

Ballot Language

All four NISD propositions will appear near the end of your Nov. 3 ballot. The official ballot language for all four NISD propositions will state "THIS IS A TAX INCREASE," despite only Proposition A actually resulting in a tax rate increase. All ballot language is required by the state, even if the school district is not proposing a change to your school tax rate.

Proposition A

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.0349 per \$100 valuation in Northside Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an **increase of 4.49% in maintenance and operations tax revenue** for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, **which is an additional \$21,533,914.**

3-Cent Rate Increase

The 4.49% stated on the ballot refers to the projected increase in M&O revenue, not a 4.49% increase in the tax rate. The proposal is a 3-cent increase to the M&O tax rate.

State Contribution = \$24 million more

The \$21.5 million shown on the ballot represents projected additional local tax revenue, not total projected revenue. If Prop A is approved, NISD also expects to receive approximately \$24 million in additional state funding, bringing the total additional revenue available to NISD to approximately \$45.5 million.

Voting Information

In order to vote in the November 2026 general election, residents of Northside ISD must be registered to vote. Check your voter registration at www.VoteTexas.gov.

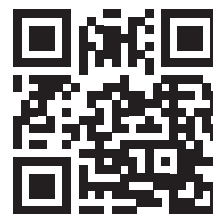
EARLY VOTING
Oct. 19-30, 2026

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

For voting locations and hours of operations, please check with your county of residence.

Questions?

Please visit www.nisd.net/bond26 for more information. If you have questions, please email bond@nisd.net.



Understanding the Difference Between a VATRE and Bond

While NISD has asked voters to consider the issuance of bonds in the past, it has never put a VATRE on the ballot. So, what is the difference? Both the 2026 VATRE and School Bond elections impact Northside ISD, but they fund different needs and are governed by different state requirements.

VATRE (Prop A)	School Bond (Props B, C, D)
Keeps it running	Builds it
Funds daily operations (Salaries, utilities and electricity, classroom supplies, programs, transportation and fuel)	Funds long-term capital projects (New schools and additions, renovations and upgrades, HVAC and infrastructure, technology and security improvements)

Proposition A (VATRE)

**Generates \$45.5 million annually
for the operating budget**

\$21.5 million locally + \$24 million from the state

Proposition A (VATRE) asks voters to consider a 3-cent increase in Northside ISD's Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate to fund daily operations and staff salaries. This would generate approximately \$45.5 million annually to address NISD's operating expenses: \$21.5 million from local property tax collections and \$24 million from the state.



Essentially, this additional funding would be used to pay for the people and programs of NISD through employee compensation, classroom programs and supplies, transportation, fuel, and utilities.

If voters approve the VATRE, the additional revenue would be used to fund NISD's contingent employee compensation plan and help reduce the district's operating budget deficit. **If voters do not approve the VATRE**, the contingent compensation plan will not be implemented.

Northside ISD's Finances

Despite being **recognized for its financial stewardship**, Northside ISD — like many Texas school districts — is currently operating with a deficit in its general fund budget.

The district has already taken numerous steps over the last few years to reduce this deficit amount, including increasing student ratios for teachers, reducing central administrative positions, and evaluating support staff positions.

Now, for the first time in its history, Northside ISD is seeking voter consideration of additional revenue through a VATRE, Proposition A on the November ballot. This measure would **generate \$45.5 million annually** to help fund NISD's operating expenses.

Superior Financial Achievement

Northside ISD has earned the highest rating available through the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (School FIRST) for the 24th consecutive year, continuing a longstanding record of excellence in financial stewardship and accountability. For the latest rating cycle, Northside ISD earned an A – Superior Achievement rating with a score of 98 out of 100. Learn more at www.nisd.net/bond26/schoolfirst.



Read Our Efficiency Audit

Prior to calling for a VATRE, Texas law requires school districts conduct a third-party efficiency audit. The audit focuses on "informing voters about the district's fiscal management, efficiency, utilization of resources, and whether the district has implemented best practices." To view the full report, visit www.nisd.net/bond26/efficiency.

