

**School Board Meeting/Workshop:**

**December 10, 2018**

**Subject:**

**Certify 2018 Payable 2019 Levy**

**Presenter:**

**Gary Kawlewski,  
Director of Finance and Operations**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Recommendation to approve the 2018 Payable 2019 tax levy of:

General	\$7,360,502.33
Community Education	\$455,473.39
Debt Service	<u>\$7,434,124.35</u>
Total	<u>\$15,250,100.07</u>

**DESCRIPTION:**

The recommended levy total is \$388,623 **more** than the Pay 2018 levy. This represents an **increase** of 2.61% in total school property taxes. We have seen that most residential homestead valuations are increasing due to assessments by the counties. The referendum market value is up 7.06% for the district as a whole while the net tax capacity value is up an estimated 7.07% for the district. As a result, most individual taxpayers will see some form of increase in the school portion of their property taxes.

Many of our levy categories have a levy and a state aid component. The levy portion typically goes up as the valuation of the district as a whole goes up. The aid portion, then, goes down in a corresponding fashion. As a result, most of the levy increase this year is simply due to increases in the levy portion of those revenue categories. The District's refunding of the remaining amount of the Buffalo High School bond issue is reducing the levy increase by \$96,942. We are under levying in the debt excess reduction category by \$300,000 to minimize the tax impact and reduce the fund balance in the debt service fund. We are also seeing some changes in expenditures estimates for some current levy components. Finally, as is the case every year, we have some prior year levy adjustments for some levy components that are based on actual expenditures.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None