

# Citizens' Advisory Committee

Meeting 1

September 12, 2022

Our Mission: Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.



# Welcome from your Superintendent

Dr. Jamie Wilson  
Superintendent  
Denton ISD



# Agenda

- WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- CHARGE TO COMMITTEE
- NORMS & PROCESS OVERVIEW
- SCHOOL FINANCE 101
- OVERVIEW OF 2018 BOND PROJECTS
- CLOSING



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Collaboration | Communication | Critical Thinking | Creativity

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# Introductions

- NAME
- OCCUPATION
- CONNECTION TO DENTON ISD
- BEST VACATION EVER!



# Table Activity

You are on vacation and are seated at a community table with others you don't know. During conversation everyone shares where they are from and a little about themselves.

It is during this conversation that someone at the table asks you....

What makes Denton ISD such a great district?  
What makes Denton ISD so unique and special?



# Welcome from the Board of Trustees

Mia Price  
President  
Board of Trustees



# Charge to Committee

To help the district plan for the future, the Citizens' Advisory Committee is charged to:

- Assess and prioritize the district's current and long-term facility needs, including, but not limited to:
  - District growth and capacity
  - Building age, safety and condition
  - Land acquisition
  - Evolving educational delivery and programs
  - Energy efficiency and sustainable features
- Develop and prioritize potential projects, including new construction, renovations/additions, technology, and other areas that may arise from community input
- Consider the educational needs of all students and align recommendations with the district's mission, vision and goals
- Represent the entire school district community, values and perceptions, and seek input from other residents
- Consider the district's current financial position and funding methods to develop a recommendation that is fiscally sound
- Make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that addresses the district's growth and facility needs based on the Committee's identified priorities





# Housekeeping

- All relevant materials and information will be distributed to you as handouts.
- Due to time constraints, no breaks have been scheduled. Please take care of your personal needs on your own.
- The Denton ISD Leadership Team is here to serve you and to be a resource. Ask questions.
- Your attendance at every meeting will help yield optimum results for this committee and your community.



# Ground Rules

- Only one speaker at a time
- Respect the person who is speaking
- Listen with a desire to contribute & learn
- Engage in the ENTIRE meeting



# Q&A Process

- Each table will discuss the information presented and select one question to ask.
- Unanswered questions or concerns will be placed on the 'parking lot' to be answered later via email or website post.



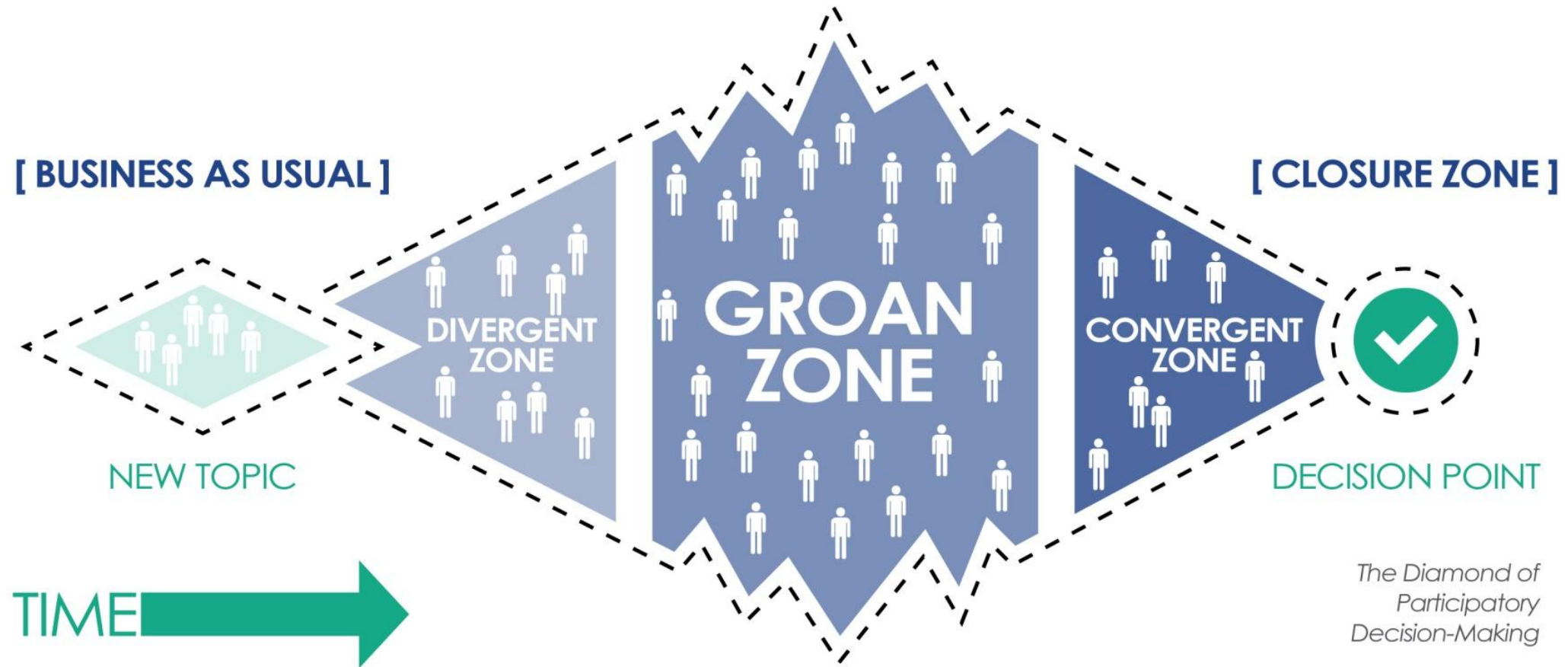
# Consensus & Gradients of Agreement Model

