

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

December 14, 2020

Subject:

Certify 2020 Payable 2021 Levy

Presenter:

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

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommendation to approve the 2020 Payable 2021 tax levy in the following amount:

General	\$12,166,462.47
Community Education	\$ 597,304.55
Debt Service	<u>\$ 7,369,783.04</u>
Total	<u>\$20,133,550.06</u>

DESCRIPTION:

The recommended levy total is \$497,197 **more** than the Pay 2020 levy. This represents an **increase** of 3.26% 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 7.83% for the district as a whole while the net tax capacity value is up an estimated 7.84% for the district. As a result, most individual taxpayers will see some form of increase in the school portion of their property taxes unless their property value increase is lower than the average property value increase for the district.

Our increase this year is largely due to the due to the changes in the state aid equalization for many levy categories. 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. 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 seeing a reduction in the lease levy category as we see the end of the Pride lease and the final payment of the Phoenix lease. 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.

