



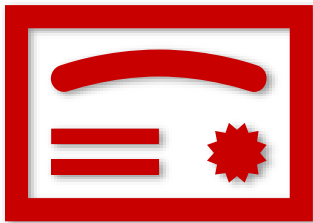
**SWEETWATER ISD**

**BOND**

**2023**

The Sweetwater ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved calling a bond election totaling \$49,500,000 to be held on May 6, 2023.

## **THE BOND ADDRESSES:**



**STUDENT  
OPPORTUNITY**



**SAFETY &  
SECURITY**



**AGING  
FACILITIES**

# BOND BACKGROUND



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# BOND PLANNING COMMITTEE

## 28 MEMBERS

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Business Leaders
- Community Leaders
- SISD Staff Members

## 5 MEETINGS

- October 2022 through January 2023

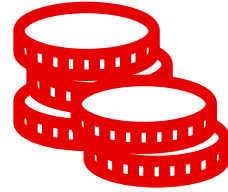
## COMMITTEE CHARGE

- Evaluate current and future facility needs
- Develop comprehensive plan to address conditions to support quality programs and student opportunities
- Provide recommendation to Board of Trustees

# INFORMATION STUDIED



District Overview



Bonding Capacity & Tax Impact Scenarios



Existing Facility Conditions



Potential Solutions & Cost Analysis



District Enrollment Data



Community Survey Results



Facility Tours



Committee Member Discussion Points

# PROPOSED PROJECTS



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**NEW HIGH SCHOOL CTE  
AND GYM COMPLEX  
\$42,000,000**



**DISTRICT-WIDE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
\$7,500,000**



# WHAT IS CTE?

## CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

- Exploration of real career opportunities in Sweetwater
- Development of career skills
- Industry credentials and certification
- Increases enrollment in postsecondary education and/or training after graduation
- Higher graduation rates



# EXPANSION OF COURSE OFFERINGS



Health



Animal Sciences



Floral Design



Welding



Ag



Business



Marketing



Culinary Arts



Meat Processing



Engineering



Graphic Design



Forensics



Retail Management



Law Enforcement

# EXISTING HORTICULTURE LAB





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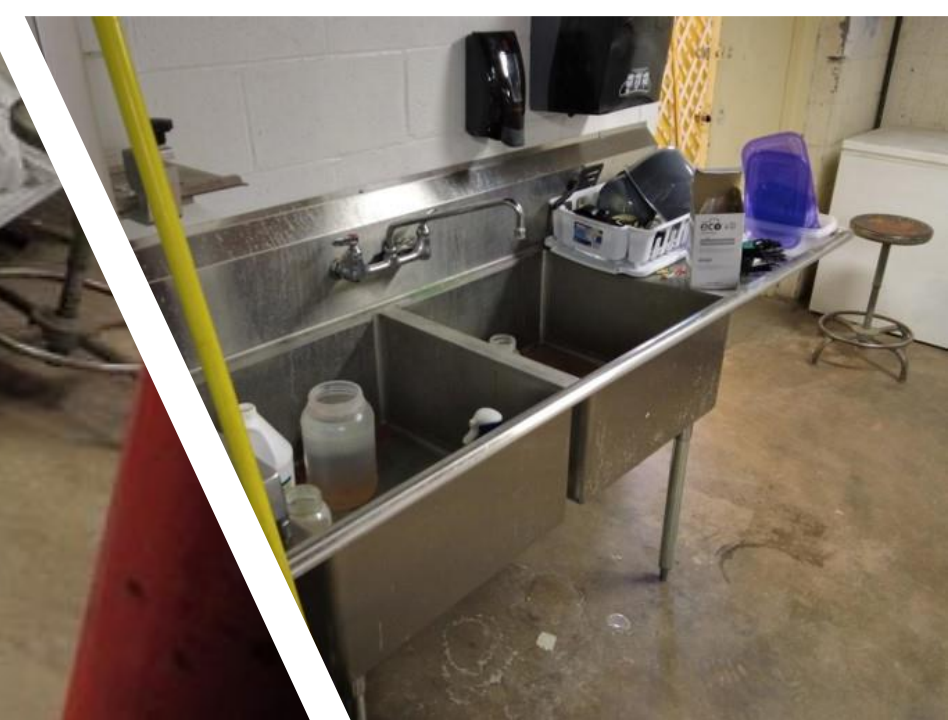
# EXISTING WELDING SHOP





