



Truth in Taxation Presentation

December 10, 2018

for Taxes Payable in 2019

Truth in Taxation Law

- State law initially approved in 1988
- Amended in 2009
- Requirements
 - Counties must send out “proposed property tax statements” between November 11-24, based on preliminary tax levies set by all taxing jurisdictions (counties, cities, townships, school districts, etc.)
 - Taxing jurisdictions must present information on proposed levy and current year budget
 - Discuss percentage change and reasons for change- **Total 2019 levy will increase by \$388,623 (2.61%)**
 - Allow for comments from audience at a regularly scheduled meeting

School Levy vs. Budget Cycle

Unlike cities and counties, a school district does not set its budget when setting the tax levy.

- **Property Tax Levy**

- Final levy set in December
- Property taxes levied on a calendar year basis

- **Budget**

- Final budget approved in June, 6 months later
- School fiscal year is July 1 through June 30
- Mid-year budget revision to be completed in January

Tax Levy – Budget Relationship

- Tax levy is based on many state-determined formulas.
- Some changes in tax levies are revenue neutral, offset by reductions or increases in state aid.
- Expenditure budget is limited by state-set revenue formulas, voter-approved levies, available fund balance and program needs, not just by tax levies.
- Because approval of the budget lags behind certification of the tax levy by six months, only current year budget information and prior year actual financial results will be presented at this hearing.

Budget Information

- All school district budgets are divided into separate funds, based on purposes of revenue, as required by law.
- For our district, 8 active funds:
 1. General Fund (includes former transportation and capital expenditure funds)
 2. Food Service Fund
 3. Community Service Fund
 4. Building Construction Fund
 5. Debt Service Fund
 6. OPEB Debt Service Fund
 7. HRA Trust Fund
 8. OPEB Trust Fund

