

School Board Meeting:

June 24, 2019

Subject:

RESOLUTION APPROVING SW METRO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 288'S SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THOSE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT'S PAY 2020 LEVY

Presenter:

Gary Kawlewski, Director
Finance and Operations
Scott Thielman, Superintendent

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Action required

DESCRIPTION:

As a part of the Safe Schools revenue legislation, school district cooperatives have the authority to utilize this revenue program. Currently, SW Metro has included the cost of school resource officers in the cost that they bill back to member districts through the tuition billing system. For Fiscal year 2020-21, which is paid out of the 19 pay 20 levy, they are looking to use this revenue source to cover the cost of those school resource officers. The revenue has a flow thru component similar to lease levy authority. We would levy and collect the taxes on behalf of the coop and then forward the funds onto the coop for their use with their safe schools program to fund their school resource officers. However, we would see a corresponding reduction in the tuition billing amount that reduces our special education aid each year. On the surface, this transaction is revenue neutral. However, over the last several years, the State of Minnesota has prorated special education aid. This levy transaction would reduce the impact of the proration slightly. This is an annual approval similar to the provisions of Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue.

The coop is looking to collect \$220,000 from their member districts. Our portion would be approximately \$19,196 or 8.73% of the total. The current tax impact projection on a \$200,000 home would be \$.96 per year.

We recommend approval of the attached resolution to allow Safe Schools levy authority for the SW Metro Coop.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Safe School Resolution-Pay 2020
- Pay 2020 Levy Allocation