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Truth in Taxation For Taxes Payable in 2024

December 4, 2023



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Truth in Taxation Law

Two Major Requirements

- 1) Counties must send out “proposed property tax statements” in November, based on preliminary tax levies set by all jurisdictions (counties, cities, townships, school districts, etc.).
- 2) Most taxing jurisdictions must hold a hearing prior to certifying the final levy

**You are here for the
School District’s annual
required hearing**



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Tax Hearing Requirements

- **State law requires that we present information on the current year budget and actual revenues and expenses for prior year**
- **State law also requires that we present information on the proposed property tax levy**
- **District must also allow for public comments**

2022-23 General Fund Results

Fund	6/30/22	Other			6/30/23	
	Audited Fund Balance	Revenues & Adjustments	Expenditures	Financing Sources (Uses)	Variance	Audited Fund Balance
General Fund	\$ 4,571,753	\$39,181,910	\$37,904,314	\$ (10,000)	\$ 1,267,596	\$ 5,839,349
Less: Capital Reserves						
Operating Capital	\$ 77,970	\$ 3,059,783	\$ 1,683,777	\$ -	\$ 1,376,006	\$ 1,453,976
Long-Term Facilities Maint	\$ 89,421	\$ 1,038,159	\$ 965,032	\$ -	\$ 73,127	\$ 162,548
Total Capital Reserves	\$ 167,391	\$ 4,097,942	\$ 2,648,809	\$ -	\$ 1,449,133	\$ 1,616,524
Restricted for Scholarships	\$ 6,811	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,250	\$ -	\$ (1,250)	\$ 5,561
Restricted for Student Activities	\$ 157,481	\$ 316,505	\$ 349,624	\$ -	\$ (33,119)	\$ 124,362
Assigned for Building Activities	\$ 142,739	\$ 85,543	\$ 31,562	\$ -	\$ 53,981	\$ 196,720
Non-Spendable Fund Balances	\$ 536,706	\$ 820,266	\$ 536,706	\$ -	\$ 283,560	\$ 820,266
General Fund Unassigned	\$ 3,560,625	\$33,859,654	\$34,334,363	\$ (10,000)	\$ (484,709)	\$ 3,075,916

2022-23 Financial Results (All Funds)

Fund	6/30/22 Audited Fund Balance	Revenues & Adjustments	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources	Variance	6/30/23 Audited Fund Balance
General Fund	\$ 4,571,753	\$39,181,910	\$37,904,314	\$ (10,000)	\$ 1,267,596	\$ 5,839,349
Food Service Fund	\$ 1,279,039	\$ 2,046,137	\$ 2,217,822	\$ -	\$ (171,685)	\$ 1,107,354
Community Service Fund	\$ 245,985	\$ 1,661,917	\$ 1,757,799	\$ 10,000	\$ (85,882)	\$ 160,103
Building Construction Fund	\$ 40,827,901	\$ 766,125	\$19,179,380	\$ -	\$ (18,413,255)	\$ 22,414,646
Debt Service Fund	\$ 613,186	\$ 3,921,898	\$ 3,815,606	\$ -	\$ 106,292	\$ 719,478
Total All Funds	\$ 47,537,864	\$47,577,987	\$64,874,921	\$ -	\$ (17,296,934)	\$ 30,240,930

