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## Tarrant CAD board approves appraisal plan that jeopardizes ISD funding

As local appraisal boards begin finalizing their reappraisal plans for their upcoming local property tax schedules, an option approved in one of Texas' most heavily populated counties – and under consideration in another – is causing concern among school districts.

In Tarrant County, the new reappraisal plan approved Aug. 9 will freeze residential market values in 2025, switch to a two-year residential appraisal schedule, and establish a 5% threshold to raise residential values in the future. Some in Bexar County are now pushing to have a similar plan approved.

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In Tarrant, representatives from districts within the county petitioned the appraisal board to reconsider their decision. Castleberry, Eagle-Mountain Saginaw, Fort Worth, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Mansfield, Northwest and White Settlement ISDs asked the board to put approval of their plan on hold while it conducted a study on how the reappraisal plan would affect schools. Northwest ISD estimated it could lose up to \$10 million under the plan, while Mansfield estimated it could lose up to \$15 million, according to [Community Impact](#).

In Bexar County, individuals on both sides of the debate made their cases during a recent meeting before the appraisal board makes its decision Sept. 10. Northside ISD Superintendent John Craft said too much remains unknown about the proposed changes and asked the appraisal board to analyze the plan more closely before, "jumping in feet first."

[Read more about the issue in Tarrant County.](#)

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