School Board Meeting:	**May 24, 2021**
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 APPLICATION FOR SAFE SCHOOL REVENUE**
Presenter:	**Gary Kawlewski, Director Finance and Operations and Scott Thielman, Superintendent**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Action required

DESCRIPTION:

As a part of the Safe Schools revenue legislation, school district cooperatives and intermediate schools have the authority to utilize this revenue program. This is the third year of the Safe Schools Levy request from SW Metro. For Fiscal year 2022-23 as was the case for 2021-22, the intent is for districts to use the safe schools levy for intermediate districts that comes out of the 2021 pay 2022 levy. They are looking to use this revenue source to cover the cost of their school resource officers. The revenue has a flow thru component similar to lease and LTFM levy authority. We would levy and collect the taxes on behalf of SW Metro and then forward the funds onto them. 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, occasionally 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.

SW Metro is looking to collect $224,400 from their member districts. Our portion is $28,921.10 versus $25,390.36 for the prior year for an increase of $3,530.74. The current tax impact projection on a $200,000 home would be $1.25 per year which is $.05 higher than the prior 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 2022
- Pay 2022 levy amounts to Member Districts