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To: Dr. Dave Palzet, Superintendent
From: Griffin L. Sonntag, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Date: August 6, 2025
RE: Tentative Budget

Executive Summary

The proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2026 reflects our continued commitment to the community of being fiscally responsible while providing the very best education for our students. In addition, we must continue to maintain and improve our schools to create learning environments that foster and support students' education.

In 2021–2022, we launched a five-year facilities plan aimed at addressing essential maintenance needs across our schools. The plan prioritizes projects that must be completed within the next five years to preserve the integrity and safety of our buildings. Two summers ago, we began implementation of several major upgrades, including new shingled roofs and an HVAC unit at the middle school, along with a new APR roof and HVAC unit at the elementary school. Last summer, the elementary school received a completely new HVAC system—an upgrade that has made a significant difference for students, staff, and learning throughout the building.

This summer, we focused on several smaller but meaningful improvements: phase one of the bathroom upgrades at PES, the first phase of gymnasium refreshes at both schools, the final installation of safety film, and sealcoating the middle school parking lot. We also added more Apple Ready Classrooms at the elementary school to support our continued investment in instructional technology. These projects were completed alongside our routine summer maintenance and inspections. Additionally, solar panels were installed at PMS as part of our Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), marking a significant step toward energy efficiency and saving the district money with increasing energy prices.

We continue to follow our three-prong approach in paying for these larger capital projects and in planning for the future of Pleasantdale School District 107. These prongs include: (1) Bonds sold in 2022, (2) Operating funds, (3) Fund balance reserves. Overall, the district is in a very sound financial position. We will continue to be thoughtful about every single dollar spent and ensure that it supports our mission of *Driving Toward Excellence*.

In the FY26 tentative budget summary on the following page, you will notice the following:

1. The overall operating budget reflects a surplus of \$516,112. This means that due to careful planning and fiscal responsibility, we expect to have funds to meet the needs of our students, staff, and operations.
2. These are exciting times here in Pleasantdale, and I've created an overall budget that reflects future possibilities. Should the Board decide to move in the direction of purchasing land and other facilities improvements, I've budgeted \$3,000,000 for the district to take this step. To expend this amount, we will use existing fund balances from the Working Cash Fund (\$750,000), Operations and Maintenance Fund (\$600,000), and Education Fund (\$1,650,000). Combined, this equals \$3,000,000.

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3. The projected total amount in our fund balances at the end of FY26 is expected to be just under 15 million dollars. This amount is 67% of the budgeted expenditures and satisfies Board policy 4:20, which seeks to maintain at least 50% of the annual expenditures in our fund balances.

Timeline for budget adoption:

The tentative budget will be presented at the August 13, 2025 Board of Education meeting and placed on display for more than 30 days. A budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pleasantdale School District 107 Administration Building. The FY26 Budget will be formally adopted at the Board of Education meeting following the budget hearing on September 17th.

Conclusion:

A budget is a roadmap constructed using the best information available at the time it is made. The tentative budget continues to be fiscally responsible for Pleasantdale School District 107's taxpayers while offering our students the highest levels of education every single day. I look forward to walking the Board of Education through more specifics at your meeting on August 13, 2025.

PLEASANTDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 107
FY26 TENTATIVE BUDGET
August 13, 2025

FUNDS	UNAUDITED	FY26 TENTATIVE BUDGET		FY26 TENTATIVE BUDGET	INTERFUND	PROJECTED
	FUND BALANCE as of July 1, 2025	REVENUES 2026	EXPENDITURES 2026	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	TRANSFER FY26	FY26 ENDING FUND BALANCE
EDUCATION	12,606,585	15,836,717	15,216,356	620,361	(1,650,000)	11,576,946
O&M	2,023,675	1,855,523	1,798,569	56,954	(600,000)	1,480,629
TRANSPORTATION	655,481	767,501	1,169,624	(402,123)		253,358
WORKING CASH	885,034	361,136		361,136	(750,000)	496,170
OPERATING FUNDS	16,170,776	18,820,877	18,184,549	636,328	(3,000,000)	13,807,104
IMRF	271,838	61,001	126,370	(65,369)		206,469
SOCIAL SECURITY	231,499	238,000	245,420	(7,420)		224,079
TORT	211,231	184,803	142,839	41,964		253,195
LIFE SAFETY	314,484	11,051	115,000	(103,949)		210,535
OTHER FUNDS	1,029,052	494,855	629,629	(134,774)	-	894,278
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-	3,000,000	(3,000,000)	3,000,000	-
BOND & INTEREST	168,095	408,751	394,193	14,558		182,653
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		19,724,483	22,208,371	(2,483,888)	-	14,884,035
	17,367,923			516,112		14,884,035

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

By the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District No. 107, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a Tentative Budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 7450 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois, in the Administration Building as of August 14, 2025 through September 17, 2025, from and after 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Notice is further hereby given that a Public Hearing on said Tentative Budget for the 2025-2026 school year will be held at 6:00 P.M. on the 17th day of September 2025, at 7450 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois, in this School District No. 107.

Dated this 13th day of August 2025.

Submitted by
Mary Lenzen,
Secretary of the Board of Education
Pleasantdale School District No. 107