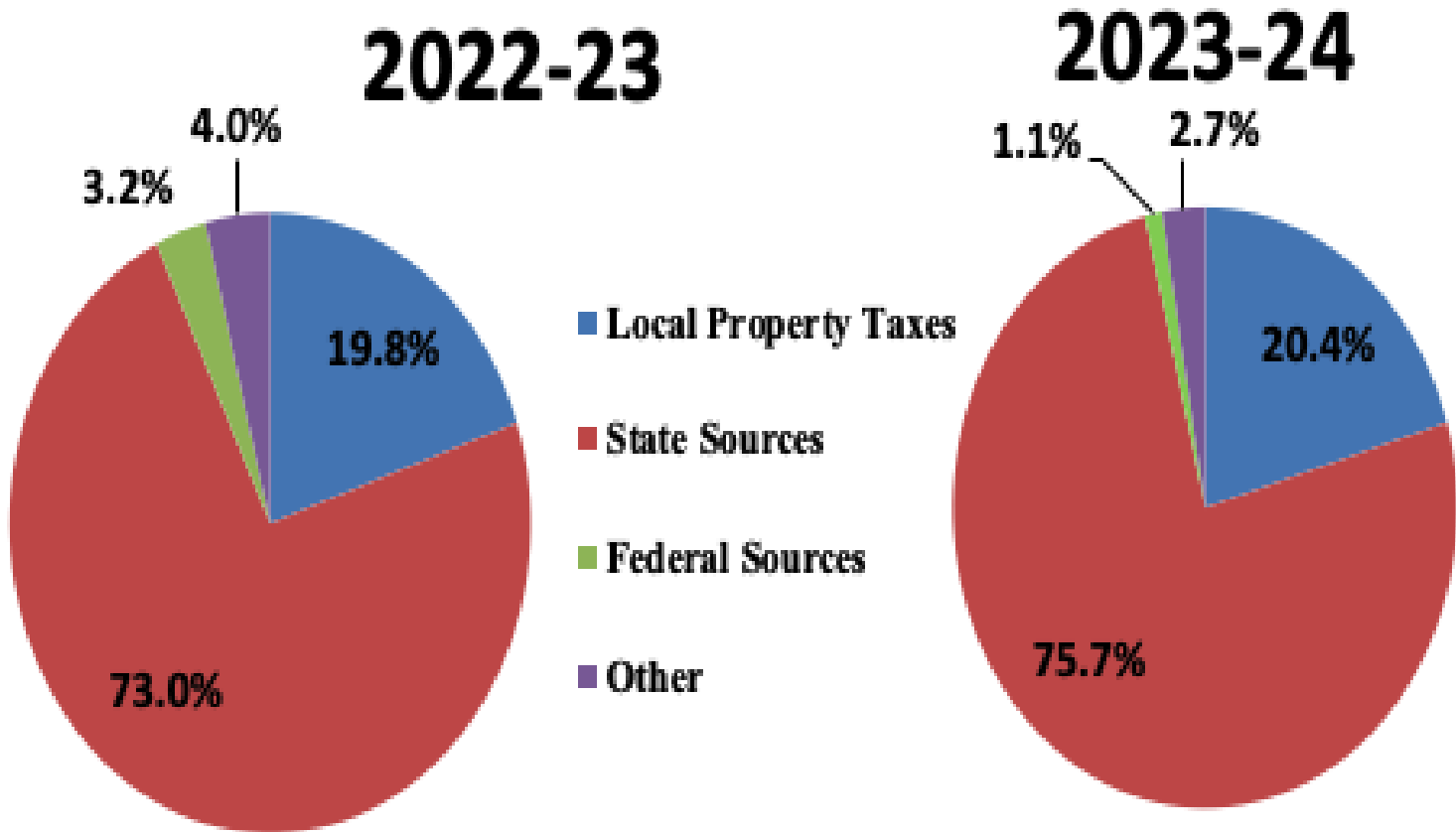
2023-24 General Fund Original Budget

Fund	6/30/23	Other				6/30/24
	Audited Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Financing Sources	Variance	Projected Fund Balance
General Fund	\$ 5,839,349	\$ 39,230,695	\$ 39,144,118	\$ -	\$ 86,577	\$ 5,925,926
Less: Capital Reserves						
Operating Capital	\$ 1,453,976	\$ 1,471,561	\$ 1,467,974	\$ -	\$ 3,587	\$ 1,457,563
Long-Term Facilities Maint	\$ 162,548	\$ 1,105,113	\$ 1,100,426	\$ -	\$ 4,687	\$ 167,235
Total Capital Reserves	\$ 1,616,524	\$ 2,576,674	\$ 2,568,400	\$ -	\$ 8,274	\$ 1,624,798
Restricted for Scholarships	\$ 5,561	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,561
Restricted for Student Activitie	\$ 124,362	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,362
Assigned Fund Balances	\$ 196,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196,720
Non-Spendable Fund Balances	\$ 820,266	\$ 238,988	\$ 238,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 820,266
General Fund Unassigned	\$ 3,075,916	\$ 36,165,033	\$ 36,086,730	\$ -	\$ 78,303	\$ 3,154,219