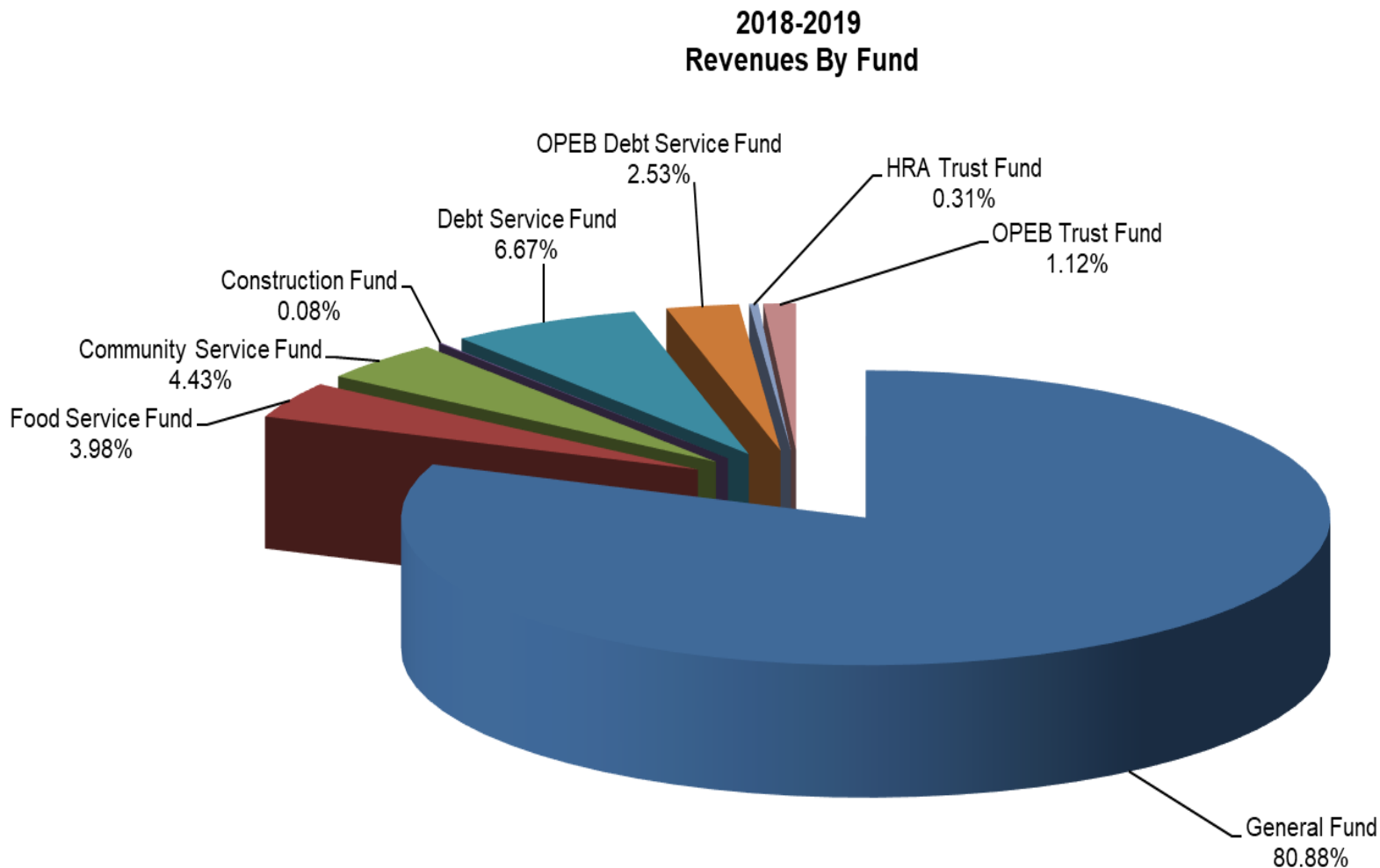
2018-19 Revenues by Fund

ISD 877 BUFFALO-HANOVER-MONTROSE 2018-2019 BUDGET

ALL FUNDS - REVENUE SUMMARY

	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Revised Budget	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Budget
General Fund	\$61,024,328	\$62,463,044	\$64,240,877	\$64,371,662	\$66,337,867
Food Service Fund	\$3,073,405	\$3,160,304	\$3,205,610	\$2,992,989	\$3,265,777
Community Service Fund	\$3,700,150	\$3,830,995	\$3,754,551	\$3,719,932	\$3,631,386
Construction Fund	\$154,563	\$513,219	\$181,844	\$75,661	\$67,750
Debt Service Fund	\$7,388,480	\$6,312,971	\$12,491,111	\$12,495,625	\$5,467,858
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$499,453	\$10,978,150	\$1,277,324	\$983,849	\$2,074,994
HRA Trust Fund	\$282,495	\$277,568	\$350,446	\$284,950	\$254,931
OPEB Trust Fund	\$517,663	\$1,228,814	\$800,754	\$1,280,247	\$920,641
Total	\$76,640,538	\$88,765,064	\$86,302,517	\$86,204,916	\$82,021,204

