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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School Business Services Department

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	River Trails	District Number	0---26	County	Cook
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Amount of Levy

Educational	\$ 20,500,000	Fire Prevention & Safety *	\$ 0
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 3,600,000	Tort Immunity	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 850,000	Special Education	\$ 2,250,000
Working Cash	\$ 0	Leasing	\$ 0
Municipal Retirement	\$ 310,000	Other	\$ 0
Social Security	\$ 310,000	Other	\$ 0
		Total Levy	\$ 29,317,400

* 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 20,500,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
the sum of 3,600,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
the sum of 850,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
the sum of 310,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
the sum of 310,000 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 2,250,000 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 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____

on the taxable property of our school district for the year 2026.

Signed this 9th day of December 20 2025.
(President)

(Clerk or Secretary of the School Board of Said School District)

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them. The county clerk shall extend the tax for bonds and interest as set forth in the certified copy of the resolution, each year during the life of the bond issue. Therefore to avoid a possible duplication of tax levies, the school board should not include a levy for bonds and interest in the district's annual tax levy.

Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full _____.

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. 26, Cook County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year 2024 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on _____, 2024

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon. The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year 2024, is \$_____.

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

(County)

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Direct the Reduction of 2025 Levy

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of River Trails School District #26, Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), by resolution adopted the 2025 Levy on December 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the adopted levy may exceed the amount permitted by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act (PTELA), PA 89-01 (the “Law”) as determined by the Cook County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the law requires the Board to notify the Cook County Clerk what funds should not be limited listing the maximum amount to be raised in each fund; and

WHEREAS, the law requires the Board to notify the Cook County Clerk what fund the Board wants limited, stating the minimum amount to be maintained in that fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It And It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of River Trails School District #26, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section I. That the Board of Education hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section II. That if the County Clerk is required to reduce the aggregate extension of the School District to meet the requirements of the PTELL, the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk that if any reductions are required to be made to the School District’s tax levy for the 2025 levy year, that:

100% of such reductions shall be made from the Education Fund.

Section III. The Secretary of the Board is to file a certified copy hereof with the Cook County Clerk, State of Illinois.

Section IV. The Board affirms it shall be the duty of the said Cook County Clerk to decrease the said levy for the year 2025 in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section V. This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption this 9th day of December 2025.

William Grimpe, President
Board of Education

Janine Freedlund, Secretary
Board of Education

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of River Trails School District No. 26, Cook County, Illinois, has determined the amount of money that is necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has heretofore adopted a Budget Resolution for the District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education disclosed at a public meeting its intention to adopt a levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education provided notice of its intent to adopt a levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of River Trails School District No. 26, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That there shall be and there is hereby levied by the Board the amounts set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, which is the Certificate of Tax Levy for the year 2025.

2. That the Board President and Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the Certificate of Tax Levy and supporting forms and Certifications and the District Administration is hereby authorized and directed to file the Certificate of Tax Levy and all supporting forms and Certifications with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois.

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____
that the Resolution Approving 2025 Tax Levy be adopted as presented. Upon roll call the following members answered:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

William Grimpe
President, Board of Education
River Trails School District No. 26,
Cook County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____
Janine Freedlund
Secretary, Board of Education
River Trails School District No. 26
Cook County, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of River Trails School District No. 26, Cook County, Illinois, and as such I am the keeper of the records and minutes of said Board.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 TAX LEVY

which Resolution was duly adopted by said Board of Education at a meeting held on the 9th day of December 2025.

I do further certify that a quorum of said Board of Education was present at said meeting, and that the Board complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of December 2025.

Janine Freedlund
Secretary, Board of Education
River Trails School District No. 26,
Cook County, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE

I, JANINE FREEDLUND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education, River Trails School District 26, Cook County, Illinois; that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly passed by the President and Board of Education, River Trails School District 26, Cook County, Mount Prospect, Illinois, at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of December, 2025, the Resolution being a part of the official records of said Board of Education.

DATED: This 9th day of December 2025

Janine Freedlund, Board Secretary

(SEAL)