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EXISTING MEAT JUDGING LAB





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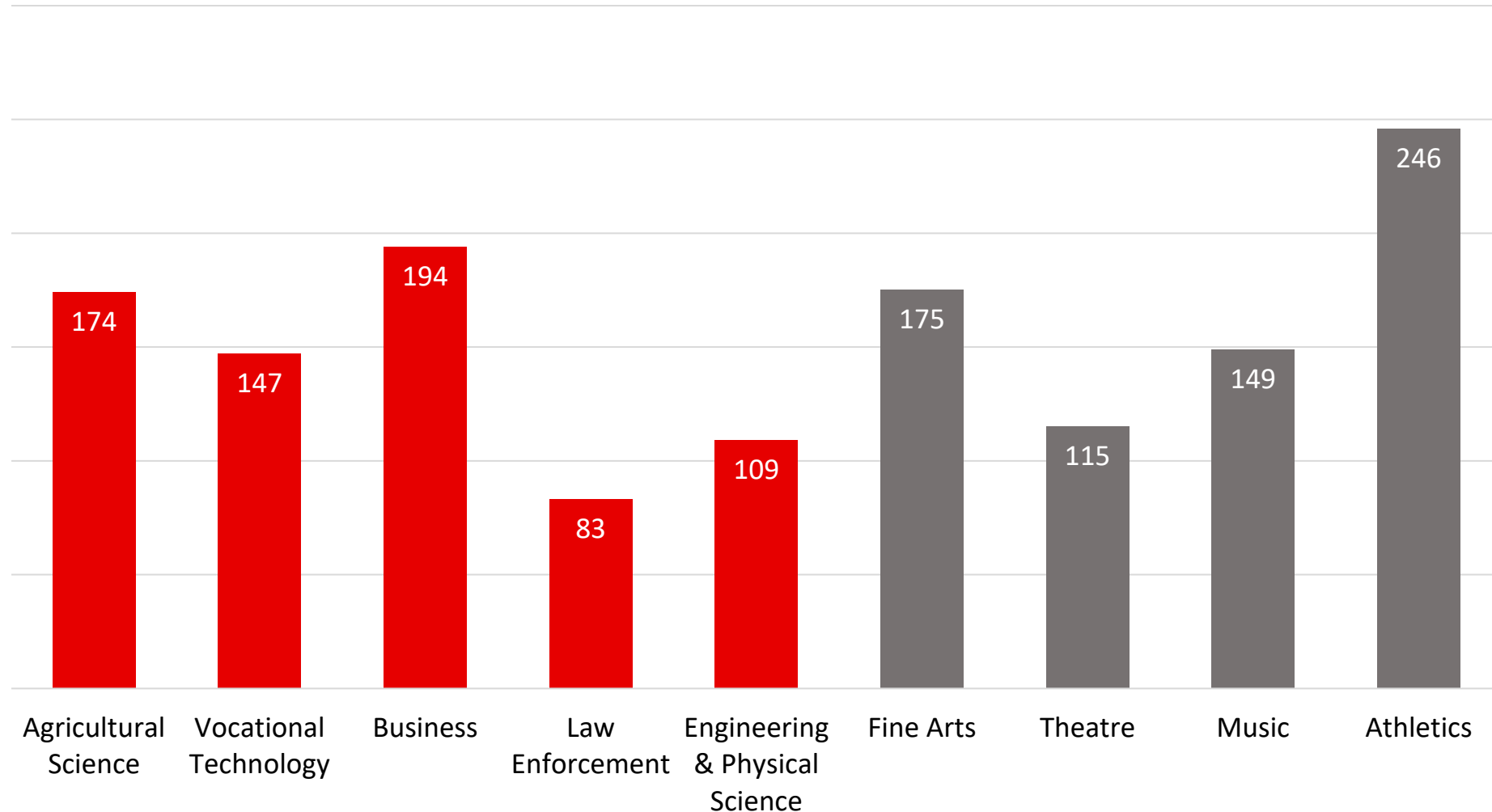
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# SHS ELECTIVES PARTICIPATION