2018-19 Revenues by Fund



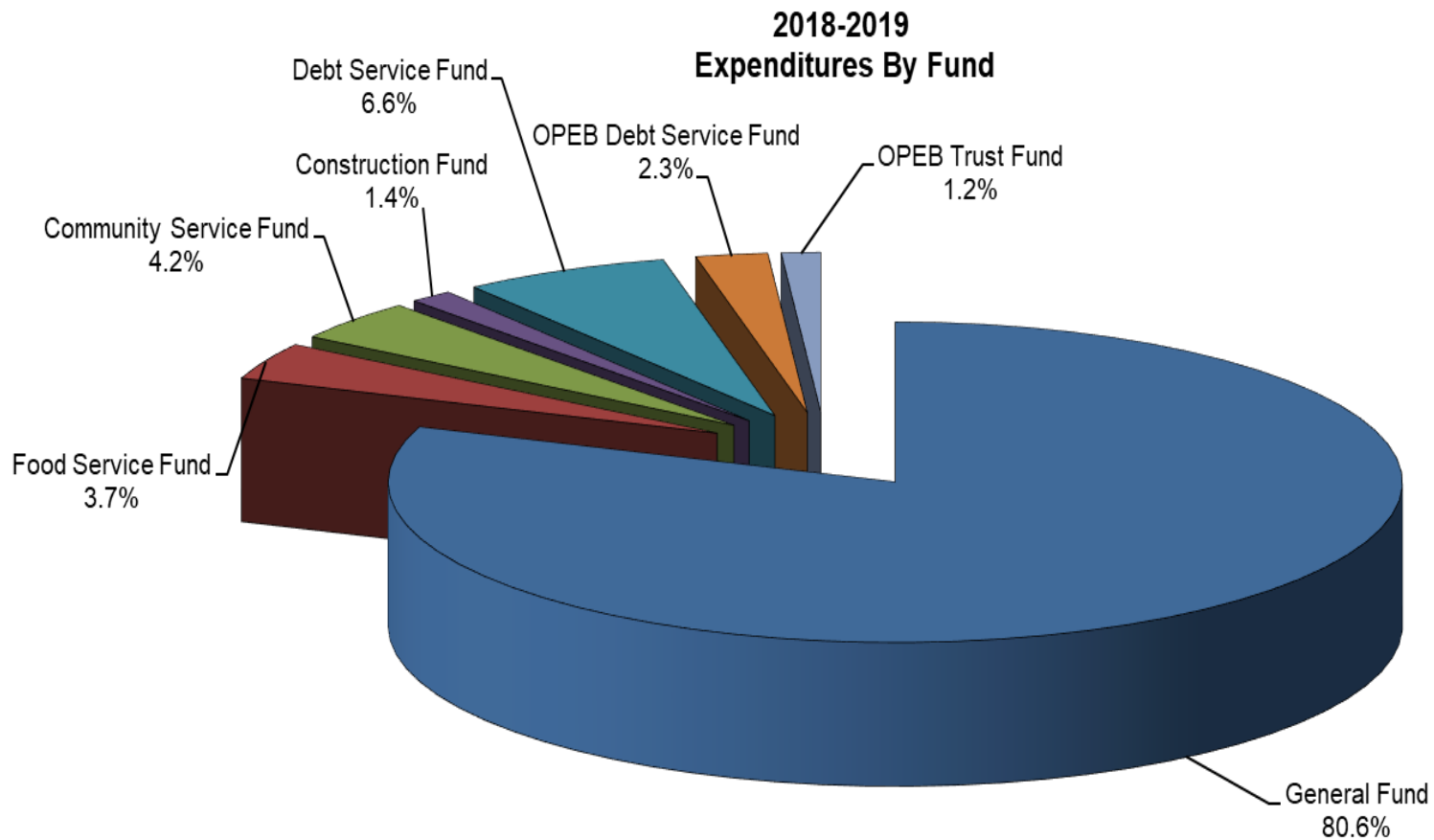
2018-19 Expenditures By Fund

ISD 877 BUFFALO-HANOVER-MONTROSE 2018-2019 BUDGET

ALL FUNDS - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Revised Budget	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Budget
General Fund	\$60,679,188	\$62,048,814	\$66,348,224	\$65,672,888	\$69,234,145
Food Service Fund	\$2,841,567	\$2,860,198	\$3,134,899	\$3,078,907	\$3,216,506
Community Service Fund	\$3,836,306	\$3,955,605	\$3,840,742	\$3,679,357	\$3,569,965
Construction Fund	\$12,899,549	\$12,710,713	\$4,984,300	\$4,213,641	\$1,179,300
Debt Service Fund	\$7,264,448	\$6,539,923	\$12,601,705	\$6,601,799	\$5,664,947
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$494,438	\$10,915,122	\$1,229,766	\$1,229,766	\$1,970,860
OPEB Trust Fund	\$867,233	\$1,010,879	\$1,167,834	\$1,168,134	\$1,072,361
Total	\$88,882,729	\$100,041,252	\$93,307,470	\$85,644,492	\$85,908,084

2018-19 Expenditures By Fund



Budget Information

- **General Fund Revenue Changes for 2018-19**
- \$124 increase to the General Education Aid formula (\$6,312 in total) which represents a 2% increase over the prior year
- Literacy Aid revenue
- 2.5% increase in special education revenue
- PreK-12 enrollment projection of 5,656 based on November 2017 projection
- Kindergarten projection assumes 99.5% of the students will attend the full-day program
- \$189.13 board approved operating levy referendums.
- Integration and Achievement Revenue
- Includes Alternative Teacher Development program (QComp/PPD)
- Full implementation of the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Program

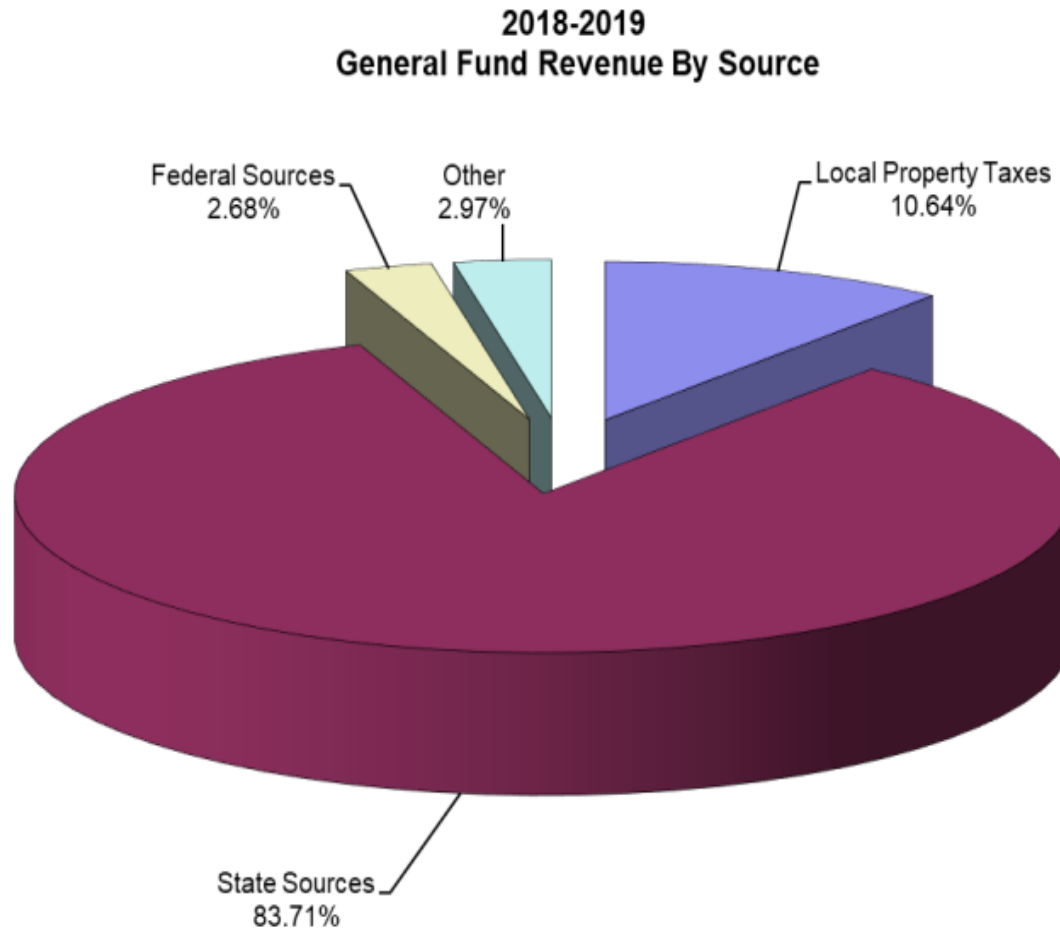
2018-19 General Fund Revenue Summary

ISD 877 BUFFALO-HANOVER-MONTROSE 2018-2019 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND 01 - REVENUE SUMMARY BY SOURCE

	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Revised Budget	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Budget
Local Property Taxes	\$5,655,260	\$6,083,981	\$6,372,211	\$6,528,647	\$7,060,240
State Sources	\$51,640,876	\$52,807,290	\$54,136,174	\$54,339,704	\$55,530,760
Federal Sources	\$1,552,551	\$1,445,879	\$1,774,980	\$1,599,381	\$1,774,980
Other	\$2,175,642	\$2,125,893	\$1,957,512	\$1,903,930	\$1,971,887
Total	\$61,024,328	\$62,463,044	\$64,240,877	\$64,371,662	\$66,337,867

