

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Albert G. Roberts, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Therese M. O'Neill, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations

SUBJECT: 2010 Levy

DATE: November 30, 2010

Annually, the Board of Education must first adopt an estimate of levy and then, at a subsequent meeting, adopt a final levy. The Board of Education had presented at its October 26, 2010 and approved at its November 16, 2010 meeting the estimated 2010 levy.

If a proposed levy is in excess of 5%, a Truth-In Taxation notice must be published and a Public Hearing must be conducted. For 2010, the proposed levy increase is in concert with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) or 2.7%, and thus does not require such publication nor public hearing. However, the Board of Education has historically chosen to continue the publication as well as conduct a public hearing, even when the proposed levy was less than 5%. It is recommended that this practice continue for the 2010 levy. Attached is the proposed notice that will appear in the Oak Leaves on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 (to be in compliance with the School Code stating that not more than 14 nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing a notice shall appear). The public hearing will be on December 14, 2010 the evening the Board will approve its 2010 levy.

Specific to the proposed levy itself, the second attachment delineates what the actual 2009 extension was and, utilizing the proposed 2.7% CPI, what the 2010 proposed levy would be by fund. To ensure that this levy assumes anticipated new EAV growth and capturing those potential revenues, calculations have been done, reviewed and verified by Steve Miller of PMA, and provide sufficient new growth (approximately \$49 million dollars) to ensure maximum receipt of property taxes. Given that the County provides a loss factor (3% for "capped" funds and 5% for "non-capped" funds), utilizing a formula allows us to determine that amount of approximate new growth to insure no potential revenues are lost with the levy adoption.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposed 2010, please feel free to contact me. I am also attaching the brief Power Point presentation that will be presented the evening of November 30, 2010, as well as a copy of the Certificate of Levy.

Attachments (4)