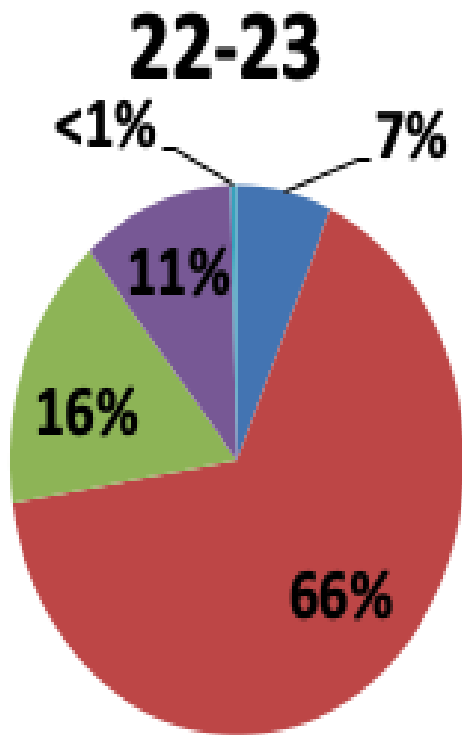
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General Fund	\$ 5,839,349	\$39,230,695	\$39,144,118	\$ -	\$ 86,577	\$ 5,925,926
Food Service Fund	\$ 1,107,354	\$ 2,209,000	\$ 2,471,330	\$ -	\$ (262,330)	\$ 845,024
Community Service Fund	\$ 160,103	\$ 1,669,991	\$ 1,750,471	\$ -	\$ (80,480)	\$ 79,623
Building Construction Fund	\$ 22,414,646	\$ 300,000	\$19,153,000	\$ -	\$ (18,853,000)	\$ 3,561,646
Debt Service Fund	\$ 719,478	\$ 3,868,995	\$ 3,820,887	\$ -	\$ 48,108	\$ 767,586
Total All Funds	\$ 30,240,930	\$47,278,681	\$66,339,806	\$ -	\$ (19,061,125)	\$ 11,179,805

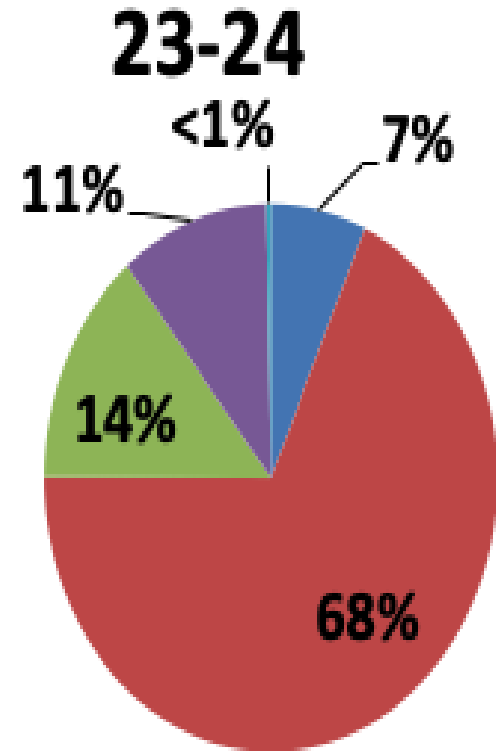
General Fund Revenues



General Fund Expenditures by Program



- Admin and District Support
- Instruction
- Student Support Services
- Maintenance
- Other