- SHS elective enrollment as of September 2022
- 1,527 students participate in electives (Many in multiple)
- 842 high school students enrolled in CTE courses
- \*132 middle school students enrolled in CTE



# NEW HIGH SCHOOL CTE

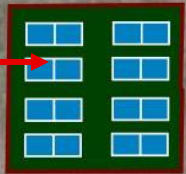
- Demolish buildings along Crane Street
  - Old gym, Ag buildings, The HUB / Technology offices
- New 60,000 SF facility
  - Crane Street Gym and locker rooms
  - CTE labs
- Relocate tennis courts
- New band practice and parking lot
- Technology offices
- Collaboration space



# PROPOSED SITE PLAN



Relocated  
Tennis Courts



New Parking Lot /  
Band Practice

New  
Gym

New CTE  
Facility



# DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- Repair or replace roofs at campuses
- Safety and Security
  - Secured vestibule at the high school
- Repair / Replace finishes
- Prioritized Maintenance



# TAX INFORMATION



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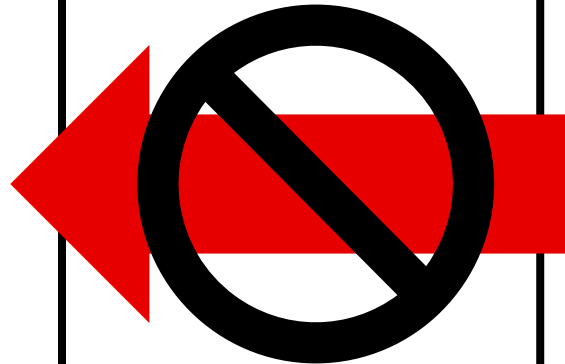
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# UNDERSTANDING THE TAX RATE

## MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS



- Utilities
- Salaries
- Supplies
- Repairs
- Fuel



*I&S funds cannot be used for operating expenses, such as staff salaries*

## INTEREST & SINKING



- Construction
- Renovation
- Roofing
- HVAC
- Land

*Bond elections affect the I&S portion of the tax rate.*

# TAX IMPACT

If approved, the Sweetwater ISD I&S tax rate will increase by 18 cents.