<b>ENDORSEMENT</b> "I like it."	<b>ENDORSEMENT WITH A MINOR POINT OF CONTENTION</b> "Basically, I like it."	<b>AGREEMENT WITH RESERVATIONS</b> "I can live with it."	<b>ABSTAIN</b> "I have no opinion."	<b>STAND ASIDE</b> "I don't like this, but I don't want to hold up the group."	<b>FORMAL DISAGREEMENT, BUT WILLING TO GO WITH THE MAJORITY</b> "I want my disagreement noted in writing, but I'll support the decision."	<b>FORMAL DISAGREEMENT, WITH REQUEST TO BE ABSOLVED OF RESPONSIBILITY</b> "I don't want to stop anyone else, but I don't want to be involved in implementing it."	<b>BLOCK</b> "I veto this proposal."
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*This scale makes it easier for participants to be honest. Using it, members can register less-than-whole hearted support without fearing that their statement will be interpreted as a veto.*



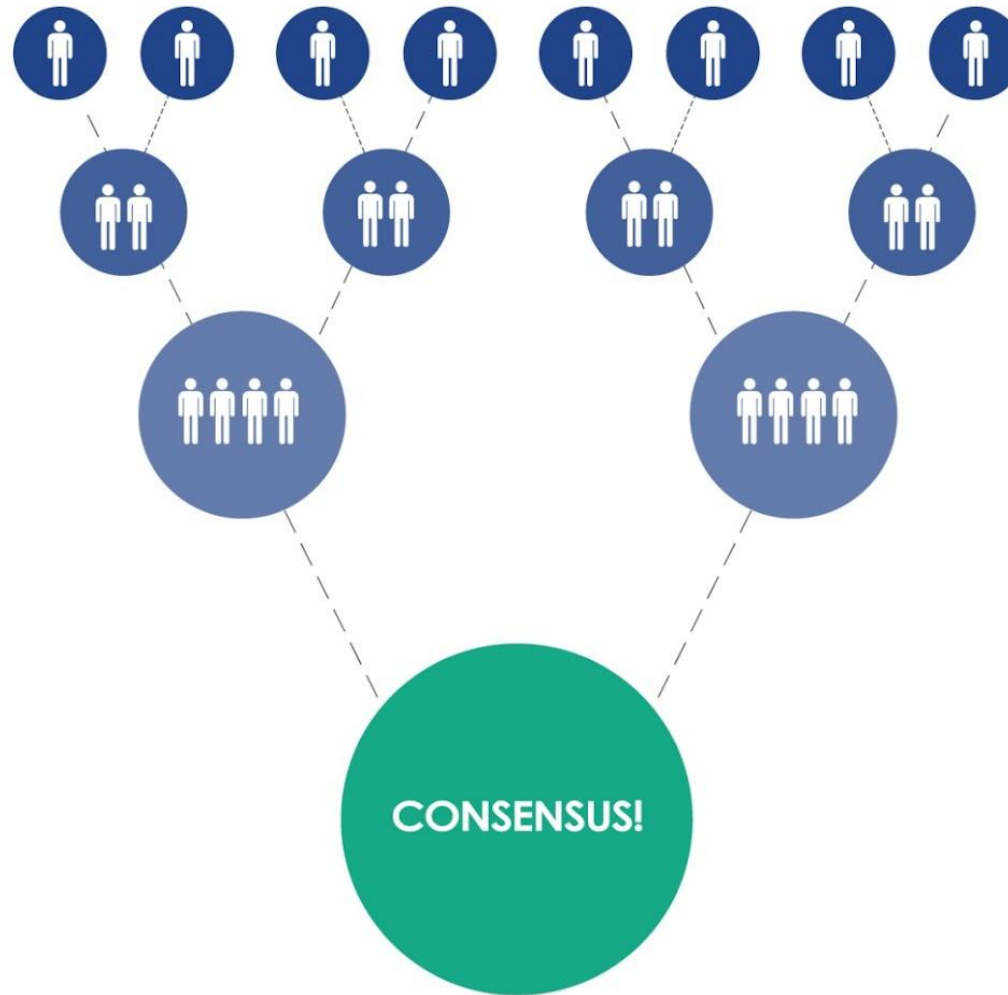
# Dynamics of Group Decision-Making



*The Diamond of  
