

NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENTS, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROVETONE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in GROVETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 4th of November 2025, in accordance with the following Order:

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER ADOPTING A BUDGET, TAX RATE AND CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Groveton Independent School District (the “District”), located in the County of Trinity, Texas, hereby adopts a budget for the 2025-2026 school year, an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.7819 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation that exceeds the District’s 2025 Voter-Approval Tax Rate (“VATR”) and, therefore, finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (“VATRE”) pursuant to Section 26.08(a), Texas Tax Code, as amended, and the Texas Election Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board, hereby adopts the budget as presented for the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board, hereby adopts a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7819 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation for the 2025 tax year, a rate that is \$0.17 higher per \$100 taxable assessed valuation than the District’s 2025 Maximum Compressed Tax Rate of \$0.6119 for maintenance and operations; and

WHEREAS, the District will hold an election to ratify and adopt the above tax rate on November 4, 2025 (the “Election”) at locations prescribed in this Order pursuant to the Texas Election Code, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GROVETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Resolution and Order (“Order”) are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The budget as presented for the 2025-2026 school year is adopted as presented.

Section 3. The Board hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2025 at a total tax rate of \$0.7819, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.7819 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.0 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 15.4% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$131.10.

Section 4. An election shall be held on November 4, 2025 (the "Election Date") in the District, a date that is thirty (30) or more days from the date of this Order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas:

GROVETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations of \$0.7819 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation in Groveton Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 15.4 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$954,035.

Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Election Precincts, Voting Locations, and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein. The Board hereby authorizes the Trinity County Election Administrator to designate voting locations. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Trinity County Election Administrator or their designee. Trinity County Election Administrators or their designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A, and such locations are hereby approved. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 7. Early Voting Locations, Dates, and Times.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B and such locations are hereby approved.

(b) Priscilla Rasbeary is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Trinity County and Cynthia Lum as the Early Voting Clerk for Houston County. Applications for ballot by mail or electronic mail shall be sent to: PO Box 158, Groveton, Texas 75845, or via electronic mail at priscilla.rasbeary@co.trinity.tx.us for Trinity County and 401 East

Goliad Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835, or via electronic mail at elections@co.houston.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. More information regarding the election can be found at co.trinity.tx.us/page/trinity.elections2.

(c) Applications for ballots by mail via post or electronic submission must be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025.

Section 8. Appointment of Election Officers.

(a) The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed; election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed.

(b) The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the presiding judges and alternate presiding judges appointed by the Trinity County Election Administrator, in accordance with the Education Code, the Election Code, the Constitution, and laws of the State and the United States of America. The presiding judges shall appoint not less than two (2) or more than three (3) qualified election clerks for the conduct of the Election. The Board hereby authorizes the Trinity County Election Administrator to appoint any such other officials not designated herein as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one (1) time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or otherwise complies with State law), (ii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and (iii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Proposition, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerks of Trinity County and their respective Elections Administrator not later than the 30th day before the Election Day.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Tax Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid propositions, which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

GROVETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

- ☐ FOR) “THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the
ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations of
☐ AGAINST) \$0.7819 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation in Groveton
Independent School District for the current year, a rate that
will result in an increase of 15.4 percent in maintenance
and operations tax revenue for the district for the current
year as compared to the preceding year, which is an
additional \$954,035.”

Section 12. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/ Steve Ecord

President, Board of Trustees
Groveton Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Sam Shanafelt

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Groveton Independent School District

EXHIBIT A

November 4, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

TRINITY COUNTY

Precinct(s)

Polling Location

1, 2, 3, 4, 6,
7, 12, & 16

Groveton Independent School District Board Room
207 North Main, Groveton, Texas 75845

HOUSTON COUNTY

Precinct(s)

Polling Location

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Crockett ISD Admin Building – Cafetorium
1400 W. Austin, Crockett, Texas

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Houston County Senior Citizen Center
716 W. Wells, Crockett, Texas

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Lovelady Community Center 2
124 E. Cox, Lovelady, Texas

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First Baptist Church Kennard
300 Carson Street, Kennard, Texas

EXHIBIT B

TRINITY COUNTY

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

207 North Main, Groveton, Texas 75845

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

DATES	DAYS	HOURS
October 20 – 24, 2025	Monday – Friday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
October 27 – 29, 2025	Monday – Wednesday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
October 30 – 31, 2025	Thursday – Friday	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

HOUSTON COUNTY

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

Houston County Senior Citizen Center

716 W. Well, Crocket, Texas

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