

**School Board Meeting:**

**September 28, 2020**

**Subject:**

Levy Certification Approval

**Presenter:**

**Gary Kawlewski, Director  
Finance and Operations**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Approve the proposed 2020 Payable 2021 levy certification at the "Maximum".

**DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed levy needs approval by September 30, 2020. Due to the number of inputs that go into the levy document, districts have the option to approve the levy at the "**Maximum**" to allow any final adjustments to be made before the levy is sent to the county auditor's office for use with the Truth in Taxation notices. The current projected total levy is \$20,133,550.06, which is up \$497,196.88 from the prior year. This is a 3.26% increase over the prior year. These numbers are **subject to change**. Some observations are as follows:

- The numbers include approval to reduce our debt service levy by \$300,000 to buy down the fund balance and to reduce the impact of bringing in these new revenue programs.
- All of the referendum market value based equalized levies will see a higher levy portion due to the district's growth in tax valuation.
- All net tax capacity-based levies see an increase in levy amount due to higher valuations.
- We are seeing a reduction in the Lease Levy category due to the end of the Pride lease and the final last half payment of the Phoenix lease.
- We are projecting higher reemployment claims due to the pandemic. The claims are fully reimbursable and any adjustments will be reflected in future levies.
- We are seeing a number of prior year adjustments, as is the case every year, due to having final expenditure totals and enrollment totals for prior years.
- Based on an average 5% growth in Referendum Market Value and Net Tax Capacity, we are seeing the RMV tax rate go up and are seeing the NTC tax rate go up as well.
- The current tax rate projection on a \$200,000 home is \$1,010 versus \$1,014 last year.
- When factoring in the average 5% increase in property values moving a \$200,000 home to \$210,000, the actual tax increase would be about \$52 per year based on the current projections.

We are asking the board to approve the "maximum" amount as we have done in the past to allow for corrections to the data that may change the levy total.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Levy Analysis 20 pay 21 9.28.20
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