To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Melydi Huyett, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve Establishing a Truth in Taxation Hearing in December – November 18, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves establishing a Truth in Taxation Hearing in December, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by_____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
____ David Fritts	____	____ Kathleen Schaefer	____
____ Melissa Gates	____	____ Jon Wadsworth	____
____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	____	____ Linda Wegner	____
____ Brandon Rogers	____		

Background:
The Truth in Taxation law establishes procedures taxing districts must follow in the adoption of their property tax levies in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-55 through 35 ILCS 200/18-100. The Truth in Taxation law requires a taxing district to compare the amount of its proposed aggregate property tax levy, to the amount of taxes extended for the district in the prior year. A notice must be published in a newspaper, and a public hearing must be held if the proposed aggregate tax levy is more than 5% greater than the previous year's tax extension.

Notice will be published in the Dixon Telegraph a Shaw Media publication in accordance with the Truth-in-Taxation legal parameters. Additionally, notification of the Truth-in-Taxation hearing must be posted on the website banner.

To remain in compliance with statutory guidance and to be transparent with our taxpayers all of this information will be posted on our website at dps170.org. The District is required to host the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing because our 2026 Tax Year Levy is greater than 5.0% of the 2025 Tax Year Extension due to the property assessment valuation process.

Once the hearing is complete and the associated documentation is filed and published the District will be in full compliance with the law.

Recommendation:
It is the recommendation of District Administration for the Board in compliance with the law establish a Truth-in-Taxation Hearing prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 16, 2026.