

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE for 2015-2016

The Wills Point Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 11, 2015 at the Wills Point Administration Office-Board Room, 338 W. North Commerce, Wills Point, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	<b>\$ 1.04000/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)</b>
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	<b>\$ 0.09706/ \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)</b>

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>	<b>2.1301 % increase or _____ % (decrease)</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>0.2587 % increase or _____ % (decrease)</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2.0579 % increase or _____ % (decrease)</b>

### Total Appraised Value & Total Taxable Value

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 892,190,094	\$ 960,637,474
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 34,041,700	\$ 15,670,200
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 505,310,925	\$ 496,398,899
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4,612,730	\$ 8,657,170

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New Property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$2,688,265

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance &amp; Operations</u>	<u>Interest &amp; Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.10400*	\$ 1.14400	\$ 2,553	\$ 5,518
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$1.02205	\$0.10006 *	\$1.12210	\$2,782	\$5,516
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.0400	\$ 0.09706*	\$1.13706	\$2,818	\$5,699

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 83,609	\$ 84,099
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 73,609	\$ 59,099
Last Year's Rate versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1440	\$1.13706
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 842.09	\$ 671.99
Increase (Decrease)		(\$ -170.10)

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.0401**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,264,959
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 75,000