Participatory  
Decision-Making*



# Consensus Building Model



# Meeting Overview

## Meeting #1

Process, timeline, vision, end goal  
Charge from Board of Trustees  
School Finance 101  
Overview of 2018 Bond Projects

## Meeting #2

Demographic Report  
Facility Needs Assessment  
Safety & Security  
Technology & Infrastructure

## Meeting #3

Athletics  
Child Nutrition & Transportation  
CTE & Fine Arts  
Video Facility Tours

## Meeting #4

Land Overview  
Project Priority Presentation  
Priority Worksheet

## Meeting #5

Financial Advisor Presentation  
Priority Worksheet and Mock Vote

## Meeting #6

Bond Package Development with CoVoice  
SWOT Analysis regarding potential bond





# School Finance 101

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# School Finance 101



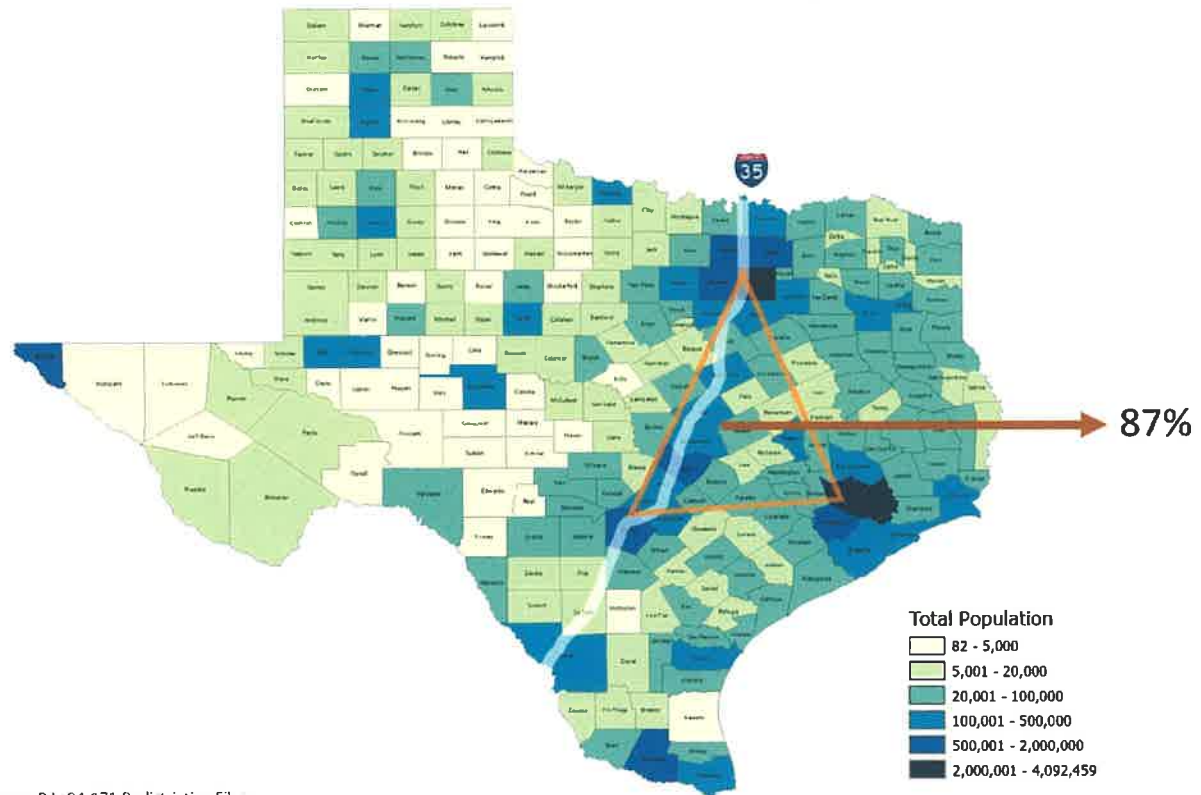
Enrollment Growth  
Property Value Growth  
Tax Rates  
Funding



