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**TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE 2010-11 TAX RATE;
TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL APPROVED AS
APPLE AUTHORIZED TRAINING CENTER**

Texarkana, TX – During their Tuesday, August 17, 2010 regular session, the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the adoption of a \$1.339 tax rate for 2010-11. The total tax rate is represented by \$1.17 for Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and \$.169 for Interest & Sinking Funds (I&S) which is used to repay bonded indebtedness and other debts.

“Although our appraised values are down this year, we have managed to maintain the same tax rate of \$1.339 for three years in a row,” commented Wanda Boyette, President. “Much of this is due to TISD’s continued and sustained student enrollment growth. We know that parents have a choice of educational opportunities in our area and we pride ourselves in working very hard to provide the quality of programs and academic rigor parents expect.”

“TISD’s tax rate is very conservative for school districts of our size in the state of Texas and we continue to be effective and efficient with our taxpayer dollars,” stated James Henry Russell, Superintendent of Schools. “This tax rate, coupled with our increased student enrollment, allows us to maintain top teacher salaries, excellent facilities and a wide range of class offerings that provide an exceptional education for all learners and impacts student achievement.”

In other business, TISD has been approved as an Apple Authorized Training Center for Education (AATCe). This program provides unique benefits to schools that use Apple professional software solutions in their academic curriculum.

“Three years ago, Texas High School converted our TigerVision studios to Apple labs in order to provide our students with leading industry software,” remarked Paul Norton, THS Principal. “Charles Aldridge, Media Technology Teacher, willingly took on the task of becoming certified in five levels of the Final Cut Pro series and now we have the only Apple authorized training center between Little Rock and Dallas.”

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“Having now accomplished all the respective training and certifications, Texas High School will now augment the Media Technology curriculum with Apple education courses. This in turn, will enable students, upon graduation, to jump-start their futures within industry or post-secondary institutions and distinguish them as professional-level users of Apple pro applications.”

Texas High School’s Tigervision, under the direction of Charles Aldridge, is an innovative broadcast journalism program featuring a state-of-the-art production studio and fully equipped with the latest in digital and high definition technology. Students get hands-on experience producing a show that airs daily on the THS campus. Tigervision also produces graphics and announcements for the CableOne Community Bulletin Board (Channel 7), City of Texarkana, Texas Government Access Channel (Channel 21) and TISD’s TEACH Channel (Channel 22). An average of 400 students per year, in grades 8 thru 12, enroll in the program.

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