



**ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Subject: *Certify Proposed Levy 2025 Pay 2026*

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025

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Date Prepared: September 12 , 2025

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This proposed certification is for taxes payable in calendar year 2026 and is revenue for the 2026-2027 school year. I recommend we approve the proposed levy at “maximum”. Proposed levies for school districts carry the option of levying the “Maximum” versus a specific amount due to continuing updates by the Department of Education. This “Maximum” option protects school districts whose levies may increase. Levying a specific dollar amount prevents further increases.

We are required to certify our Proposed Levy to the County Auditors by September 30, 2025. The information submitted to the County Auditors is the information used for the proposed property taxes mailed to each taxpayer in November.

Truth in Taxation statutes require a hearing be conducted during regular school board meetings. The statute also requires that the date and time of the regular school board meeting when hearings are scheduled be announced at the time the proposed levy is certified.

Rockford Area Schools Truth in Taxation hearing will be held during the regular board meeting on December 15th, at 6:00pm.

Recommendation:

Approve 2025 Payable 2026 Proposed Levy as presented.