# State Growth



## Census 2020 Population, Texas Counties



SOURCE: US Census Bureau, 2020 Census, P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Files

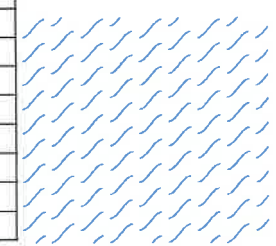


# Area Growth

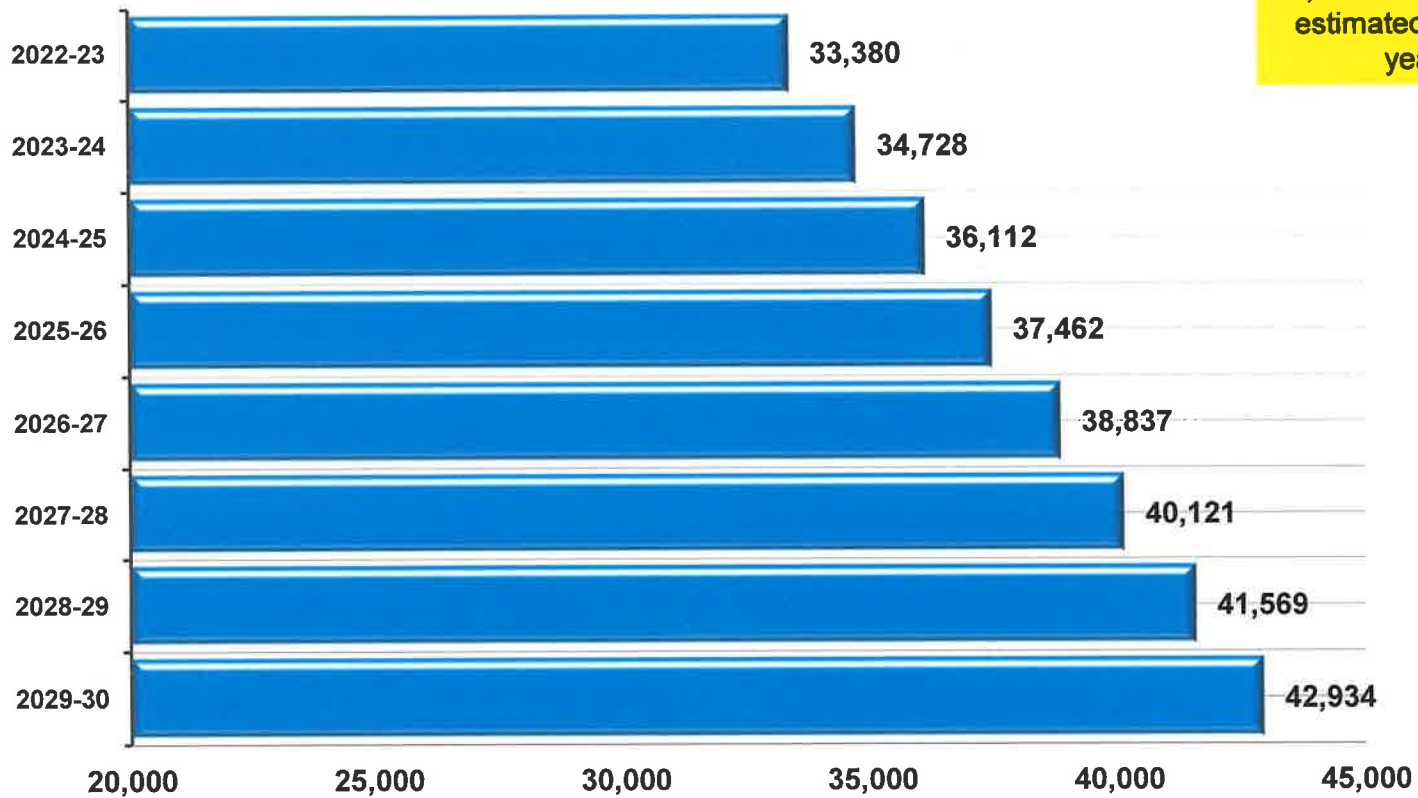


## DFW New Home Ranking Report ISD Ranked by Annual Closings – 2Q22

Rank	District Name	Annual Starts	Annual Closings	Inventory	VOL	Futures
1	NORTHWEST ISD	4,519	3,608	2,508	3,040	38,878
2	DENTON ISD*	3,303	2,834	2,550	3,367	31,645
3	FORNEY ISD	2,484	2,712	1,109	2,412	30,175
4	PROSPER ISD	2,844	2,630	2,323	3,032	21,195
5	FRISCO ISD	1,590	1,799	1,291	1,339	9,749
6	DALLAS ISD	2,031	1,614	1,834	2,128	6,257
7	PRINCETON ISD	2,434	1,557	1,609	1,826	9,571
8	ROYSE CITY ISD	1,812	1,312	1,348	1,929	8,515
9	MIDLOTHIAN ISD	1,341	1,157	916	1,037	20,949
10	CROWLEY ISD	1,334	1,154	796	2,130	16,373
11	CRANDALL ISD	1,486	1,138	890	1,021	13,856
12	WAXAHACHIE ISD	1,030	1,072	540	1,172	26,958
13	LEWISVILLE ISD	1,242	1,015	989	1,208	2,504
14	EAGLE MT-SAGINAW ISD	1,225	987	820	2,277	16,479
15	ROCKWALL ISD	1,411	942	1,214	2,369	8,989
16	MCKINNEY ISD	1,146	940	883	1,512	14,761
17	ANNA ISD	1,164	913	732	880	7,162
18	CELINA ISD	1,330	880	1,035	765	33,549
19	AUBREY ISD	1,590	841	1,154	680	5,737
20	COMMUNITY ISD	1,245	835	895	706	8,679