2018-19 General Fund Revenue Summary



Budget Information

- **General Fund Expenditure Changes for 2018-19**

- Superintendent and Special Education staffing contingencies of 2.95 and 1.0 FTE positions respectively
- Continuation of the 6.0 FTEs for Class Size reduction-includes Marketing budget and social workers
- Continuation of the 6.0 FTEs for Location Equity Revenue
- Maintains 2009-10 approved staffing ratios also used for 2015-16 with the exception of an additional 1.9 FTE teaching positions
- Salaries and benefits based on contracts and expected market conditions
- Other expenditures (supplies & utilities) with 0-5% increases
- Continued cost containment initiatives
- Integration program
- Two additional regular bus routes
- Language Arts curriculum purchases
- Includes the Alternative Teacher Development program (QComp/PPD)
- \$400,000 to be allocated to assigned fund balance for technology set aside to be spent in the future
- Severance for teachers and administrators is reflected in fund 45 again for 2018-19.
- Full implementation of the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Program

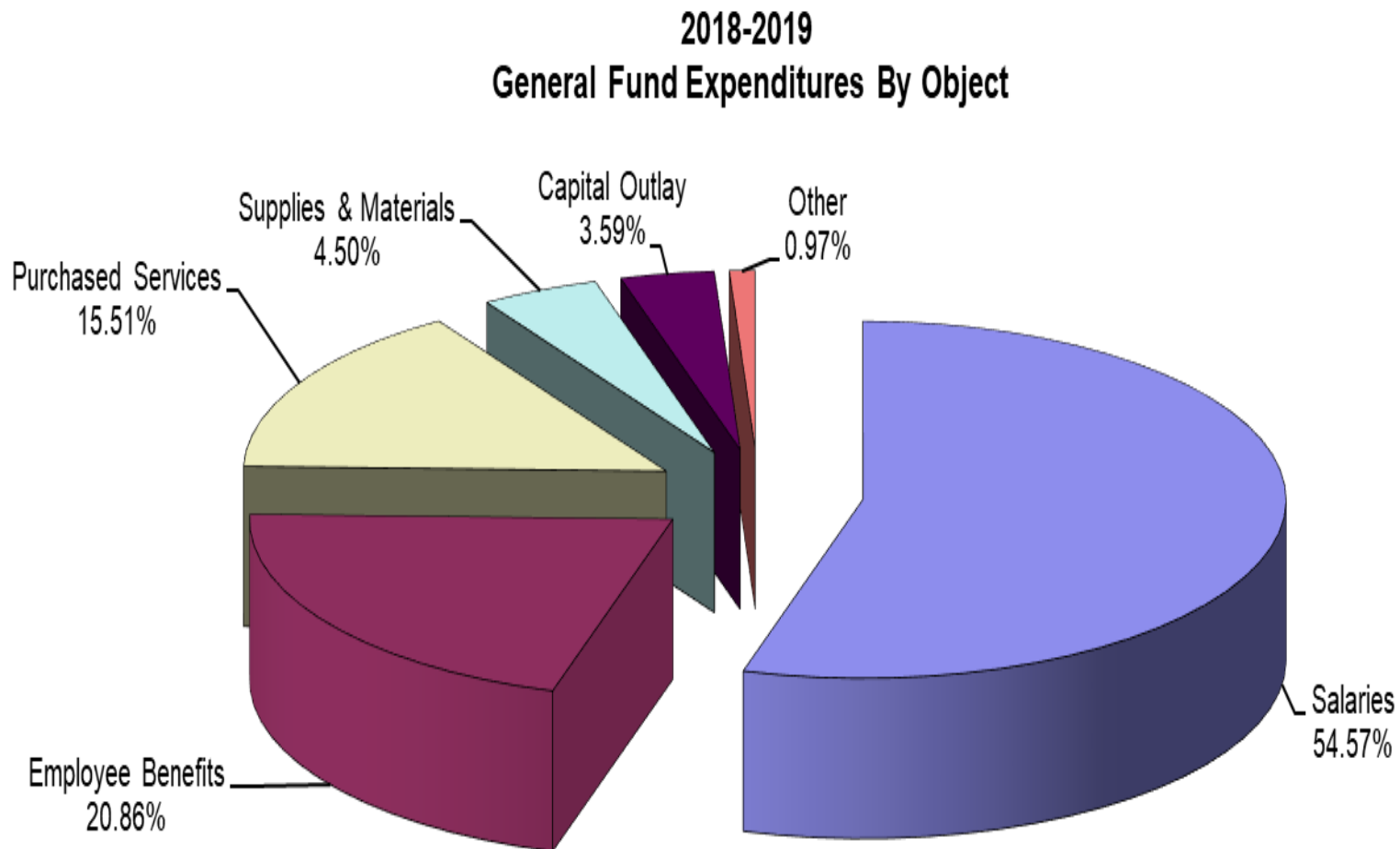
2018-19 General Fund Expenditure Summary

ISD 877 BUFFALO-HANOVER-MONTROSE 2018-2019 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND 01 - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Revised Budget	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Budget
Salaries	\$34,789,462	\$35,692,543	\$36,805,831	\$36,416,491	\$37,780,374
Employee Benefits	\$12,899,435	\$12,367,674	\$13,939,587	\$13,652,227	\$14,444,692
Purchased Services	\$8,914,333	\$9,670,814	\$10,364,832	\$10,292,283	\$10,734,760
Supplies & Materials	\$1,994,219	\$2,222,604	\$2,466,043	\$2,622,893	\$3,116,836
Capital Outlay	\$1,692,183	\$1,453,988	\$2,107,830	\$2,086,909	\$2,482,684
Other	\$389,554	\$641,190	\$664,101	\$602,085	674,799.00
Total	\$60,679,188	\$62,048,814	\$66,348,224	\$65,672,888	\$69,234,145

2018-19 General Fund Expenditure Summary



Overview of Proposed Levy Payable in 2019

- The law requires that we explain the major changes in the levy.
 1. We will review how taxes are determined.
 2. We will review the major changes in the levy total and the reasons for those changes.
 3. We will look at some specific examples of tax impact.
 4. We will review the Minnesota Property Tax Refund programs.

