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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – September 28, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: Administrative Reports and Recommendations – Finance & Operations

ITEM: Preliminary 2026 Payable 2027 Property Tax Levy

COMMENTS BY: Trevor Peterson, Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Minnesota law requires school districts to certify their proposed tax levy payable in 2027 to the county auditor on or before September 30, 2026. We have recently received the levy data from the Minnesota Department of Education and have analyzed the details. A summary written analysis of the proposed levy is included for your review.

The Minnesota Department of Education is still in the process of adjusting school district levies and will provide districts with updated reports if changes are made. While most components of the levy are materially accurate and complete, the District administration recommends that the Board levy a preliminary amount in all funds. If the Board of Education approves the maximum allowed, the county auditor will automatically include any positive adjustments to the levy. Otherwise, the final levy amount cannot exceed the preliminary levy amount, except for some very limited exceptions. The District administration recommends that the Board of Education adopt this preliminary levy at the “maximum” amount allowed by state statute.

The Board will set the final levy certification amounts at its regular board meeting on December 14, 2026.

Recommended Action: Approve the Preliminary 2026 Payable 2027 Levy Limitation and Certification, at the “maximum” amount allowed by the state.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed: _____

Second by: _____

Failed: _____

Abstentions: _____