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

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

SUBJECT: Estimated 2011 Levy

DATE: October 25, 2011

Annually, the Board of Education must first adopt an estimate of levy (attachment) and then, at a subsequent meeting, adopt this estimate (November 8, 2011). 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 2011, the proposed levy increase is in concert with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) or 1.5%, 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 2011 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 29, 2011 meeting (such presentation s included for preview) and then final adoption and public hearing at its December 13, 2011 meeting. 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 2010 extension was and, utilizing the 1.5% CPI, what the 2011 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 \$27 and \$92 million 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 either the estimated Certificate of Levy or the construction of the 2011 proposed levy, please let me know. I am sharing the proposed power point presentation but do not intend to formally present until the November 29, 2011 meeting.

Attachments (4)