School Revenues and Taxes are Highly Regulated by the State

- **State sets** formulas which determine revenue; most revenue is based on specified amounts per pupil (Other local levies)
- **State sets** tax policy for local schools
- **State sets** maximum authorized property tax levy (districts can levy less but not more than amount authorized by state, unless approved by the voters)
- **State authorizes** school board to submit referendums for operating and capital needs to voters for approval (Voter approved levies)-Board discretion up to \$300 per pupil for the first time with Pay 2014 Levy-renewed for Pay 2019

Minnesota School District Property Taxes- Key Steps and Participants in the Process

A. Tax Determination and Preparation

Step 1. The City or County Assessor determines the estimated market value for each parcel of property in the county.

Step 2. The Legislature sets the formulas for tax capacity (e.g. for homestead residential property, tax capacity = 1% of first \$500,000 in value + 1.25% of value over \$500,000.) These formulas determine how much of the tax burden will fall on different types of property.

Step 3. The County Auditor calculates the tax capacity for each parcel of property in the county (based on values from step A.1. and tax capacity formulas from step A.2.), as well as the total tax capacity for each school district.

Step 4. The County Auditor divides the final levy (determined by the school board in step B.3. by the district's total tax capacity (determined in step A.3.) to determine the tax rate needed to raise the proper levy amount. The auditor multiplies this tax rate times each property's tax capacity to determine the school tax for that property.*

B. Levy Determination and Certification

Step 1. The Legislature sets the formulas which determine school district levy limits. These are the maximum amounts of taxes that school districts can levy in every category.

Step 2. The Minnesota Department of Education calculates detailed levy limits for each school district based on the formulas approved by the Legislature in step B.1. These limits tell districts the exact amounts that can be levied in every category.

Step 3. The School Board adopts a proposed levy in September based on the limits set in step B.1. and calculated in step B.2. After a public hearing, the board adopts a final levy in December. The final levy cannot be more than the preliminary levy, except for amounts approved by voters.

*For certain levy categories (referendum, equity, and transition levies), tax rates and levy amounts are based on **referendum market value**, rather than **tax capacity**.

Overview of Proposed Levy Payable in 2019

- Four main factors affect your taxes-(School portion only for this discussion)
 1. Levy total - Increased \$388,623 or 2.61%
 2. Total value of all property within the school district boundaries-(tax base)- Referendum Market Value and Net Tax Capacity **up** for the district- **County Assessor**
 3. Assessed value of your property (estimated and taxable market value)-**County Assessor**
 4. Market Value Exclusion- **State Legislature**
 - Reduces your taxable market value based on a state-determined formula
 - It is the reason why many statements show a difference between Estimated Market Value and Taxable Market Value

School Levy Total-Truth in Taxation Notices

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District #877			December 10, 2018		
Comparison of Proposed Tax Levy Payable in 2019 to Actual Levy Payable in 2018 by Fund					
Using Final Levy Payable in 2018 as Base Year					
Category		2018	2019		
		Final	Final	Change from	Percent
		Levy	Levy	Prior Year	Change
	General Fund	\$ 6,963,233	\$ 7,360,502	\$ 397,269	5.71%
	Community Education	\$ 493,467	\$ 455,473	\$ (37,994)	-7.70%
	Debt Service	\$ 7,404,777	\$ 7,434,124	\$ 29,347	0.40%
	Total Certified Levy	\$ 14,861,477	\$ 15,250,100	\$ 388,623	2.61%

Explanation of Levy Changes- Payable 2019

General Fund	Amount of Change	Reason For Change
Voter Approved Operating levy	\$ 17,302	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
RMV Adjustments	\$ (22,158)	Prior year adjustments
Equity Revenue, Board approved Oper. Levy, and Transition Revenue	\$ 123,430	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
Local Option Revenue	\$ 105,601	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
Operating Capital	\$ 45,586	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue	\$ 79,858	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
Alternative Teacher Compensation (PPD)	\$ 51,955	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
Integration	\$ 9,872	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
Career Technical	\$ 9,393	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units
General Fund Adjustments	\$ (21,653)	Prior year adjustments
Other	\$ (1,917)	Change in levy % due to valuation increase or expenditure estimate
Total General Fund Levy	\$ 397,269	

Explanation of Levy Changes- Payable 2019

Community Education	Amount of Change	Reason For Change		
CE Adjustments	\$ (41,303)	Prior year adjustments		
Other	\$ 3,310	Change in Levy % due to valuation increase and pupil units		
Total Community Education	\$ (37,994)			
Debt Service	Amount of Change	Reason For Change		
Voter approved debt service principal, interest and 5% overlevy	\$ (96,942)	Planned debt service structure due to refunding		
Reduction for debt excess-All Categories	\$ 122,530	Change in MDE allowable retention of 5% overlevy from prior year		
Debt Service fund adjustments-all categories	\$ (11,361)	Tax abatement adjustments		
		Planned debt service structure change for OPEB bond issue including 2017		
Debt Service-OPEB/Pension JOBZ Nonexempt	\$ 15,120	refunding issue savings		
Total Debt Service Levy	\$ 29,347			

