



**Board of Education - Committee of the Whole Meeting
Northwood Middle School
945 North Ave.
Highland Park, IL 60035**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:00 PM

Mission

North Shore School District 112 is a transformative learning organization where curiosity inspires minds, innovation shapes the future, and students, staff, and families engage to create a kind and connected community that is committed to excellence.

Agenda

No Live Stream

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (7:00 p.m.)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discussion
 - a. Teaching & Learning- Superintendent Learning Goal
 - b. Financials
 - i. 5-Year Financial Projections
 - ii. 5-Year Capital Plan
 - iii. 2025 Tax Levy
5. Public Comments -The Board welcomes comments and gives them serious consideration. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker and will become part of the public record. Individual topics will have a limit of 30 minutes.
6. Other
7. Adjournment

5-Year Fiscal Projections



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5-Year Fiscal Projections - Background

- NSSD 112 has...
 - Utilized prior years' actual data
 - Imported the current Board-approved 2025-2026 Budget
 - Adjusted some current year revenue/expenditure line items as new information becomes available
 - Estimated future year revenues and expenditures for 5 additional fiscal years



5-Year Fiscal Projections - Background

- The forthcoming projections are conservative in nature, meaning...
 - Revenues are estimated on the low side.
 - Expenditures are estimated on the high side.



Critical Assumptions: Revenues

- CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for all Urban consumers)
 - Used for tax levy limitation calculations (assumed maximum levies)
 - 2.9% for TY 2025
 - 2.0% for TY 2026 - 2030



Critical Assumptions: Revenues

- Evidence-Based Funding/State Funding
 - Held flat in all years
- Interest Income
 - Held constant at \$2.6 million in Education Fund
- Other Revenue
 - Held flat most line items
- Federal Revenue
 - Held flat with exception of HVAC/
geothermal reimbursements



Critical Assumptions: Revenues

- HVAC/Geothermal Reimbursements
 - \$3.3 million in FY27
 - \$2.6 million in FY28
 - \$4.9 million in FY29



Critical Assumptions: Expenditures

- Teacher Staffing
 - Increased 1.2 FTE per year
- Support Staff
 - Held Constant
- Administrative Staff
 - Held Constant



Critical Assumptions: Expenditures

- Payroll
 - Teachers - estimated for contractual increases
 - Support Staff - estimated for contractual increases
 - Administration - 4%



Critical Assumptions: Expenditures

- Benefits
 - Health Insurance - 8.0% increases per year
 - Dental Insurance - 5.0% increases for trend
- Other Expenditures
 - 2.26% increases in all years (Federal Reserve 5-year inflation estimate)



Critical Assumptions: 5-Year Capital Plan

Project	FY 24-25	FY25 Fund	FY 25-26	FY26 Fund	FY 26-27	FY27 Fund	FY 27-28	FY28 Fund	FY 28-29	FY29 Fund	FY 29-30	FY30 Fund
Braeside Renovation			\$18,048,158	Capital Budget	\$6,244,160	Reserves						
Edgewood ADA Playground									\$400,000	O&M Budget		
Edgewood Kitchen Upgrades			\$800,000	Capital Budget								
Edgewood Outdoor ADA (minor)			\$50,000	O&M Budget								
Edgewood Painting/Tiling									\$50,000	O&M Budget		
Green Bay HVAC	\$140,857	O&M Budget										
Green Bay ADA Playground									\$400,000	O&M Budget		
Green Bay Preschool Move					\$50,000	O&M Budget						
Green Bay Tuckpointing/Brickwork			\$30,000	O&M Budget			\$75,000	O&M Budget				
Indian Trail ADA Playground									\$400,000	O&M Budget		
Indian Trail Painting/Tiling											\$25,000	O&M Budget
Northwood ADA Playground							\$400,000	O&M Budget				
Northwood Kitchen Upgrades			\$900,000	Capital Budget								
Northwood Painting/Tiling									\$50,000	O&M Budget		
Oak Terrace ADA Playground			\$400,000	O&M Budget								
Oak Terrace Renovation					\$8,000,000	Reserves						
Ravinia Parking					\$150,000	O&M Budget						
Ravinia Roof Upgrades	3,088,657	Capital Budget										
Sherwood ADA Playground			\$400,000	O&M Budget								
Sherwood Renovation			\$22,149,413	Capital Budget/ \$12 MM reserve								
Wayne Thomas ADA Playground							\$400,000	O&M Budget				
Wayne Thomas Lockers					\$40,000	O&M Budget						
Wayne Thomas Renovation					\$19,823,534	Reserves	\$6,213,041	Reserves				
Wayne Thomas Roof Upgrades					\$2,469,365	Reserves						
Wayne Thomas Window Upgrades					\$478,269	Reserves						
HLS 10-year Review					\$388,000	O&M Budget						
Various sidewalk and asphalt repairs	\$14,678	O&M Budget	\$120,000	O&M Budget	\$50,000	O&M Budget	\$50,000	O&M Budget	\$50,000	O&M Budget	\$50,000	O&M Budget
Grand Totals	\$3,244,192		\$42,897,571		\$37,693,328		\$7,138,041		\$1,350,000		\$75,000	

