

2024 Center Cass Financial Outlook - Fund Balances - Tax Levy



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* Included in the December Presentation

1. General Financial

❖ Major Accomplishments from Last Year

- Eliminated reliance on Tax Anticipation Warrants
- Eliminated reliance on Early Taxes
- Built Fund Balances

❖ Not there yet

- Hurdle 1 - Build Fund Balances to Rise From Financial Warning (data in rears)
- Hurdle 2 - Obtain Additional Funding for Special Populations which are all growing with a changing demographic (EL, NV, SD, LD, DD, ED, BD, PD, SL, OHI, 504, FRL, ACES, ECE)
- Hurdle 3 - Approx 25% of the District Budget (\$5,000,000 plus) is required for Special Populations while we receive less than \$2,000,000 to fund services (less than 10% of the District Budget).

❖ The reasons above are exactly why we need true Fund Balances

1. Audited Financials - Fund Balances 6/30/23 and 6/30/24

| | June 30, 2023 | June 30, 2024 | Low Target | High Target |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Balance</u> | <u>Balance</u> | <u>3 months</u> | <u>6 months</u> |
| *Education Fund | (588,322) | 626,447 | 3,900,000 | 7,800,000 |
| *OM Fund | (89,956) | 349,284 | 475,000 | 950,000 |
| B and I Fund | 31,542 | 67,470 | - | - |
| *Transportation Fund | 49,194 | 473,720 | 250,000 | 500,000 |
| IMRF Fund | 42,263 | 114,273 | - | - |
| Capital Projects Fund | 775,588 | 434,880 | - | - |
| *Working Cash Fund | 14,115 | 318,391 | 625,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Total Fund Balance | 234,424 | 2,384,465 | | |
| *Operating Funds | (614,969) | 1,767,842 | 5,250,000 | 10,500,000 |

2. District Finances State Report Card

- ❖ Evidence Based Funding Formula - due to above average home values and the lower than average poverty counts in the area, the State sees the District as “less needy than others” through their calculations. The State says
 - Thanks to our community, Center Cass is closer to meeting than we ever had!
 - Center Cass’ local capacity is greater than dollars collected due to low tax rate (with the passage of the referendum, next year's report card will close the gap)
 - Center Cass brings in \$2.9 million less per year than what the Adequacy Target requires (with the passage of the referendum, next year's report card will close the gap)
 - Of the \$2.9 million per year the District is short of adequacy, at least \$1.45 million of the dollars should be coming from local sources.
- ❖ It is important to note that the statements above are results of a simulation (model) from the State. This information comes from State School Report Card.

2. District Finances State Profile Score

| | <u>Points</u> | <u>Weight</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio | 1 | 35% | .35 |
| Days Cash on Hand | 3 | 10% | .30 |
| Long Term Borrowing Remaining | 3 | 10% | .30 |
| Expenditure to Revenue Ratio | 4 | 35% | 1.4 |
| Short Term Borrowing Remaining | 4 | 10% | .40 |
| Final | Financial Warning | | 2.75 |

2. District Finances State Report Card

❖ Expenses compare to the state (**D66 spends approx \$4,000 less per student**)

District Finances: Operating Expense Per Pupil ▼

Average spending per student in this district, based on financial data collected in the audited Annual Financial Report. ISBE calculates instructional spending and operational spending and divides both by the district's student count. Instructional Spending Per Student includes only the activities directly dealing with the teaching of students or the interaction between teachers and students. Operational Spending Per Student includes nearly all costs for overall operations in this school's district, including Instructional Spending. [Learn More](#) ▼



3. Forecasting

❖ What is trend data telling us:

- Pre-K program used to be tuition based and has turned into a program where 90% of students of our 60 students qualify as “in need” or “at risk”
- Achievement data reveals K students continue to enter Kindergarten behind their peers.
- We have new developments being built in Woodridge and in Darien in which the Demographer predicts could increase our enrollment by 10%
- Our new enrollment is more diverse and the gaps are wider than before.
- After a spike in EL, Sp Ed, FRL, and other groups requiring significant services, we appear to be leveling off, however the needs inside the populations are greater, as graduating 8th graders are replaced with higher need students.
- Math and Science scores on the rise, while cementing foundational literacy remains a challenge in the primary grades

4. Future Needs

- ❖ What does the future hold for revenue?
 - ◆ Funding for Special Populations continues to be a Focal Area for our State and National Educational Organizations

- ❖ What does the future hold for expense?
 - ◆ Additional Spec Ed, EL, Social Work, and Early Intervention Help
 - ◆ Additional Focus on Behavioral Interventions
 - ◆ Possible Additional Classroom Teachers if population grows, however we are out of space at IDE and at PV
 - ◆ Needing space for classrooms and student work rooms for intervention and services are needed as we make a strong academic push to personalize education, increase ownership, and embrace higher academic accountability.

