
NEWS ALERT

August 24, 2012

Dallas County Property Tax Hike Public Hearing 4:00PM
Begins : Tuesday, August 28 at 4:00 pm
Location: District Offices - Lower Level Room 007
Address: 1601 S. Lamar St Dallas, TX 75125



ARE YOU OK WITH YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GOING UP AGAIN?

If not, you may want to TAKE ACTION.

DCCCD wants to raise property taxes and tuition so they can give themselves pay increases!

Channel 4 News will be reporting!

We need your help!!

The Dallas County Community College District is holding public hearings concerning a proposed tax increase and tuition hikes. The tax increase will be over 20% in the maintenance and operating budget starting permanently in 2013 and a nearly 33% increase in tuition for the students over the next two years.

Last evening about 20 people showed for the first public hearing and with 3 people speaking in support of the increase in taxes and tuition (one of whom we know for sure was a former employee who was asked by the Chancellor to come and speak) and 13 voicing questions and reservations. The opposition has resulted in a reaction by District employees to mobilize to speak at the next public hearing. The next public hearing is as follows:

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Offices, Lower Level Room 007, 1601 S. Lamar Street, Dallas, TX 75215.

The College has organized its staff to back the measure at Tuesday's meeting. (See below)

In this e-mail, I will (1)briefly share the basics of the tax and tuition increase, (2)share the letter sent out today to rally employees to speak out to protect their pay increase, and (3)share a brief history of the past couple years pay increases.

(1) The following reasons are given for the need for additional funding.

- a. The state has cut funding for the DCCCD.
- b. The property values have declined in the last few years reducing revenue.
- c. There are additional expenses due to new facilities, requiring more upkeep.
- d. There have been no pay increases since 2008, therefore, the bulk of the increases will go toward across the board pay increases for all employees. A small portion of the increase will go to replenish the emergency fund and a few other items.

(2) From: Lindle Grigsby <ldg4500@dcccd.edu>

Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 1:39 PM

To:

Subject: TALKING POINTS

All of you have no doubt heard of the bold step taken by the DCCCD Board of Trustees in raising the ad valorem property tax and tuition. The decision by the Board is being challenged by a small pocket of citizens who live in the Southeast Dallas County area (Balch Springs, Mesquite and south Garland), lead by one resident family and supported by one of the members of the DCCCD Board. What is disturbing is that a few of our elected state Representatives from the area are also signing on with the opposition. In Austin they vote against support for community colleges and say you have to do more at home by raising taxes, locally, then they sign on and say they do not support the decision to raise taxes in Dallas County to support the Dallas County Community College District.

Attached you will find several pieces of information that will supply you with talking points concerning this tax increase. Read these documents and be ready to present the truth about the tax increase when the opportunity presents itself. In fact, create the opportunity, talk to your neighbors, church members, club associates, and let everyone know that you support the decision by the Board of Trustees and here is why.....

It is vitally important that this tax increase goes through. Important because of the thousands of young lives that are evident in our classrooms every day...people who are depending on us to deliver a quality educational experience that will enable them to be a successful and contributing part of the economy of the Dallas Metroplex.

If you have any questions give me a call, and I think I can speak for Dr. Conway, that she would welcome any questions you might have.

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