Critical Assumptions: HLS Work

Elm Place: \$119,345

Green Bay: \$86,215

Oak Terrace: \$101,907

Red Oak: \$80,266

Grand Total: \$387,733



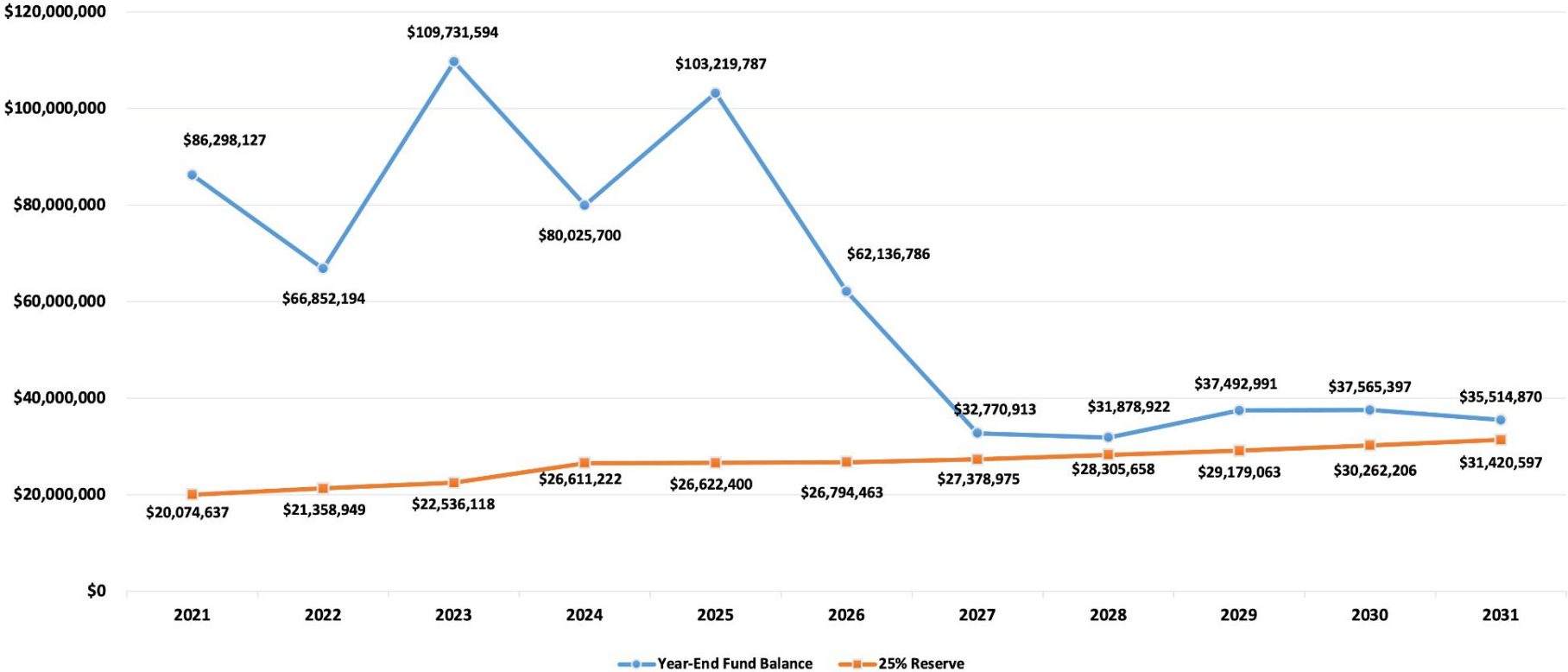
Critical Assumptions: Debt Restructuring