5. Tentative Levy

- ❖ EAV is estimated to increase between 5%-8%.
- ❖ New Property is valued between \$3.5-\$4 million dollars

| | Last Year | This Year | New Money Max |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| ED | \$12,973,993.00 | \$13,995,418.00 | \$1,021,425.00 |
| OM | \$1,692,425.00 | \$1,619,140.00 | -\$73,285.00 |
| TRA | \$1,057,050.00 | \$958,619.00 | -\$98,431.00 |
| WC | \$308,465.00 | \$323,623.00 | \$15,158.00 |
| IMRF | \$210,520.00 | \$209,419.00 | -\$1,101.00 |
| SS | \$294,473.00 | \$306,081.00 | \$11,608.00 |
| | \$16,536,926.00 | \$17,412,300.00 | \$875,374.00 |

- ❖ Necessary increase to make payroll without TAW and Early Tax, as well as meet student needs and improve school facilities

5. Tentative Levy Spreadsheet

2024 TAX EXTENSION WORKSHEET

| Original Assumptions | |
|---|---------------|
| Estimated % Change to Existing EAV for 2024 | 8.00% |
| Estimated New Property for 2024 | \$3,600,000 |
| Estimated Total EAV for 2024 | \$690,492,128 |
| Estimated Total EAV Change for 2024 | 8.57% |

| | Original Estimate | Scenario Actual |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Limiting Rate | 2.4894 | 2.4894 |
| Capped Extension | \$17,188,798 | \$17,188,798 |

| Scenario Assumptions | | |
|--|---------------|---|
| Actual % Change to Existing EAV for 2024 | 8.00% | <i>Enter What If...? Exis</i> |
| Actual New Property for 2024 | \$3,600,000 | <i>Enter What If...? New</i> |
| Actual Total EAV for 2024 | \$690,492,128 | |
| Actual Total EAV Change for 2024 | 8.57% | |
| Reduction Factor | 98.7164% | Does This Levy Cap: YES - All Available |

| | Current Levy Amount | County Loss % | Total Levy with County Loss % | Scenario Calculated Tax Rate | Maximum Calculated Tax Rate | Maximum Allowable Extension | Maximum Allowable Extension x Reduction Factor | Final Tax Rate |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------|
| Educational | \$13,995,418 | 0.00% | \$13,995,418 | 2.0269 | 2.0269 | \$13,995,418.00 | \$13,815,774.85 | 2.0009 |
| Operations & Maintenance | \$1,619,140 | 0.00% | \$1,619,140 | 0.2345 | 0.2345 | \$1,619,140.00 | \$1,598,356.95 | 0.2315 |
| Transportation | \$958,619 | 0.00% | \$958,619 | 0.1388 | 0.1388 | \$958,619.00 | \$946,314.31 | 0.1370 |
| Working Cash | \$323,623 | 0.00% | \$323,623 | 0.0469 | 0.0469 | \$323,623.00 | \$319,469.02 | 0.0463 |
| Municipal Retirement | \$209,419 | 0.00% | \$209,419 | 0.0303 | 0.0303 | \$209,419.00 | \$206,730.93 | 0.0299 |
| Social Security | \$306,081 | 0.00% | \$306,081 | 0.0443 | 0.0443 | \$306,081.00 | \$302,152.19 | 0.0438 |
| Fire Prevention & Safety * | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 |
| Tort Immunity | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 |
| Special Education | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 |
| Leasing | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0000 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Capped Levy/Extension/Rate | \$17,412,300 | \$17,412,300 | 2.5217 | 2.5217 | \$17,412,300.00 | \$17,188,798.25 | 2.4894 |
| SEDOL IMRF Levy | | | | | | Actual SEDOL IMRF Extension/Rate | 0.0000 |
| Bond & Interest Levy | \$932,836 | | | | | Actual Bond & Interest Extension/Rate | 0.0000 |
| Total Levy | \$18,345,136 | | | | | Actual Total Extension/Rate | \$17,188,798 2.4894 |

6. Tentative Levy Below Approval in Nov 2024 and Final Approval Dec 2024

Original: ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Amended: School Business and Support Services Division
 (217) 785-8779

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----|--------|--------|
| District Name | Center Cass | District Number | 66 | County | DuPage |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----|--------|--------|

Amount of Levy

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Educational | \$ | <u>13,995,418</u> | Fire Prevention & Safety * | \$ | <u>0</u> |
| Operations & Maintenance | \$ | <u>1,619,140</u> | Tort Immunity | \$ | <u>0</u> |
| Transportation | \$ | <u>958,619</u> | Special Education | \$ | <u>0</u> |
| Working Cash | \$ | <u>323,623</u> | Leasing | \$ | <u>0</u> |
| Municipal Retirement | \$ | <u>209,419</u> | Other | \$ | <u>0</u> |
| Social Security | \$ | <u>306,081</u> | Total Levy | \$ | <u>17,412,300</u> |

* Includes Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security, and Specified Repair Purposes.

See explanation on reverse side.

Note: Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law.

We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 13,995,418 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
 the sum of 1,619,140 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
 the sum of 958,619 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and
 the sum of 323,623 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
 the sum of 209,419 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
 the sum of 306,081 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____; and
 the sum of _____ dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____
 on the taxable property of our school district for the year 2024

Signed this [Day] day of [Month] 2024 .

(President)