

Goose Creek CISD Board OKs budget

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees approved the district budget of about \$209 million composed of the general, debt service, and school nutrition services funds on Monday, Aug. 23.

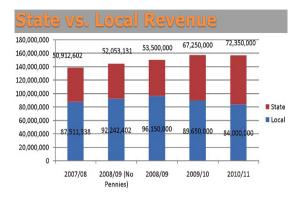
Following a public hearing, the Board approved the budgets in the amounts of \$169,993,200 for the General Fund, \$12,264,352 for the Child Nutrition Fund, and \$26,879,500 for the Debt Service Fund for a total of \$209,137,052, which is slightly lower than last year's grand total.

In an effort to balance the budget, the district required all departmental budgets to be decreased by 5 percent from the previous year's budget

Goose Creek CISD's budget reflects a maximum tax levy of \$1.04/per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations, the same as last year

The debt service budget was developed using \$.30213/per \$100 valuation for the debt service which is an increase of 6 cents from the 2009-10 school year. However, the debt service tax rate could be anywhere from no change to a 10cent increase, depending on whether trustees decide to use some or all of the 2005 bond balance — between \$8.7 million to \$9.2 million — to help pay down the

This decision is expected in September.



The budget includes a 2 percent from midpoint salary increase for teachers, registered nurses, librarians, administrators, paraprofessionals, and auxiliary personnel.

Goose Creek CISD, the 57th largest school district in Texas, encompasses 128 square miles and over two counties. The district serves more than 21,000 students at its 26 campuses, and employs nearly 3,000 folks, making Goose Creek CISD one of the largest employers in the greater Baytown area.

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