# District Student Growth

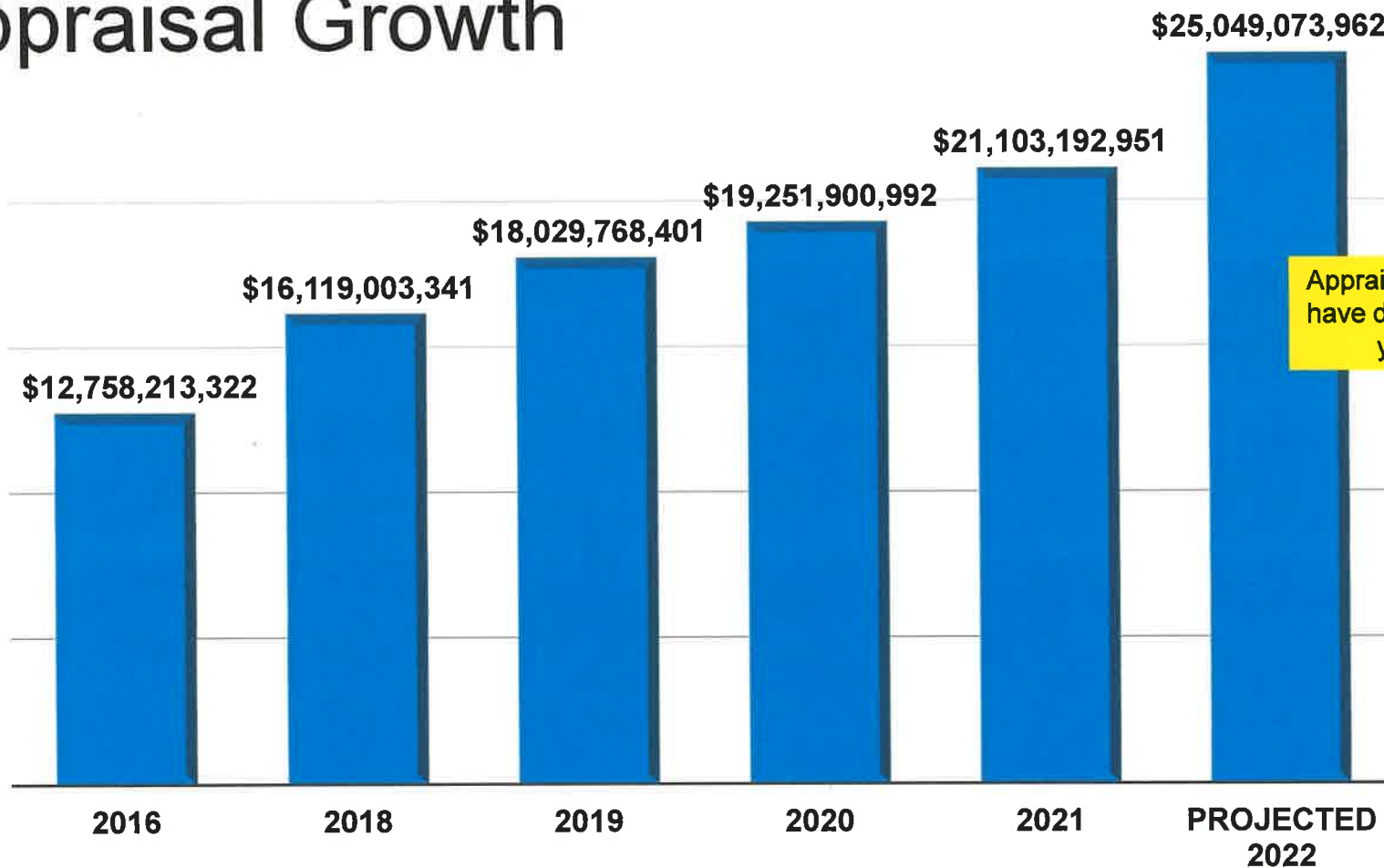


10,000 student growth estimated in next 7 years

Source: Zonda Education Demographic Study



# Appraisal Growth



# Bonds

- What is a Bond?
- Why do School Districts need them?
- How are they Approved?
- How are They Funded?