- 2019 Bonds are callable on June 1, 2028, which means they cannot be refunded on a tax exempt basis until early March 2028.
- Based on current interest rates and future assumptions, we estimate we could get approximately \$18 million in additional funds without increasing the annual tax levy. Additional funds are not in the projections.



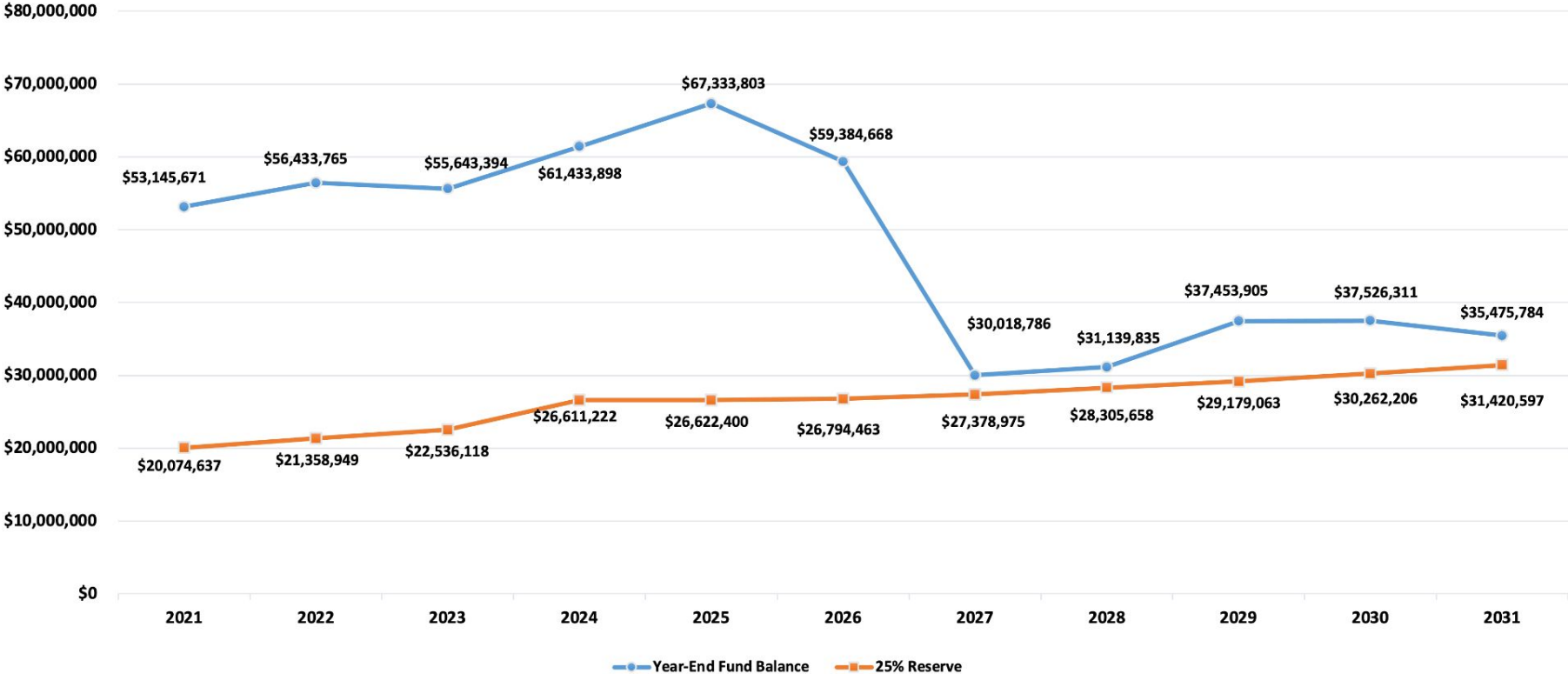
Base Model - All Funds

Fund Balance



Base Model - All Funds Except Capital Projects

Fund Balance



Risks & Opportunities Impacting Projections

Risk / Headwinds

- Inflation > 5% or < 2%
- Possible loss of some geothermal tax credits
- Potential Title funding impact
- Pre-pay Trane items in 2025 to qualify for domestic content
- Construction overages (if any)
- Accelerate ADA playgrounds (if directed)