Property Value Changes- School District Portion

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District #877			12/10/2018
Estimated Valuations used in Tax Calculations for Final Proposed Pay 2019 Levy			
Combined Values for Hennepin and Wright County			
Category	Pay 2018 Final	Pay 2019 Final	Net Change
Referendum Market Value*	\$ 2,956,746,130	\$ 3,165,591,575	\$ 208,845,445
Net % Change in Value			7.06%
Net Tax Capacity*	\$ 33,452,575	\$ 35,817,289	\$ 2,364,714
Net % Change in Value			7.07%
*All values for taxes payable in 2019 are estimates from Hennepin and Wright County			

Property Value Changes- Tax Rate Calculations

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District #877			December 10, 2018
Analysis of Impact of Proposed 2019 Tax Levy and Rates			
Using Final Levy Payable in 2018 as Base Year			
Tax Rate Calculations Used for Final Tax Statements	2018	2019	
	Final Levy	Final Levy	Difference
Net Levy on Referendum Market Value	\$ 3,822,800	\$ 4,039,424	\$ 216,624
Divided by			
Total Referendum Market Value	\$ 2,956,746,130	\$ 3,165,591,575	\$ 208,845,445
Equals			\$ -
Total RMV Tax Rate (applied to Estimated Market Value)	0.12929%	0.12760%	-0.00169%
Net Levy on Net Tax Capacity	\$ 10,862,378	\$ 11,011,537	\$ 149,158
Divided by			
Net Tax Capacity Value	\$ 33,452,575	\$ 35,817,289	\$ 2,364,714
Equals			
Total NTC Tax Rate (applied to Taxable Market Value)	32.4710%	30.7436%	-1.72734%

Market Value Exclusion Review

- Specifics
 - Applies to residential homestead property only
 - Eliminates the homestead market value credit
 - Declines to \$0 at property value of \$413,800
 - Reduces the Taxable Market Value of your property on a sliding scale in relationship to \$76,000 of value
 - Excludes 40% of the value up to \$76,000
 - Adds back 9% of the value over \$76,000
- Effects on property values
 - Artificially reduces your taxable market value
 - The exclusion is the difference between your Estimated Market Value for 2019 and your Taxable Market Value for 2019 as shown on your tax statement
 - Artificially reduces the net tax capacity of the school district causing a higher tax rate
- Effects on taxes
 - Shifted state paid credits onto local levies
 - Created a greater net tax capacity tax rate
 - Shifted tax burden among the different property classes
 - Pay 2019 is the eighth year of the program

Impact on Taxpayers- School Portion Only

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District #877			December 10, 2018
Analysis of Impact of Proposed 2019 Tax Levy and Rates			
Final Tax Statement Estimates			
Using Final Levy Payable in 2018 as Base Year			
Tax Impact on Various Classes of Property-School Portion Only	2018	2019	
	Final Levy	Final Levy	Difference
Residential Homestead Property			
\$100,000	\$ 362	\$ 348	\$ (14)
\$150,000	\$ 604	\$ 580	\$ (24)
\$200,000	\$ 846	\$ 811	\$ (35)
\$214,127	\$ 914	\$ 876	\$ (37)
\$300,000	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,274	\$ (55)
\$400,000	\$ 1,812	\$ 1,736	\$ (76)
Commercial/Industrial Property			
\$75,000	\$ 462	\$ 442	\$ (21)
\$100,000	\$ 616	\$ 589	\$ (28)
\$107,063	\$ 660	\$ 630	\$ (30)
\$250,000	\$ 1,703	\$ 1,626	\$ (78)
Agricultural Homestead Property			
\$400,000.00 Ag Homestead+	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,118	\$ (52)
\$600,000.00 Ag Homestead+	\$ 1,495	\$ 1,426	\$ (69)
\$800,000.00 Ag Homestead+	\$ 1,820	\$ 1,733	\$ (86)
\$1,000,000.00 Ag Homestead+	\$ 2,144	\$ 2,041	\$ (104)
**Referendum revenue aid and levy based on an estimated 6,221.50 adjusted pupil units submitted to MDE by the school district			
*Includes all changes for Q Comp, LTFM, and debt service			
-Referendum market values are based on an estimated 7.06% average increase for Wright and Hennepin Counties for taxes payable in 2019			
-Net Tax Capacity values are based on an estimated 7.07% average increase for Wright and Hennepin Counties for taxes payable in 2019			
+A value of \$200,000.00 was assumed for the house, garage, and 1 acre for Ag Homestead Property			