# Tax Rates

## **M&O Tax Rate**

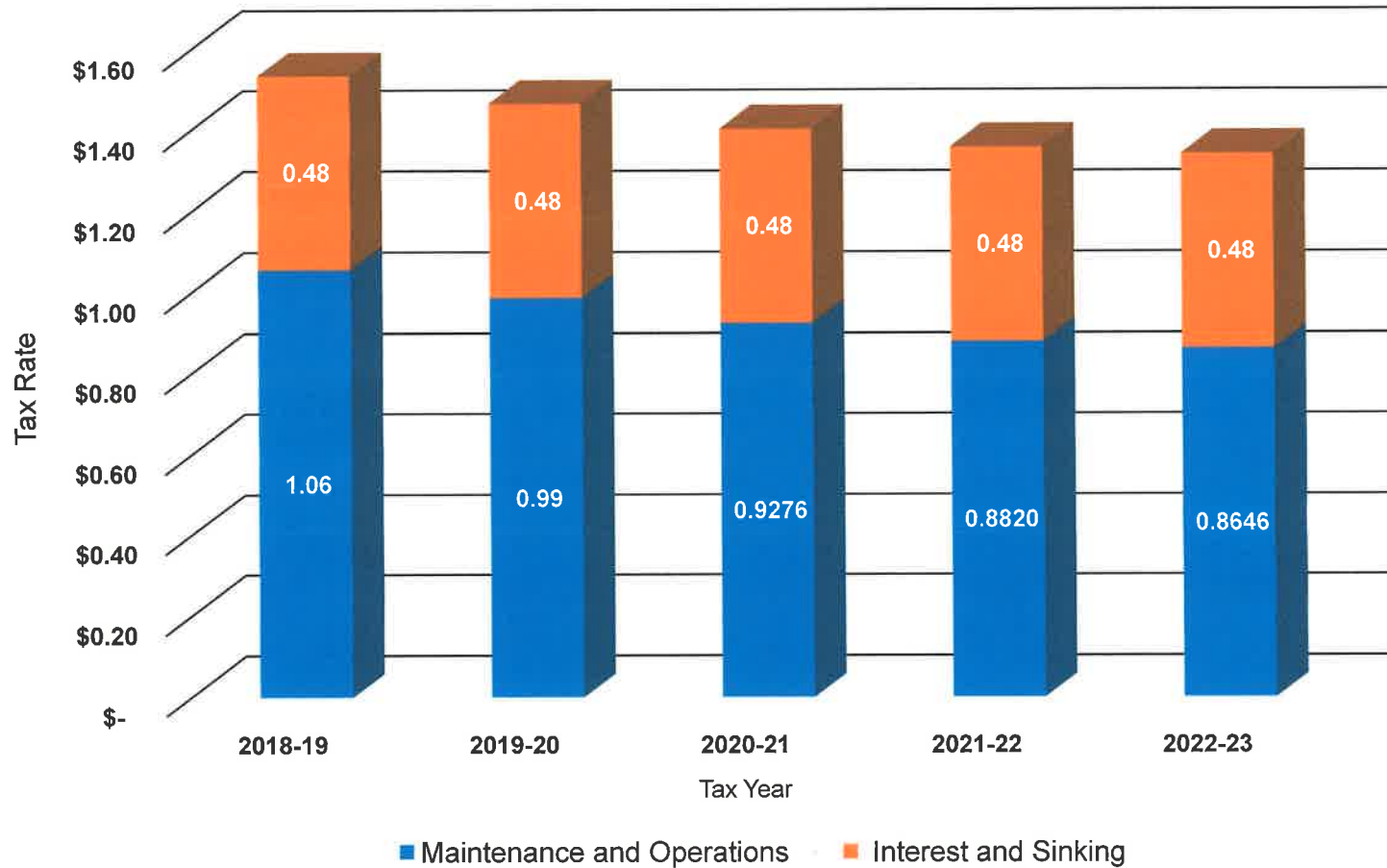
- Predominantly for staff salaries and benefits (85% of budget)
- Student services
- Contracted services
- Instructional supplies
- Staff development
- Utilities
- Maintenance of facilities
- Subject to Recapture (Excess Local Revenue)

## **I&S Tax Rate**

- Payment of principal and interest on bonds sold to construct and furnish school district facilities; no state funding for debt service
- Redemption of callable bonds resulting in interest savings
- Not allowed for operational costs such as staff, supplies and instructional materials

