

□ *Editor's note: In last week's story on the Chase County Schools 2013-14 budget, an incorrect figure on total property tax request was printed. This story corrects that information.*

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As Chase County Schools board members gave their final approval last week to the 2013-14 budget, a comparison of property taxes from last year to this one shows a 6.4 percent increase in tax askings.

However, due to the district's whopping valuation increase, the levy will drop more than one cent.

School board members approved a 2013-14 General Fund budget of \$9,901,941 (which includes the cash reserve) that will use a total of \$6,129,292.87 in property taxes.

On top of that, board members also approved \$252,525.25 in taxes for the building fund and \$161,616.16 for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund (the latter to pay for the school's HVAC project).

The total tax request for those three areas (General Fund, Building Fund, Qualified Capital) equals \$6,543,434.28.

Those figures include the one percent collection fee paid to the county treasurer.

Last year's property tax request for the same three funds was \$6,149,110, or \$394,324.28 fewer dollars.

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