

School Board Meeting:

December 13, 2021

Subject:

Certify 2021 Payable 2022 Levy

Presenter:

**Ryan L. Tangen, Director
Finance and Operations**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommendation to approve the 2021 Payable 2022 tax levy in the following amount:

General	\$11,294,455.40
Community Education	\$ 582,215.59
Debt Service	<u>\$ 7,819,538.81</u>
Total	<u>\$19,696,209.80</u>

DESCRIPTION:

The recommended levy total is \$444,101 **less** than the Pay 2021 levy. This represents a **decrease** of 2.21% in total school property taxes. The referendum market value is up an estimated 5.27% for the district and the net tax capacity value is up an estimated 3.53% for the district. As a result, most individual taxpayers will see some form of decrease in the school portion of their property taxes unless their property value increased more than the average property value increase within the district.

Our decrease this year is largely due to lower enrollment-based revenue, changes in aid, and increases in debt service. The General Fund levy saw a dramatic decrease due to lower enrollment projections for 2022-23. This decrease is combined with negative revenue adjustments from the pay 2021 levy caused by our 2020-21 actual enrollment being less than projected due to the COVID-19 pandemic. District-wide, many of our levy categories have a levy and a state aid component. Increases in valuation coupled with decreasing enrollment causes the levy portion to increase and the aid portion to decrease in a corresponding fashion. Lastly, the Debt Service levy had nearly a \$449,756 increase due to the sunset of excess debt service and changes in principal and interest payments.