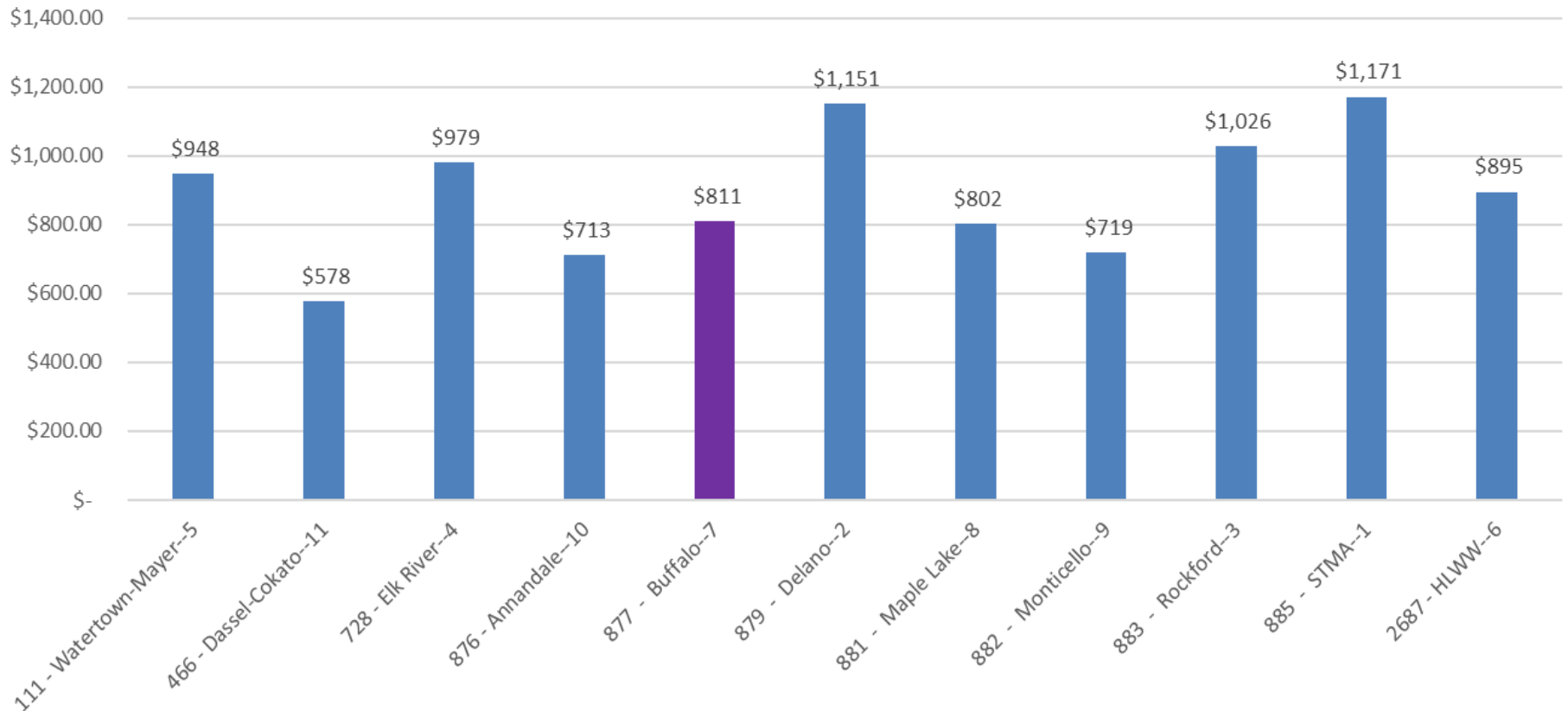
Individual Property Examples- Truth In Taxation

	Parcel #1-City of Buffalo			Parcel #2-City of Buffalo			Parcel #3-City of Buffalo			Parcel #4-Hennepin County			Parcel #8-City of Buffalo		
	2017	2018	Net Change	2017	2018	Net Change	2017	2018	Net Change	2017	2018	Net Change	2017	2018	Net Change
Estimated Market Value	\$ 182,600	\$ 191,100	\$ 8,500	\$ 138,100	\$ 151,400	\$ 13,300	\$ 298,300	\$ 319,700	\$ 21,400	\$ 377,000	\$ 407,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 154,900	\$ 173,900	\$ 19,000
EMV % Change			4.7%			9.6%			7.2%			8.0%			12.3%
Taxable Market Value	\$ 161,800	\$ 171,100	\$ 9,300	\$ 113,300	\$ 127,800	\$ 14,500	\$ 287,900	\$ 311,200	\$ 23,300	\$ 373,690	\$ 406,390	\$ 32,700	\$ 131,600	\$ 152,300	\$ 20,700
TMV % Change			5.7%			12.8%			8.1%			8.8%			15.7%
Market Value Exclusion	\$ 20,800	\$ 20,000	\$ (800)	\$ 24,800	\$ 23,600	\$ (1,200)	\$ 10,400	\$ 8,500	\$ (1,900)	\$ 3,310	\$ 610	\$ (2,700)	\$ 23,300	\$ 21,600	\$ (1,700)
Voter Approved Levy	\$ 269	\$ 270	\$ 1	\$ 190	\$ 203	\$ 13	\$ 476	\$ 487	\$ 11	\$ 616	\$ 637	\$ 21	\$ 220	\$ 240	\$ 20
Other Local Levies	\$ 492	\$ 500	\$ 8	\$ 357	\$ 383	\$ 26	\$ 845	\$ 877	\$ 32	\$ 1,084	\$ 1,128	\$ 44	\$ 408	\$ 450	\$ 42
Total Tax Amount	\$ 761	\$ 770	\$ 9	\$ 547	\$ 586	\$ 39	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,364	\$ 43	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,765	\$ 65	\$ 628	\$ 690	\$ 62

- District estimated EMV percentage – 7.06% increase
- District estimated TMV percentage – 7.07% increase

