Building a Better Future

Greetings and Happy New Year San Felipe Del Rio CISD Family!

As we embark on our second semester of the 2019-2020 school year, SFDRCISD is honored and proud to work with you to ensure all of our students are prepared for college, career and life. Every day, our community of over 1,400 teachers and team members provides students with the opportunities, tools and 21st-century skills they need to be successful throughout their lives.

The 2018 TRE (Tax Ratification Election) is an important part of our work, helping SFDRCISD make critical improvements—from funding technology upgrades to renovating aging facilities like Del Rio High School. In addition to creating learning spaces that meet the needs of current and future generations of learners and leaders, the additional dollars generated from the restructuring of the M&O tax rate support equitable programming so students across the district can thrive.

Since the approval of the TRE Election over a year ago, SFDRCISD has provided staff with a general pay increase and has made significant contributions towards their employee health insurance. We have also kicked off several modernization projects with TRE funding. At the start of the 2019-2020 school year Del Rio Middle School’s stadium received new turf in time for the football season. Significant renovations have been made to the Del Rio High School dining hall/commons area, upgrades have been made to address security needs across the District, and plans are underway to begin renovation of Special Education Life Skills classrooms at Del Rio Freshman School.

Today and every day, thank you for supporting our students and school communities as we create 21st-century learning spaces and reinvent the SFDRCISD school experience together.

“THANK YOU voters, for allowing us to continue to provide the best environment and the best education for all students in all of our schools.”

- Raymond P. Meza
SFDRCISD
School Board President
TRE Funding Summary

The approval of the 2018 TRE provided for the restructuring of SFDRCISD’s M&O tax rate and the ability to generate an estimated $3.5 million in 2018-19, and $1.6 million in additional revenue in future years. Because the cost of constructing, maintaining and operating schools have increased over the years, funds received from the TRE would help with the District’s ability to sustain operating costs and prevent future budget cuts to programs and services.

2018 TRE Funding and Expenses

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**Future TRE Projects**

As the Del Rio High School’s Dining Hall/Commons area and the 200 and 400 classroom wings near their completion, the SFDR-CISD’s Facility and Operations Committee look towards other pending renovation and improvement projects. One area of priority is increasing surveillance at various campuses which improve and strengthen current security measures and preparedness. Another important priority are plans to improve and renovate the Special Education Life Skills classrooms located at the Del Rio Freshman Campus. Currently, plans are underway to review and approve schematic designs and construction documents.

**Our Commitment to Transparency**

San Felipe Del Rio CISD ensures that all voter-approved projects, such as those committed from TRE funds remain faithful to the scope of work. Facilities and Construction Progress Reports are presented publicly at every regular monthly board meeting and at times presented during special-called Board workshops. For more information on the progress of SFDRCISD’s projects, visit the Facilities and Operations webpage at [https://www.sfdr-cisd.org/departments/facilities-and-operations/](https://www.sfdr-cisd.org/departments/facilities-and-operations/).

“Thanks to the support and outcome of the 2018 Tax Ratification Election, San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District has made significant improvements. TRE funds have allowed us to make significant upgrades to aging facilities such as the dining area and numerous classrooms in the 400 and 100 wing (previously the Science wing) of our Del Rio High School.

Through TRE funds, we were also able to ensure our District employees are provided with health insurance and pay increases. Our Technology Department has been able to purchase additional cameras to improve security at each of our campuses, and other measures have been implemented to monitor social media and threats made against schools and special programs. Very soon, much needed upgrades will be made to the Special Education Life Skills facility at the Del Rio Freshman School.

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- Mr. Raymond P. Meza, SFDRCISD School Board President

“We, at DRHS, are sincerely grateful for the extraordinary improvements to our school building. The renovated classrooms and the redesigned cafeteria certainly have opened up so many possibilities, including a renewed positive culture of collaboration in our learning community. We feel honored and privileged to experience the work of such a dedicated school board, superintendent, and a focused team of community stakeholders, administrators, teachers, staff, and students.”

- Dr. Jose Perez, DRHS Principal