2007-2008 Assessed Values of all Real Property in each School District (in dollars)

School Districts Raise Local Funds through Taxation on Real Estate

Each school district raises Local Funds or Revenues to supplement State and Federal Funds provided to operate school districts. A school district raises Local Funds by collecting real estate taxes on all of the Land, Buildings and improvements within the boundaries of that school district. Every parcel of land is assessed and given a value. The total value of all of the land, buildings and improvements in a school district is determined by adding together the assessed value of the land, buildings and improvements for every parcel of land within that school district. The capacity of each school district to raise local funds depends on a significant extent on the value of its real estate. A school district with the highest assessed total value for its real estate will be able to raise far more Local Funds to operate their schools than districts with the lowest assessed values.

How the Tax Rate for Each School District is Set

The school district raises Local Funds on every parcel of land by the Mill Rate. The Mill Rate is used to determine the Tax Rate for each school district. School districts fix the tax amount on every parcel of land by setting the "Mill Rate", or "Millage Rate". Each year the school district must set a tax rate for all parcels of land so that every parcel is taxed at the same rate. Since parcels of land have different assessed values the tax rate for each parcel will be the same, but the tax amount for each parcel will be different.

How this Map Works:

This map shows for each school district the total assessed value of the real estate in the school district. This map presents school district boundaries in grey with color gradients showing the total assessed real property values. Because some school districts cross county lines, we have included county boundary lines presented in a dashed red line with a white background. Assessed values are presented in black text in close proximity to the name of the school district also presented in black text. Where a school district has land in more than one county and has set a different property valuation in each county, we show that on the map.

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