election.

# Strategic Discussion

Student  
Resources

**Given the district's projected increase in recapture payments and the desire to maximize local resources for students, should Gregory-Portland ISD continue exploring a Local Optional Homestead Exemption and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election as a potential win-win strategy for both taxpayers and the district?**

Taxpayer  
Relief

FISCAL  
Stability