

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve Establishing a Truth in Taxation Hearing in December – November 19, 2025

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves establishing a Truth in Taxation Hearing in December, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
_____ David Fritts	_____	_____ Kathleen Schaefer	_____
_____ Melissa Gates	_____	_____ Jon Wadsworth	_____
_____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	_____	_____ Linda Wegner	_____
_____ Brandon Rogers	_____		

Recommendation:

The Truth in Taxation law establishes procedures taxing districts must follow in the adoption of their property tax levies in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-55 through 35 ILCS 200/18-100. The Truth in Taxation law requires a taxing district to compare the amount of its proposed aggregate property tax levy, to the amount of taxes extended for the district in the prior year. A notice must be published in a newspaper and a public hearing must be held, if the proposed aggregate tax levy is more than 5% greater than the previous year's tax extension.

Notice will be published in the Dixon Telegraph a Shaw Media publication in accordance with the Truth-in-Taxation legal parameters. Additionally, notification of the Truth-in-Taxation hearing must be posted on the website banner.

In an effort to remain in compliance with statutory guidance and to be transparent with our taxpayers all of this information will be posted on our website at dps170.org. The District is required to host the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing because our 2025 Tax Year Levy is greater than 5.0% of the 2024 Tax Year Extension due to the property assessment valuation process.

Once the hearing is complete and the associated documentation is filed and published the District will be in full compliance with the law.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of District Administration for the Board in compliance with the law establish a Truth-in-Taxation Hearing prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 17, 2025.

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