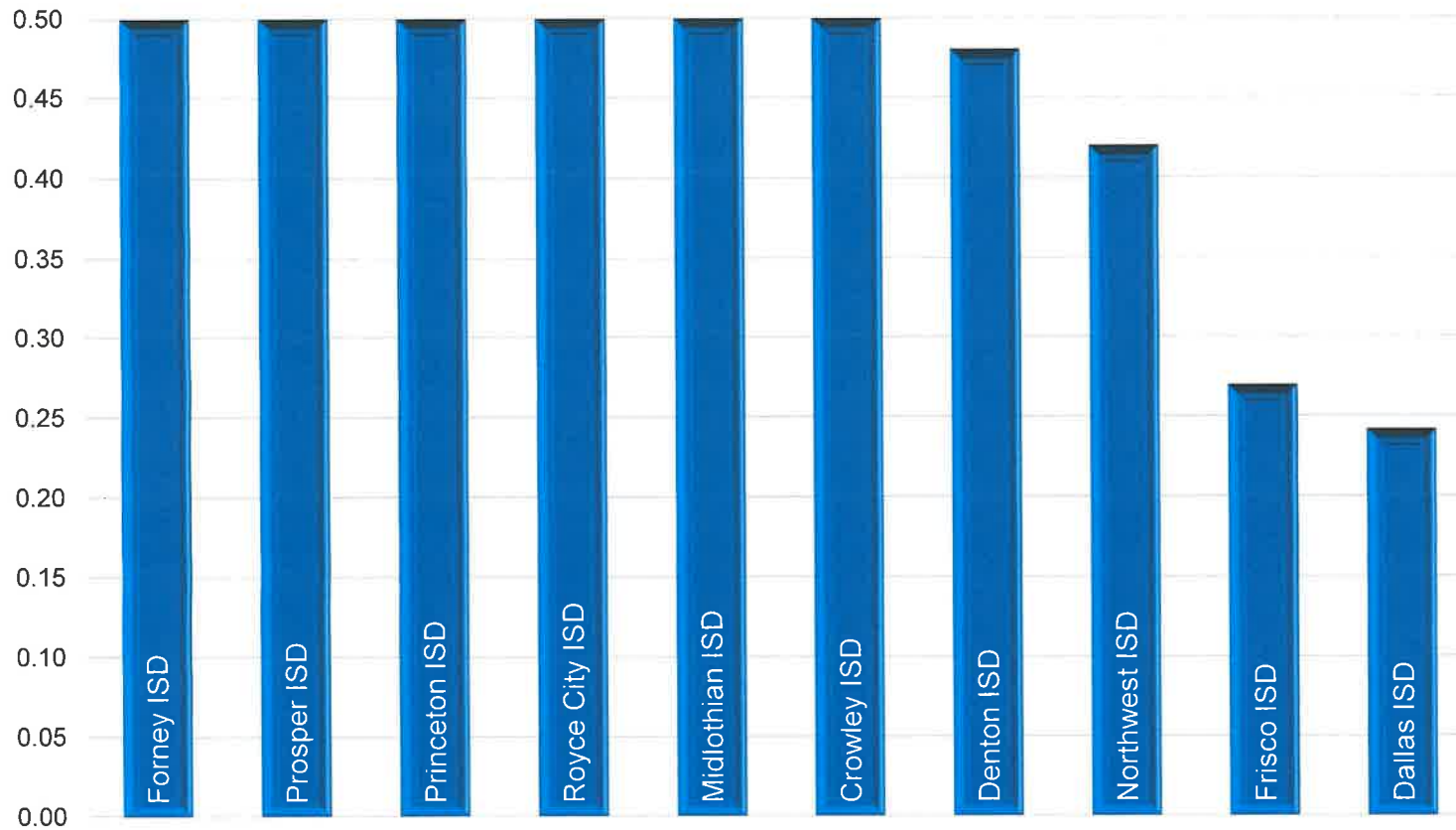


# Tax Rates





# Debt ( I&S) Tax Rate Comparison



# History of Aggressive Debt Management

- Since 2005 Bond Refunding, Restructuring, and Prepayment have **saved taxpayers \$274.8 million!**
- *The district is scheduled to payoff early approximately \$31 Million in debt this fiscal year*
- The district bond ratings:
  - Maintains a AAA Bond Rating Through the Permanent School Fund (Highest Rating Possible)
  - AA Underlying Rate with Fitch and S&P Global
- Here is what the Rating Agencies are saying about us:

“Very Strong Reserve Position”

“Growing assessed values and above average income”

“Growing enrollment with ensures steady Texas state funding”

“Strong financial management practices supporting the District’s favorable operating performance”

“Superior financial resilience, based on solid expenditure flexibility, limited historical revenue volatility and sound operating reserves”

“Steady expansion of economic resource base”





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