

**School Board Meeting:**

May 26, 2020

**Subject:**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SW METRO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 288'S SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THOSE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT'S PAY 2021 LEVY**

**Presenter:**

Gary Kawlewski, Director  
Finance and Operations  
Scott Thielman, Superintendent

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Action required

**DESCRIPTION:**

As a part of the Safe Schools revenue legislation, school district cooperatives have the authority to utilize this revenue program. This is the second year of the Safe Schools Levy request from SW Metro. For the 2019-20 year, SW Metro has included the cost of school resource officers in the cost that they bill back to member districts through the tuition billing system. For Fiscal year 2021-22 as was the case for 2020-21, the intent is for districts to use the safe schools levy for intermediate districts that comes out of the 2020 pay 2021 levy. They are looking to use this revenue source to cover the cost of those same school resource officers. The revenue has a flow thru component similar to lease levy authority. We would levy and collect the taxes on behalf of the coop and then forward the funds onto the coop. However, we would see a corresponding reduction in the tuition-billing amount that reduces our special education aid each year. On the surface, this transaction is revenue neutral. However, over the last several years, the State of Minnesota has prorated special education aid. This levy transaction would reduce the impact of the proration slightly. This is an annual approval similar to the provisions of Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue.

The coop is looking to collect \$224,400 from their member districts. Our portion is \$25,390 or 11.31% of the total. The current tax impact projection on a \$200,000 home would be \$1.20 per year.

We recommend approval of the attached resolution to allow Safe Schools levy authority for the SW Metro Coop.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Safe School Resolution-Pay 2021
- Pay 2021 Levy Allocation