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*Glen Rose Independent School District
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Glen Rose ISD Board of Trustees held a budget workshop on August 26, 2019 to review projected revenue and expenditures for the 2019-2020 school year.

Glen Rose ISD Superintendent G. Wayne Rotan presented board members with projected revenues and expenditures for the 2019-2020 budget cycle. Property values declined by \$51.4 million for 2019-2020.

The proposed general operation budget is \$26,480,777. Glen Rose ISD will send approximately \$5.3 million to the state in "Robin Hood" payments for 2019-20, an increase of 57.6% (\$1.933 million) from the 18-19 payment. The 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3 which made significant changes to the school finance system and reduced the amount of revenue that Glen Rose ISD retains per student by approximately 30%. This reduction will be done through a 5-year phase-out.

HB 3 also mandated school districts use 30% of the increased formula funding to increase compensation for full-time employees (other than administrators) with 75% of the amount going towards increased compensation for teachers, RN's, counselors and librarians (with priority for those with 5-years' experience or more) and the remaining 25% to increase full-time employee compensation at the district's discretion. The 2019-2020 budget includes salary increases for teachers, RN's, librarians, & counselors 2.56% - 4.54% increases. Paraprofessionals, bus drivers and manual trade increases were calculated at 4.0% to the midpoint of each paygrade to comply with the requirements set forth in HB 3.

House Bill 3 provided property tax relief, however not all districts were treated equally in the compression. In 2018-2019, Glen Rose ISD had a maintenance and operations tax rate of 90 cents per \$100 taxable evaluations. The first 84 cents of the 90-cent rate was considered Tier I effort and the remaining 6 cents were "golden pennies" that were not subject to recapture. HB 3 set the Tier I effort at 93 cents and "golden pennies" are now tax effort between 94 cents and 98 cents in 2020-2021. In addition, Glen Rose ISD allows an additional 20% Local Homestead Exemption (LOHE) and will now be required to pay recapture on the LOHE amount.

The proposed tax rate of 90 cent M&O and 13.9 cent I&S will allow Glen Rose ISD to redeem \$800,000 of principal bond indebtedness early, saving \$185,000 future interest cost.

The next board meeting to approve the 19-20 budget and tax rate will be held Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Glen Rose ISD Administration Building.