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General Education Funding

Formula Allowance

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Students

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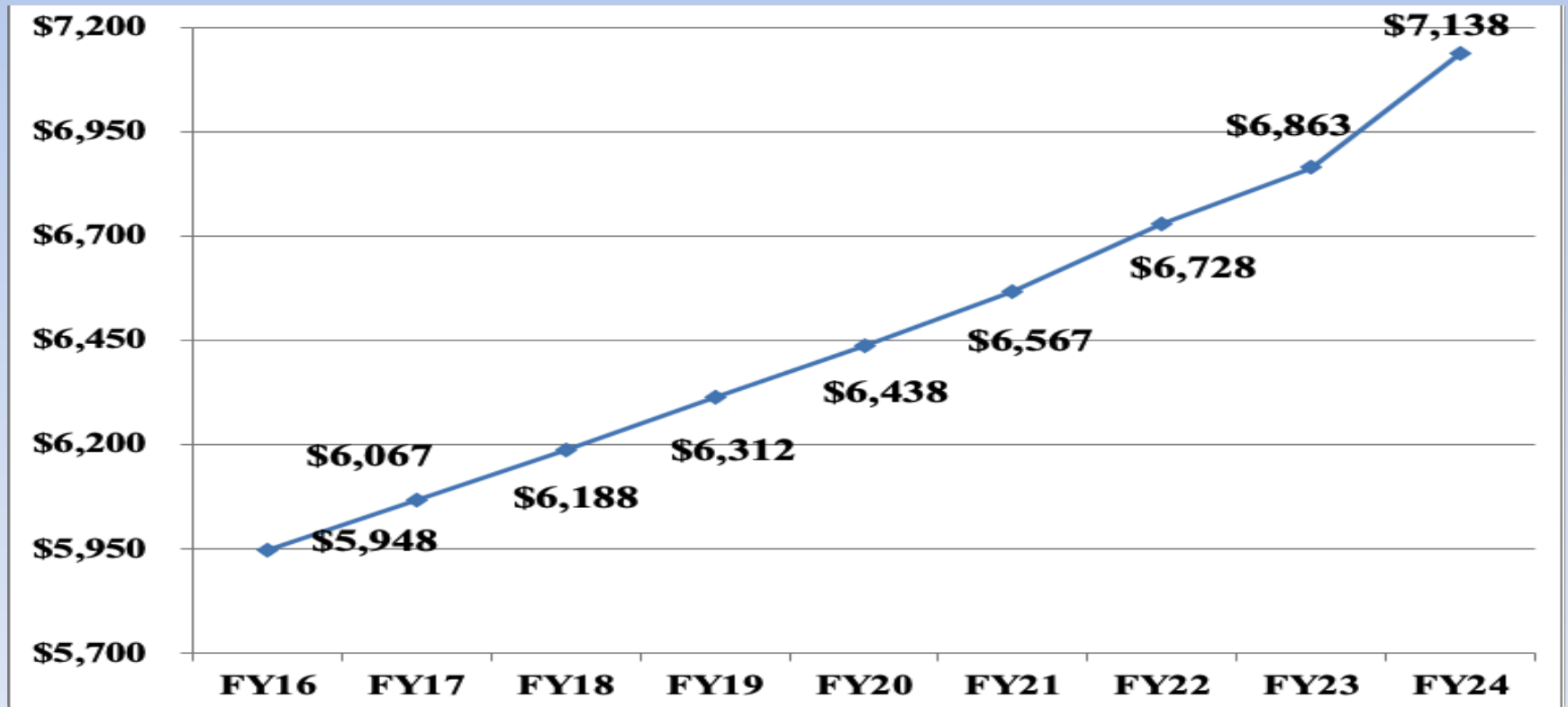
Revenue



