

**SPECIAL ELECTION  
TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (TRE)**

This information has been prepared by Colmesneil ISD. It is factual and is intended to inform CISD voters about the upcoming election. All eligible registered voters are encouraged to become informed and exercise their right to vote in this important election.

**Election Day**

Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Colmesneil ISD Administration Room 1B  
Located in Colmesneil High School  
610 West Elder  
Colmesneil, Texas 75938

**Early Voting is August 6, 2018 thru August 17, 2018 – 8:00am til 4:00pm in the above location.**

**Key Points**

- The proposed tax rate will cost the taxpayers **nothing extra**.
- Colmesneil ISD voters can generate an additional \$137,005 by approving a Tax Ratification Election (TRE).
- If a majority votes for the \$1.12 tax rate adopted by the Board of Trustees, the tax rate will be \$1.12, and Colmesneil ISD would receive additional funding of \$137,005 dollars this year and every succeeding year. The \$137,005 comes from **additional state aid** and local taxes.
- If a majority votes against the **\$1.12 tax rate**, the tax rate will be **\$1.12** for the 2018-2019 school year only, and the district will not have access to over \$137,000 in additional funds this year and every year thereafter.
- \$137,000 will be used for safety and security for all students and staff. Money would allow the district to improve the security at main entrances of each campus building (security cameras/technology). Purchase of additional security/safety devices for classrooms.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is a Tax Ratification Election (TRE)?**

A tax ratification election (TRE) is a special election, called by the Board of Trustees, asking the voters to approve a tax rate that is above the \$1.04 M&O (maintenance and operations) tax rate allowed by state law.

**Why are we having a TRE?**

The Colmesneil ISD Board of Trustees approved a Maintenance & Operations (M & O) tax rate of \$1.12. The Board has called a tax ratification election to take advantage of state incentives to school districts that invest additional local dollars in the education of our children.

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**What will it cost me?**

**This will cost the taxpayers nothing extra.** Colmesneil ISD will increase the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate by .08 cents and decrease the Interest and Sinking (debt service) tax rate by .08 cents. The tax swap plan will decrease the Interest and Sinking (I & S) tax rate the same amount as the proposed M & O increase, resulting in no tax rate change.

**2017-2018 Tax Rate Breakdown**

M & O: \$1.04

I & S: \$0.08

**Total Tax Rate: \$1.12**

**2018-2019 Proposed Tax Rate**

M & O: \$1.12

I & S: \$0.00

**Total Tax Rate: \$1.12**

The local tax dollars on I&S do NOT generate additional state funds for the district. State funding can only be generated on Maintenance and Operations dollars.

- **What will a TRE do for Colmesneil ISD?**

Provide the district with additional state monies to invest in the safety and security of our children and staff.

Money would allow the district to improve the security at main entrances of each campus building (security cameras/technology). Purchase of additional security/safety devices for classrooms.

If the TRE passes, Colmesneil ISD will receive an estimated \$137,005 in additional revenue for the district with no increase to the tax rate for CISD taxpayers.

**I'm over 65. Will my taxes increase?**

**NO**, Tax bills on Over-65 or Disabled homesteads are frozen and will not go up. They will never go up unless the homeowner makes significant improvements to the home.

**How will the proposition be worded on the ballot?**

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.12 per \$100 valuation in the Colmesneil Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.00 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district roll-back tax rate, for the purpose of increasing state funding received by the district for security and technology.

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