Bond Propositions

While the VATRE would fund NISD's daily operations, the three Bond Propositions would fund long-term capital projects, including school renovations and upgrades.

Proposition B (General School Facilities) \$764.745M



Just like a house needs upkeep and maintenance, so do our campuses – but on a larger scale. Prop B proposes projects at 80 campuses or facilities.

- **Campus Renovations and Reconstruction:** Upgrades across 14 campuses including replacements for a fine arts facility, cafeterias, kitchens, and gyms.
- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Heating, cooling, paving, and drainage improvements across various district schools.
- **Safety and Security:** Installation of security lobbies at 22 middle and high schools, alongside fencing, fire alarm, and door hardware replacements across various district facilities.
- **Roofing & Waterproofing:** Roof replacements and waterproofing at 22 schools and district facilities.
- **Transportation:** Purchasing new school buses and retrofitting existing buses with required safety harnesses.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 30 NISD schools are 50 years or older
- 45 NISD schools are 40 years or older
- 60 NISD Schools are 30 years or older

Proposition C (Instructional Technology) \$56M



Upgrade and replace aging technology across 125 total sites to ensure compatibility with curriculum platforms and state testing requirements. High-performance devices will be provided to staff across 109 campuses. A routine replacement cycle maintains manufacturer security patches, operational functionality, and data protection.

92,897
New Student
Chromebooks
Across All
Campuses

Proposition D (Natatorium) \$65.5M



Proposes replacing the 50-year-old George Block Aquatics Center, in addition to general repairs at the district's second natatorium. The Block Aquatics Center, together with the NISD Swim Center, serves student programs as well as the general community.

Learn more at
NISD.net/Bond26



TAX IMPACT

Northside ISD has a recent history of lowering its tax rate.



37-cent
tax rate
decrease
since 2019

Since 2019, the total tax rate has dropped 37 cents, equating to a savings of approximately \$798 on the average taxable value home in NISD (\$215,210).

Proposition A (VATRE), if approved, would increase the district's Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate from \$0.6694 to \$0.6994 per \$100 taxable value. This would bring the total tax rate from last year's \$1.0049 to a new total of \$1.0349.

Understanding the Ballot Language

The state of Texas requires every school bond election ballot to include the statement: THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, even if the bond proposal does not change the local school interest & sinking (I&S) tax rate. Northside ISD cannot change the ballot language.

Despite this state-required ballot language, Propositions B, C and D will not change Northside ISD's I&S tax rate because projects will be funded using the existing I&S tax rate.

Estimated Tax Impact

The total 3-cent increase between all four propositions is projected to cost \$30 more per year in taxes for every \$100,000 in home value. However, due to recent decreases in taxable value, the homeowner of an average taxable value home in NISD (\$215,210) would see an increase of \$5.98 per year compared to the average taxable value in the prior year.



Average taxable
value home
increase = \$5.98
per year

Over-65 Homestead Exemption

Homeowners age 65+ who qualify for the homestead exemption receive a school property tax ceiling, or "freeze." Their school taxes generally cannot increase above that amount as long as they remain in the home, though major improvements can affect the ceiling.



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TAX RATE ELECTION
VATRE
NORTHSIDE ISD

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SCHOOL BOND
2026

NOV. 3 SCHOOL ELECTION

NORTHSIDE ISD



Largest
District in
South Texas



96,000
Students



133
Schools



4
Propositions

The first, Proposition A, is a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) that asks voters to consider a three-cent increase in the maintenance and operations tax rate. This would generate approximately \$45.5 million annually to help fund daily operations such as salaries and utilities.

The remaining three propositions are bond packages (Propositions B, C, and D) totaling just over \$886 million. These packages would finance capital expenses such as construction and renovations with no change to the NISD interest & sinking (I&S) tax rate.

For an average taxable value home in NISD (\$215,210), the actual tax increase from Prop A is \$5.98 per year due to recent taxable value decreases. Props B, C and D have no impact on the existing NISD I&S tax rate. **Read more inside.**



**Average NISD
taxpayer increase
= \$5.98 per year**

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