



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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

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

SUBJECT: Recommended 2012 Levy

DATE: November 27, 2012

Annually, the Board of Education must first review an estimate of levy (October 30, 2012) and then, at a subsequent meeting, adopt this estimate (November 13, 2012). 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 2012, the proposed levy increase is in concert with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) or 3.0%, and thus does not require such publication or 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 2012 levy.

This estimated levy does not bind the Board of Education in any way in formally approving a different amount, if necessary, at a subsequent meeting. It merely is adhering to a precondition in adopting its formal levy. The Board of Education will have a formal presentation made at its November 27, 2012 meeting (such presentation is attached) and then final adoption and public hearing is scheduled for its December 11, 2012 meeting. The Legal Notice which will appear in the November 29 issue of the Oak Leaves is attached or your review. Once the levy is adopted, it will be filed with the Cook County Clerk.

Specific to the proposed levy itself, the second attachment (page 4) delineates what the final 2011 extension was and, utilizing the 3.0% CPI, what the 2012 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 a range of between \$47 million [3.0% levy increase] and \$79 million [5.0% maximum levy increase] 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 potential new growth to insure no potential revenues are lost with the levy adoption. Further, all debt amounts have been reviewed and verified by Elizabeth Hennessy from William Blair & Company.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposed Certificate of Levy or the construction of the 2012 proposed levy presentation, please let me know.

Attachments (3)

Oak Park District 97 2012 Levy Presentation

November 27, 2012

Purpose

- ❑ Review general levy process
- ❑ Review projected levies by fund
- ❑ Present Estimated 2012 Levy –
October 30, 2012
- ❑ Present Tentative 2012 Levy –
November 27, 2012
- ❑ Adopt Final 2012 Levy –
December 11, 2012

Levy - General Information

- ❑ A levy is a formal request sent to the county clerk's office, asking that taxes be collected for District operations.
- ❑ The levy amount is based on the district's projected needs.
- ❑ The final levy amount and related tax rate (or extension) is determined by the county clerk's office based on the requested amounts, after applying PTELL reductions (tax cap law)
- ❑ Annually, the Board of Education must have presented, for its consideration, a tentative levy.
- ❑ A minimum of 20 days between presentation of a tentative levy and its adoption is required if in excess of the 5% threshold.
- ❑ With presentation of a tentative levy which is lower than the 5% threshold, there is no need to publish a notice announcing the need for a Public Hearing on same. However, Oak Park District 97 has consistently chosen to publish such notice to fully inform its constituency.
- ❑ If tentative/final levy is in excess of 5%, a Truth-In Taxation notice must be published and a Public Hearing conducted.
- ❑ Once levy is adopted, it must be filed with Cook County Clerk.

2012 Recommended Levy

Fund	2011 Levy Extended	2012 Levy Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Educational	42,363,373	43,634,274	\$1,270,901	3.0%
Oper & Maint	3,313,912	3,413,329	99,417	3.0%
Transportation	1,283,312	1,321,811	38,499	3.0%
IMRF	1,196,165	1,232,050	35,885	3.0%
Social Security	1,196,165	1,232,050	35,885	3.0%
Special Education **	- 0 -	- 0 -		
Sub Total – capped/3.0%	49,352,927	50,833,514	\$1,480,587	3.0%
Building Bonds	4,681,163	4,453,650	(223,470)	- 4.78%
Limited Tax Bonds	3,381,672	1,523,250	(1,805,023)	-54.23%
Estimated 2012 DSEB		1,794,009	1,794,009	100.00%
Sub Total - non cap / 5%	8,005,393	7,678,890	(326,503)	-4.08%
Grand Total	57,358,320	58,512,404	1,154,084	2.00%

** While it may appear we are not levying for Special Education, it has been absorbed into Education Fund

Breakeven Growth under PTELL with 3.0% Levy Increase Cap

Prior year extension	\$49,352,927
CPI (for 2012)	3.0%
Additional Levy Request above CPI	0.0%
Loss Factor	3.0%
Prior Year x CPI (3.0%)	1,480,588
Estimated levy rate	3.091
Available new EAV growth	\$47,899,962

Conclusion: New property outside of the three TIFs would need to exceed \$48 million for the district to not achieve its maximum levy available under PTELL.

Breakeven Growth under PTELL with 5.0% Levy Increase Cap

Prior year extension	\$49,352,927
CPI (for 2012)	3.0%
Additional Levy Request	2.0%
Total Levy Request	5.0%

Prior Year x CPI + Add'l Levy (2.0%)	\$ 2,467,646
Estimated levy rate	3.091
Available new EAV growth	\$79,833,258

Conclusion: New property outside of the three TIFs would need to exceed \$79 million for the district to not achieve its maximum levy available under PTELL.

Directions to County Clerk Possible Reductions

- To ensure maximum dollars coming into Education Fund, the direction to be given to the Cook County Clerk is to reduce other “capped” funds by the formal prepared resolution.

Questions ?

NOTICE FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR
OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 97, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Oak Park School District No. 97, Cook County, Illinois for 2012 will be held on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Meeting Room, 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ms. Therese M. O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois at (708) 524-7623.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2011 were \$49,352,927.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$50,833,514. This represents a 3.00% increase over the previous year's extension.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2011 were \$8,005,393.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2012 are \$7,678,890.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$57,358,320.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$58,512,404
This represents a 2.00% increase over the previous year's total levy.

NOTE- THIS NOTICE MUST BE IN AT LEAST 12-POINT TYPE, THE BLACK BORDER MUST BE NOT LESS THAN ¼ INCH WIDE, AND THIS NOTICE MUST BE NOT LESS THAN 1/8 PAGE IN SIZE. THE NOTICE SHALL NOT BE PLACED IN THAT PORTION OF THE NEWSPAPER WHERE LEGAL NOTICES AND CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ARE PUBLISHED.

Original:
Amended:

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Business Services Division
217/785-8779

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

District Name Oak Park District	District Number 0---97	County Cook
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Amount of Levy

Educational	\$ 43,634,274	Fire Prevention & Safety *	\$ _____
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 3,413,329	Tort Immunity	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ 1,321,811	Special Education	\$ _____
Working Cash	\$ 0	Leasing	\$ _____
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,232,050	Other	\$ _____
Social Security	\$ 1,232,050	Other	\$ _____
		Total Levy	\$ 50,833,514

* Includes Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security, and Specified Repair Purposes.

See explanation on reverse side.

Note: Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law.

We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 43,634,274 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
the sum of 3,413,329 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
the sum of 1,321,811 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
the sum of 1,232,050 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
the sum of 1,232,050 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____
on the taxable property of our school district for the year _____.

Signed this 13th day of December 2011. _____
(President)

(Clerk or Secretary of the School Board of Said School District)

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them. The county clerk shall extend the tax for bonds and interest as set forth in the certified copy of the resolution, each year during the life of the bond issue. Therefore to avoid a possible duplication of tax levies, the school board should not include a levy for bonds and interest in the district's annual tax levy.

Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full 3.

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. _____, _____ County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year _____, was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on _____.

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year _____, is \$ _____.

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

(County)