- Preschool Phase 3 considerations
- Admin leases Phase 3 considerations

Opportunities / Tailwinds

- Inflation between 2% and 5%
- Lease / sell vacant buildings
- Debt restructuring in FY28
- Annual surplus from conservative forecasting
- Red Oak savings
- TrueNorth potential restructuring
- Oak Terrace capital spending
- Construction savings (if achieved)



ANY QUESTIONS?



2025 Property Tax Levy Presentation



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Tax Levy Information

What is the difference between a tax levy and a tax extension?

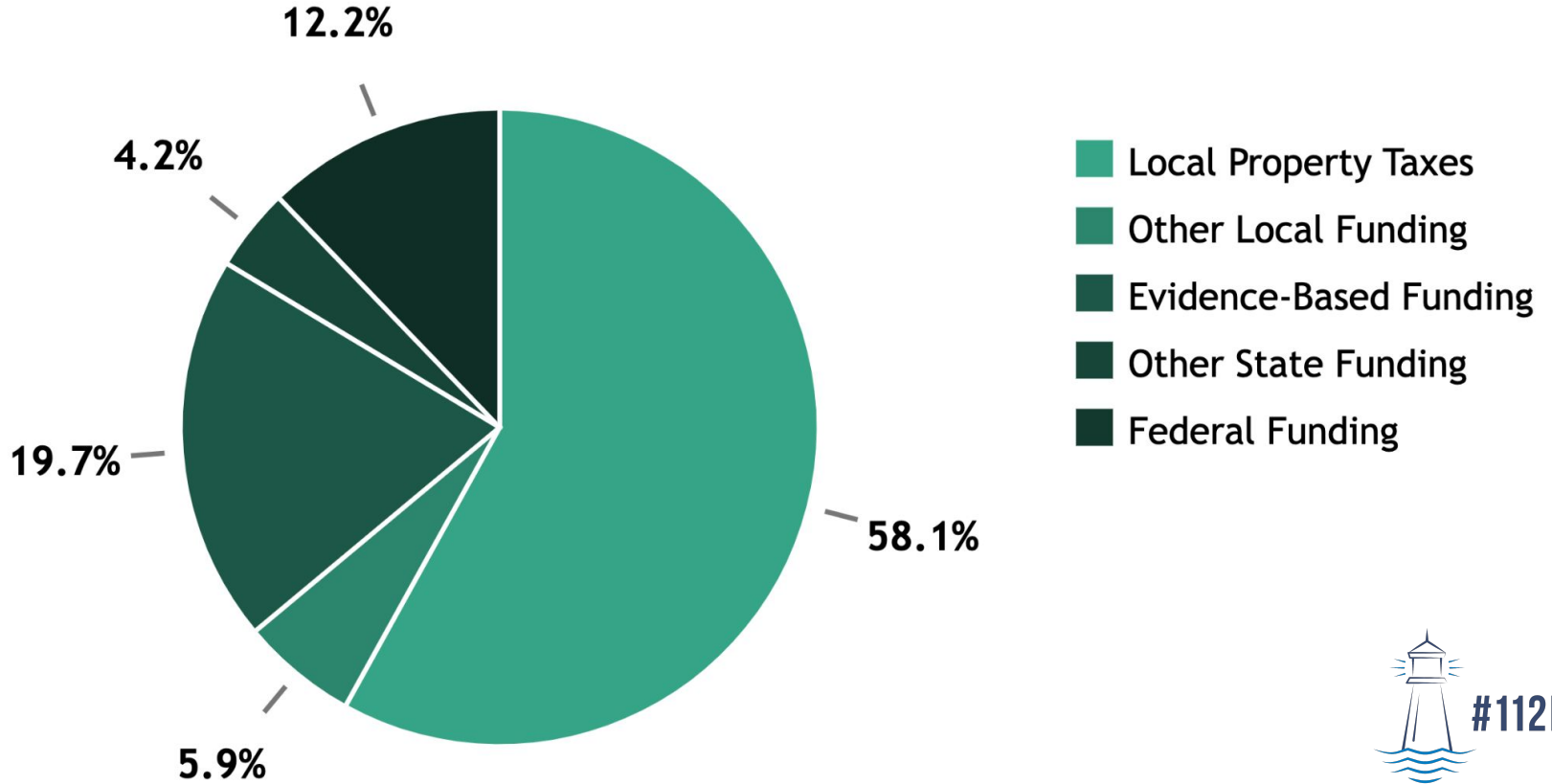
- A tax levy is the amount of money a school district requests to be raised from property taxes. A tax extension is the amount of money that a school district receives from property taxes.

