



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: October 19, 2023

TOPIC: 2023 Estimated Levy Draft

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Background:

The Administration annually presents the Board of Education with the Property Tax Levy. Essentially, the levy is a formal request intended to ask the Cook County Clerk to extend real estate tax collections to the District. The levy must be filed with Cook County on or before the last Tuesday in December which will be December 26, 2023.

Public Act 102-0895 requires each school district to “disclose to the public, at the public hearing at which the district certifies its budget and levy for the taxable year, the cash reserve balance of all funds held by the district related to its operational levy and, if applicable, any obligations secured by those funds” (105 ILCS 5/17-1.3).

The attachments are as follows: SD74’s June 30, 2023 cash balance (as stated on the FY2024 budget), the 2023 levy calendar, historical levy data, the recommended 2023 levy calculations and the resulting fund balance projections.

NOTE: SD74’s 2022 levy extension figures were captured from a PRELIMINARY Agency Tax Rate Report provided by the Cook County Clerk’s Office on October 2, 2023. Clerk Yarbrough’s email message that announced this Preliminary Report explicitly stated “...this tax information is preliminary and subject to change.” Local Government Officials were directed to watch the Clerk’s “public website in the coming weeks for the FINAL Agency Tax Rate Report, EAV, Exemption Detail and New Property Reports.”

Fiscal Impact:

The recommended 2023 Levy for Capped Funds in the amount of \$25,931,000 and Non-capped Debt Service Funds in the amount of \$1,730,700 is estimated as follows:

	2022 Extension (Given/Draft)	2023 Proposed Levy (Ask)	% Change v. Prior Year Extension
Capped Funds	\$24,990,578	\$25,931,000	3.76% Less than 5%; Truth in Taxation not required
Debt Service	\$1,817,475	\$1,730,700	-4.77%
Total	\$26,808,053 <i>+PA Adj. \$418,279</i>	\$27,661,700 <i>+PA Adj. \$unknown</i>	3.18%

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the Estimated 2023 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$27,661,700 and approve publication of the corresponding Truth in Taxation Notice. This represents a 3.76% increase on last year’s capped funds extension combined with a 4.77% decrease on debt service for an overall 3.18% increase on the prior year’s extension.