

Administration recommends that the School Board certify the maximum levy as provided by state law. Certifying the preliminary levy in this manner allows for changes prior to the final levy certification in December. Changes could be made for a variety of reasons, such as changes to state aid and levy calculations made by the MDE, adjustments for anticipated Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) projects, lease levy authority, prior year expenditures, and enrollment estimates.

School districts are required to discuss the Payable 2026 levy and the current year's budget (fiscal year 2025-26) at the Truth In Taxation public hearing and allow the public to speak. This will occur at the December 18, 2025, School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The final levy certification will be approved at that meeting.

Recommended Action:

Approve the maximum for the 2025 Payable 2026 Proposed Preliminary Property Tax Levy.