

History of the Tax

Originally approved in 2004 by the voters of Ruston District #1, the tax was established at a rate of 18.95 mills. One mill is the equivalent of \$1 in property taxes for every \$100 of real estate value over the homestead exemption of \$75,000. This tax funded \$33,000,000 in construction and renovation throughout all the schools in the Ruston District. After voter approval, three series of bonds were issued: \$15,000,000 in 2004, \$10,000,000 in 2005 and \$8,000,000 in 2006, which pay out in 2026. Since then, the tax rate has been reduced through reassessments and reduced debt service needs from 18.95 to 11.5 mills. The proposed extension of this remaining millage for five extra years through 2031 would generate an estimated \$3,415,000 to continue much needed growth for academics at Ruston High School, the largest school in the Ruston District.

Purpose of the Extension

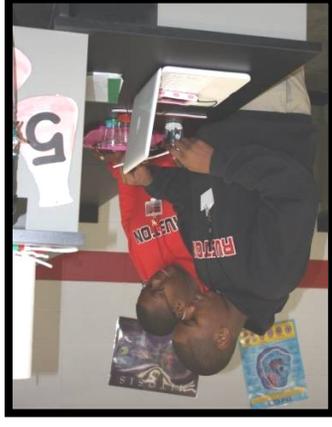
Funds generated by the five-year extension will provide Ruston High School with a new agriculture building as well as additional space for the New Tech program.

Without the Money

Ruston High School's award-winning agriculture program will be unable to expand and enrich its offerings. The New Tech initiative will be hampered by inadequate classroom space.

The New Tech program will be limited in its ability to grow and unable to function as intended by the national model.

The STEM Magnet and other components within RHS will remain limited by space issues and unable to expand to meet the needs of its students.



How will extending the millage help Ruston High School?



- Provide much needed space through new facilities for the agriculture program
- Provide additional space for New Tech @ Ruston's upperclassmen program
- Provide space within the main building for expansion of the STEM Magnet and other classroom offerings in the main building
- Allow Ruston High School to eliminate temporary buildings

Where will the money go?

- Approximately \$1.3 million will be designated to construct a new agriculture building.
- Approximately \$2.1 million will be used to renovate the existing agriculture building for New Tech.
- Create a 21st Century learning environment in the renovated space to include:
 - 8 classrooms
 - conference room
 - reception area
 - administrative office

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on
April 30th**

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