

School Board Meeting:

September 14, 2015

Subject:

Levy Certification Update

Presenter:

Gary Kawlewski

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION: None at this time-informational only

DESCRIPTION:

The preliminary numbers for the 2015 payable 2016 levy are attached for your review. These numbers are based on the first run of the levy certification and include all anticipated changes yet to be made. These numbers are **subject to change**. Some quick observations are as follows:

- The Health and Safety and Deferred Maintenance levies are replaced by the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue.
- The Health and Safety and Deferred Maintenance revenue programs will have a final clean up levy for fiscal year 2015-16 to zero out the programs.
- Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue has a provision that allows us to under levy without an aid penalty. We will be exercising this mechanism for this levy cycle and the current proposed reduction is included in the numbers as presented.
- The numbers presented include the Alternative Teacher Compensation (Q Comp) levy for 2016-17.
- The numbers presented include the catch up levy authority for the 2015-16 Alternative Teacher Compensation (Q Comp) although we are waiting for final word from the Minnesota Department of Education.
- The numbers include gaining approval to reduce our debt service levy to buy down the fund balance and to reduce the impact of bringing in these new revenue programs. We are still waiting for final approval of this request.
- Some of the equalized levies will see a slightly higher levy portion due to the district's growth in tax valuation.
- A number of the levy category amounts are relatively similar to the prior year amounts.
- Preliminary referendum market values and net capacity values for Wright County show a projected 5.1% increase for net tax capacity and a 12.05% increase for referendum market values. I am still waiting for values from Hennepin County. These numbers will change a bit by the time the final tax statements are sent out.

If updated levy certification forms are available before the meeting on Monday, I will analyze the documents and report any changes to the preliminary numbers for the levy at the workshop. At the September 28th meeting we will be asking the board to approve the "maximum" amount as we have done in the past. We will also be asking

the board to approve the 10-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue program as was reviewed at the August 24th board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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