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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education and Administration
From: Rob Grossi
Date: November 2, 2020
Re: Process to Approve the Tax Year 2020 Tax Levy

On November 10th, I will be presenting the proposed tax levy for the 2020 levy year. On that date, the Board of Education will be asked to approve the tentative tax levy and to direct the publication of the notice of the tax levy hearing to be held on December 15, 2020, which is the same date the Board will adopt the final tax levy.

We met with FORC and they unanimously recommended that the Board of Education approve a tax levy that would capture the allowable 2.3% growth allowed under the property tax extension limitation laws (PTELL). This is consistent with my recommendation for reasons that I will discuss on November 12th. Please note that we will only be approving the tentative levy on that date and the final tax levy approved in December can be different from the tentative levy.

I am sending the draft levy presentation today so that the Board of Education has sufficient time to process the issue. Included in the presentation are updated financial projections that will help frame the decision at hand. Dr. Kelly and I welcome any questions, requests for information or discussions you may desire on the subject both prior to the November 12th meeting and before the final levy approval on December 15th.

Related to this topic, the Board of Education will also need to decide prior to the end of February 2021 whether it desires to abate all or a portion of the bond levy as it did last year. I will frame this discussion during the November 12th presentation as well.

The tax levy will be recommended with consideration of maintaining long-term fiscal and academic stability within the District's fund balance policy of maintaining three-six months' worth of expense reserves.

If you have any questions or desire any additional information or clarity before the meeting, please contact Dr. Kelley and we will respond accordingly.