

What YOU need to know!

LAGO VISTA ISD ASATR 101

What is ASATR?

- When the 79th Texas Legislature cut property tax rates by 1/3 in 2006, they **promised** that ISDs would maintain **at least** the same level of per student funds.
- Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR)** was created to offset lost tax dollars and to fulfill the **promise** that schools would not be hurt by tax cuts.
- ASATR funds are NOT “extra” – they fill the gap created by the 79th Texas Legislature.
- Despite the continuing need of 200 ISDs, the 82nd Texas Legislature scheduled the repeal of ASATR.
- Without legislative action, **ASATR funds will disappear on September 1, 2017.**

Repealing ASATR is breaking a PROMISE to tax payers!

Losing ASATR Means...



10%

Loss in LVISD's operating budget for 2017-2018



-20

Staffing decrease needed to balance the budget without fund balance



0%

Increase in per pupil funding by the State since 2006

2008-2009

Lago Vista ISD received an ASATR payment of **\$2.9 million.**

This equated to approximately \$2,370 per student.

2009-2010

The 82nd Texas Legislature decreased ASATR funding. Lago Vista ISD received **\$2.2 million.**

This equated to approximately \$1,832 (or \$538.30 **LESS**) per student.

2012-2013

Lago Vista ISD's ASATR payment was cut by nearly 1/3 to **\$1.97 million.**

This equated to \$1,463 (or \$906.93 **LESS**) per student.

2017-2018

The 82nd Texas Legislature repealed ASATR, effective September 1, 2017.

Even under reduced formulas, Lago Vista ISD would have received **\$1.2 million** in ASATR funds.

The Future

The 85th Texas Legislature failed to restore ASATR, despite 6 bills filed to extend it.

Lago Vista ISD braces for the potential impacts of losing \$1.2 million in ASATR.

Will Raising the Local Tax Rate Help?

Due to the high rates of **Robin Hood recapture** (local tax money sent back to the State), even the maximum tax rate permitted by state law is **not enough** to make up for the \$1.2 million loss in ASATR funding for Lago Vista ISD.

M&O Tax Rate	Increased Revenue	Recapture
\$1.06 (Current)	---	\$4,836,570
\$1.11 (+5 cents)	+ \$226,325	\$5,198,421
\$1.16 (+10 cents)	+ \$457,686	\$5,560,023

With a 10¢ tax increase, the State would keep 6¢ out of every 10¢. The remaining 4¢ that Lago Vista ISD would keep still leaves a **\$678,623 deficit.**

How Can You Help?

Lago Vista ISD encourages all parents and stakeholders to stay informed of legislative issues. Please make sure that our legislators and Governor Abbott understand what the loss of ASATR means for Lago Vista ISD.



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