



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent
From: Glynn Walker, Deputy Superintendent
Date: July 13, 2011
Subject: Dates for Public Hearing on Budget Adoption and Tax Rate for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
Agenda Item: J-2
Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 3/Goal 5

BACKGROUND

State Law requires that the District's budget for the 2011- 2012 fiscal year must be prepared on or before August 20, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on or before August 31, 2011. The Truth In Taxation Statutes also require that a Public Hearing be held in which the budget and tax rate will be discussed. The Public Hearing may be held on the same day as the meeting in which the budget and tax rate are adopted by the Board of Trustees.


Two factors are of particular impact to the scheduling process:

- The Commissioner of Education must approve the District's plan to equalize the wealth for the 2011-2012 budget year. Current State law prohibits the District from adopting a tax rate until the Commissioner has approved the wealth equalization plan for that year.
- The budget may be adopted by the Board of Trustees after the Hearing is conducted. The tax rate cannot be adopted until after the Hearing is conducted and the Commissioner's approval of the wealth equalization plan is obtained.

A copy of the CSISD planning calendar from the Comptroller's 2011 Truth-In Taxation manual is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station ISD Board of Trustees approve August 16, 2011 as the public hearing date to discuss the 2011-2012 proposed budget and tax rate.


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