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Formula Allowance

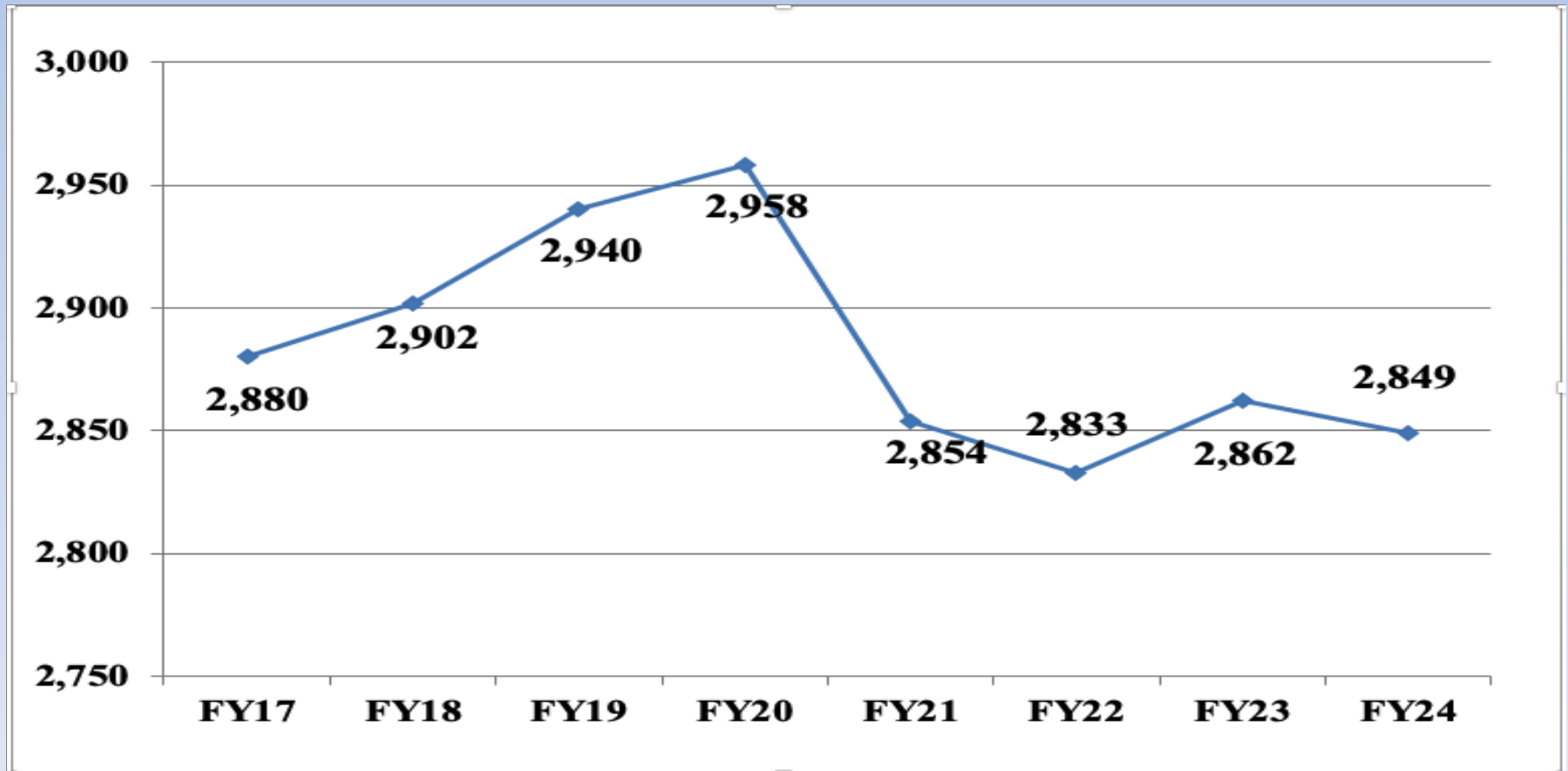




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Becker Students (Oct 1)





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How Are Levy Amounts Determined?

- **Legislature** sets formulas in statute to determine levy limits.
- **Mn Dept of Ed** calculates levy limits for each District, based on these formulas.
- **Board of Education** adopts proposed levy in September; final levy cannot exceed this, except for voter-approved levies.

Payable 2024 Proposed Levy All Funds

	ACTUAL 2022 PAY 2023	PROPOSED 2023 PAY 2024	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	% Change
General Fund	\$ 7,936,185	\$ 8,351,663	\$ 415,478	5.24%
Community Education Fund	219,716	231,882	12,166	5.54%
Debt Service Fund	3,820,995	3,803,084	(17,911)	-0.47%
TOTAL PROPOSED LEVY	✓ \$ 11,976,896	\$ 12,386,629	✓ \$ 409,733	3.42%

General Fund Levy Changes

Overall change is \$415,478 increase

- **Reemployment Levy** increased by \$70,000. Result of levy in current year.
- **Operating Referendum Levies** increased by \$277,108 due to inflationary increase allowed and the state aid portion of total per student allowance decreasing.
- **Long Term Facilities Maintenance Levy** increased by \$28,648 due the state lowering aid portion of revenue.
- **Building Lease Levy** increased by \$27,429, result of Becker District share of special education coop building costs adjustment.
- **Annual OPEB Levy** increased by \$8,514 due to retirees insurance costs.
- **All other General Fund levies (4 categories)** increased by \$3,779; mostly the result of enrollment adjustments.

Community Ed Levy Changes

Overall change is \$12,166 increase

- **Community Ed. levy** increased \$11,316 as a result of increased population.
- **Early Childhood levy** decreased \$6,539 as a result of previous years adjustments.
- **Other Community Ed levies** increased by \$7,389 combined.

Debt Service Levy Changes

Overall change is \$17,911 decrease

- **Reduction for Debt Excess Levy** decreased levy by \$18,427 from the excess fund balance in the Debt Service fund.
- **All other debt service levies** increased by \$516.

How is MY Property Tax Determined?

1. **County Assessor** determines market value for each parcel of property.
2. **MN Legislature** sets formulas for Tax Capacity. These formulas determine how the tax burden is split on different types of property (residential, commercial, ag, etc.).
3. **County Auditor** calculates the tax capacity for each parcel based on steps 1 & 2.
4. **County Auditor** divides the total levy by total tax capacity of the District to determine tax rate needed. Tax Rate is multiplied by each property's tax capacity*.

* Certain Levies are spread based on the Market Value rather than the tax capacity.

Who can I contact for answers?

Questions regarding District Specific Levy:

Kevin Januszewski, Director of Business Services – Becker Public Schools

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Questions regarding your Property Value:

Sherburne County Assessor's Office

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Any Questions?