M&O

I&S

TOTAL

CURRENT

\$0.890

+

\$0.086

=

\$0.976

POTENTIAL

\$0.890

+

\$0.260

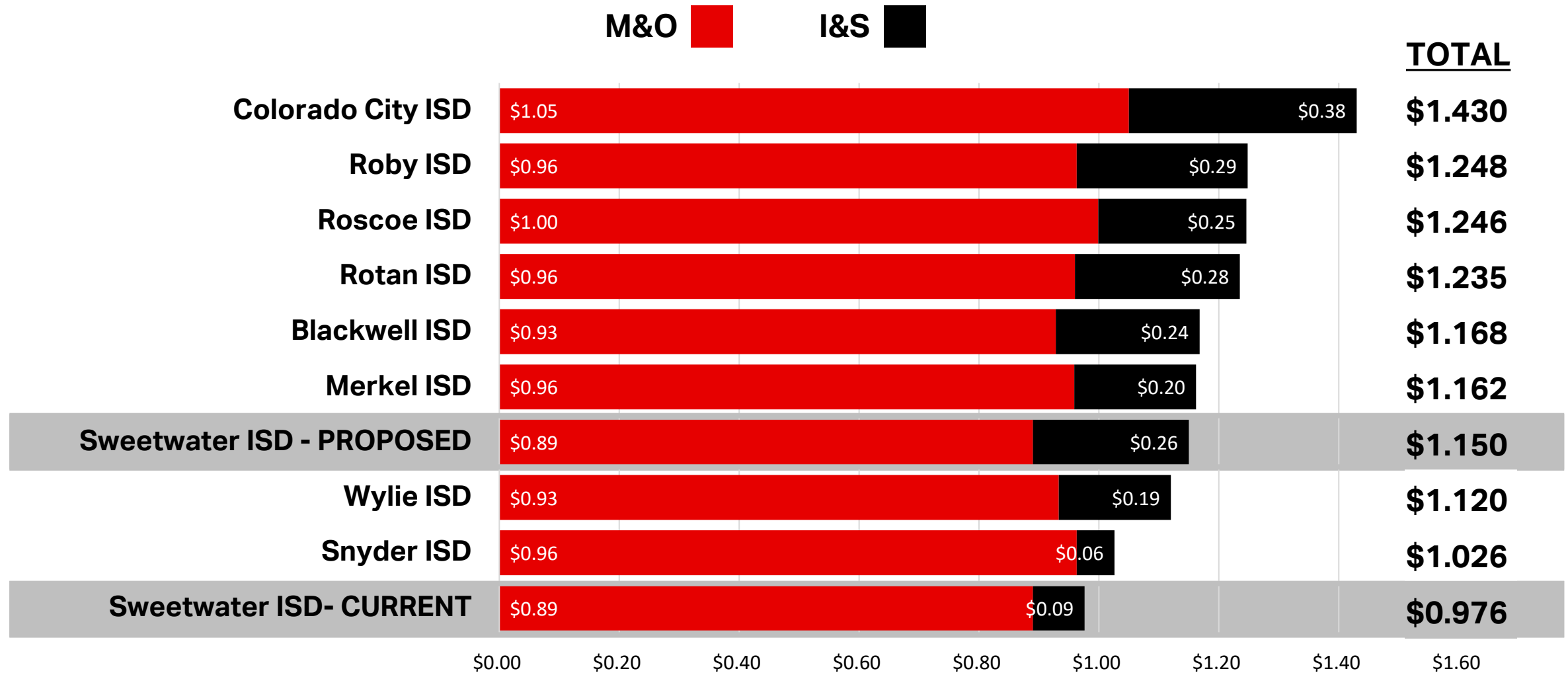
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\$1.150

# IMPACT TO HOMEOWNERS

HOME VALUE	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	TAXABLE VALUE	ANNUAL INCREASE	MONTHLY INCREASE
\$50,000	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$18.00	\$1.50
\$90,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$90.00	\$7.50
\$100,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$108.00	\$9.00
\$150,000	\$40,000	\$110,000	\$198.00	\$16.50
\$200,000	\$40,000	\$160,000	\$288.00	\$24.00

# AREA TAX RATE COMPARISON



# RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER

## School district taxes for citizens 65 years or older who have filed the "over 65 homestead exemption" will not increase



By state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older cannot be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value unless significant improvements are made to the home.

*If you are 65 or older, you must file a homestead application at your appraisal district to receive the exemption.*

# VOTING INFORMATION



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# VOTER REGISTRATION

## Are you registered?

Anyone registered within the Sweetwater ISD boundaries is eligible to vote in the upcoming bond election.

## Not registered?

You can fill out a voter registration card or fill out an application online at [VOTETEXAS.GOV](https://VOTETEXAS.GOV).

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 6**

# VOTING INFORMATION

**EARLY VOTING:  
APRIL 24 – MAY 2**

**ELECTION DAY:  
SATURDAY, MAY 6**



Last day to apply for  
ballot by mail:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

# QUESTIONS?



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