At the Board of Education’s budget hearing on May 3, 2006 the 2006-2007 school budget was presented. Below are some highlights of that presentation.

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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- **$ increase** 1,618,454
- **% increase** 9.42%
- **$ increase w/o Capital Project** 769,928
- **% increase w/o Capital Project** 4.48%

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**WHAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE?**

**2006-07 BUDGET**

- 2005-06 Budget .......................................................... $17,174,303
- 2006-07 Budget .......................................................... $18,792,757

- Increase in Budget .................................................... $1,618,454
- Percentage Increase in Budget ..................................... 9.42%
- Est. Increase in an average Tax Bill ............................. 2.91%

- Last year’s tax rate .................................................... $25.02
- Estimated Tax Rate for Williamson this year .................... $25.75

For an average house assessed at 100,000 the tax increase would be $73.00.
After the presentation, the administrative staff shared accomplishments across the district this year. They include the following:

**Elementary School Highlights**
- **Academic Excellence** - More than half of all Elementary students performed in the highly competent range for all core subjects on report cards.
- **Reading Incentive Program** - This is our annual program that highlights the benefits of reading and the exploration of various genres.

**Middle School Highlights**
- **Academic Achievement Celebrations** - 55% of 5th graders earned high achievement in the first two quarters; 69% of 6th graders earned high achievement in the first two quarters; 45% of 7th graders earned high achievement in the first two quarters; 62% of 8th graders earned high achievement in the first two quarters.
- **Active Learning at all Grade Levels** - 7th grade Science CSI unit; Students Attempting to Produce Syrup (SAPS); Entrepreneurship in Home and Careers; Medieval Days at 6th grade; Middle School Skills Competition

**High School Highlights**
- **Academic Excellence & celebrations** - including 34 students earning Old English W Awards and more than 43% of the student body achieving Improvement, Merit, Honor, or High Honor Roll during the 1st semester.
- **Community Service Opportunities** - including ringing bells for the Salvation Army and donating gifts and caroling at Blossom View Nursing Home during