

**...TxDOT campaign**

(Continued from previous page) These efforts are to raise awareness of the game and encourage people to share their results and recruit other players to dart those distractions. The AR game can be played on any smartphone or tablet by visiting www.darthosedistractions.com or players can visit the website on a desktop computer to access the game through a QR code. Players should never play while behind the wheel, don't add another distraction!

launched August 4 and is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways and #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

TxDOT's annual "Heads up, Texas" campaign officially

**USDA announces more eligible commodities for CFAP**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced August 11, 2020, that additional commodities are covered by the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) in response to public comments and data. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline to apply for the program to September 11, and producers with approved applications will receive their final payment. After reviewing over 1,700 responses, even more farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity for assistance to help keep operations afloat during these tough times.

and fiber to feed America and the world. That is why he authorized this \$16 billion of direct support in the CFAP program and today we are pleased to add additional commodities eligible to receive much needed assistance," said U.S. Secretary Perdue. "CFAP is just one of the many ways USDA is helping producers weather the impacts of the pandemic. From deferring payments on loans to adding flexibilities to crop insurance and reporting deadlines, USDA has been leveraging many tools to help producers."

"President Trump is standing with America's farmers and ranchers to ensure they get through this pandemic and continue to produce enough food

USDA collected comments and supporting data for consideration of additional commodities through June 22, 2020. The following additional commodities are now eligible for CFAP:

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**Robert Lee**

Shirley's Place

Coke County Feed

Bronte Supermarket

& Ranch Supply

**Blackwell**

Jerry's Tool Shed

**Drop Boxes for Payments, News Items, etc at:**

**Bronte**

**Robert Lee**

Shirley's Place

Coke County Feed

50-280 (Rev. 8-19/5)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2020 in Conference Room 119, Robert Lee School

1323 W. Hamilton St., Robert Lee, Tx.

**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 out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ <u>0.9664</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ <u>0.42</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>          </u> % increase	or	<u>  .6  </u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>  1.4  </u> % increase	or	<u>          </u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>          </u> % increase	or	<u>  .2  </u> % (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)**

	<b>Preceding Tax Year</b>	<b>Current Tax Year</b>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>278,370,901</u>	\$ <u>272,789,367</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>2,298,990</u>	\$ <u>2,187,120</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>253,420,926</u>	\$ <u>247,577,152</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,988,910</u>	\$ <u>1,962,160</u>

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 11,520,000

\* Outstanding principal.

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

	<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations</b>	<b>Interest &amp; Sinking Fund*</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Local Revenue Per Student</b>	<b>State Revenue Per Student</b>
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ .97	\$ .42*	\$ 1.39	\$ 13,716	\$ 3,101
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ .95331	\$ .35119*	\$ 1.30450	\$ 12,442	\$ 3,632
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ .9664	\$ .42*	\$ 1.38640	\$ 13,748	\$ 3,712

\* 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**

	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 58,218	\$ 58,644
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 33,218	\$ 33,644
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.3864
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 461.73	\$ 466.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 4.71

**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 a 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 tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is .9664. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of .9664.**

**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)	\$ 1,047,313
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 410,777

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.