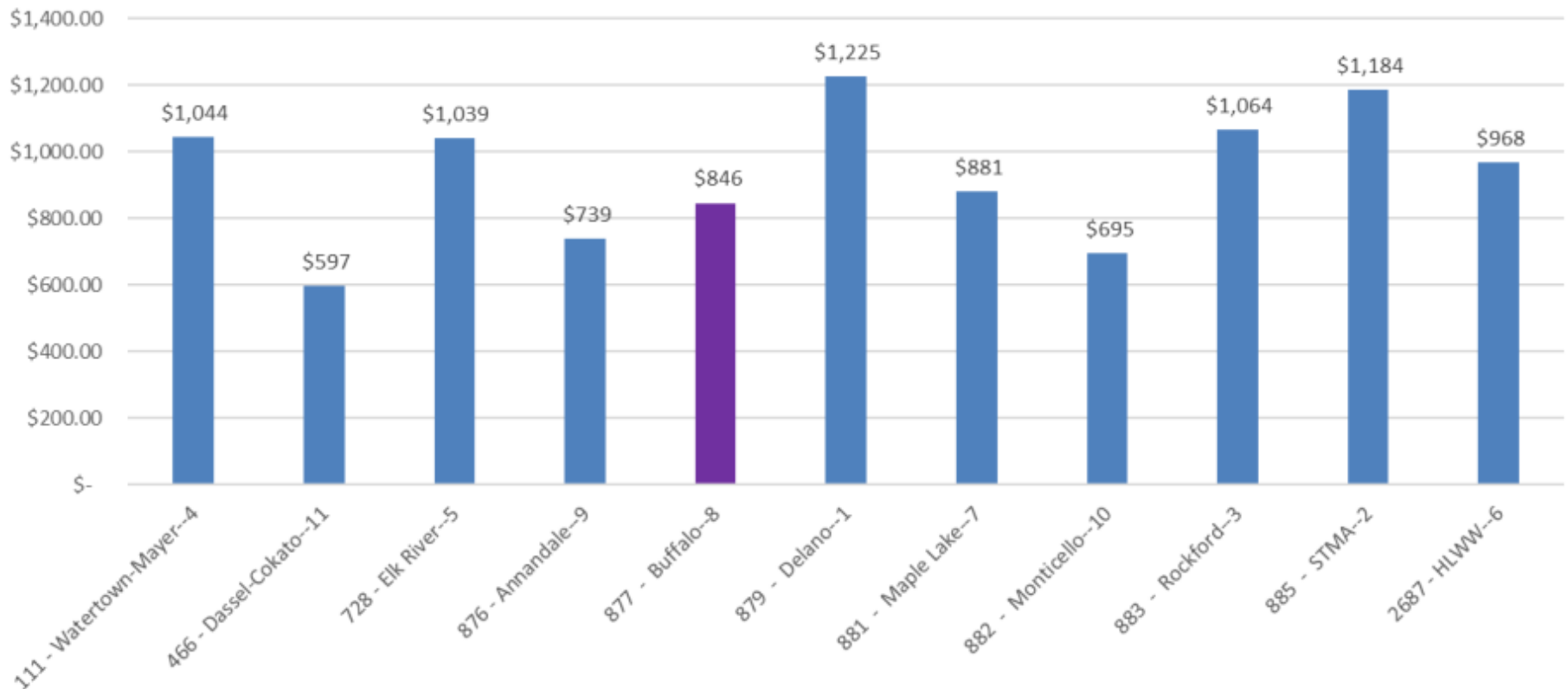
Proposed Property Tax Comparison- Truth In Taxation

2018 pay 2019 \$200,000 Residential Homestead Proposed Property Tax Comparison



Proposed Property Tax Comparison- Truth In Taxation

2017 pay 2018 \$200,000 Residential Homestead Proposed Property Tax Comparison



State Property Tax Refunds

- State of Minnesota has two tax refund programs and one tax deferral program available for owners of homestead property.
- These programs may reduce the net tax burden for local taxpayers, but only if you take time to complete and send in the forms.
- For help with the forms and instructions:
 - Consult your tax professional, or
 - Visit the Department of Revenue website at www.taxes.state.mn.us

State Property Tax Refunds

- Minnesota Property Tax Refund
 - (aka “Circuit Breaker” Refund)
 - Has existed since 1970s
 - Available to all owners of homestead property
 - Annual income must be approximately \$110,650 or less (income limit is higher if you have dependents)
 - Refund is a sliding scale, based on total property taxes and income
 - Maximum refund is \$2,710
 - Especially helpful to those with lower incomes
 - Fill out state tax form M-1PR

State Property Tax Refunds

- Special Property Tax Refund
 - Available for all homestead properties with a gross tax increase of more than 12% and \$100 or more over the prior year
 - Refund is 60% of the amount by which the tax increase exceeds the greater of 12% or \$100, up to a maximum of \$1,000
 - No income limits
 - Fill out state tax form M-1PR

Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral

- Allows people 65 years of age or older with a household income of \$60,000 or less to defer a portion of the property taxes on their home
- Taxes paid in any year limited to 3% of household income for the year before entering deferral program; this amount does not change in future years
- Additional taxes are deferred, but not forgiven
- State charges interest on deferred taxes and attaches a lien to the property
- The deferred property taxes plus accrued interest must be paid when the home is sold or the homeowner(s) dies

Next Steps

- Tonight
 - Board will accept public comments and questions on proposed levy
 - Board certifies final amount of tax levy payable in 2019
- Final levy is certified to county auditor by December 28, 2018

Comments and Questions