Why are a tax levy and tax extension important?

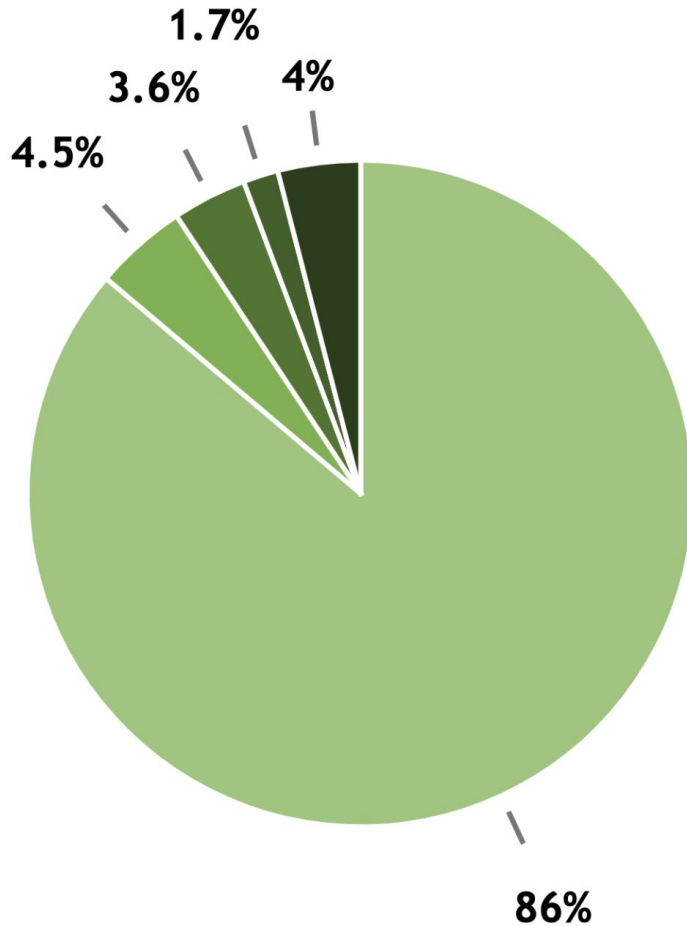
- Most Illinois school district revenue comes from local property taxes.
- For tax-capped school districts, each tax extension is limited by its prior year tax extension plus inflation (CPI-U) or 5%, whichever is less.



Illinois School District Averages - Revenue Percentages (FY 2023)



District Financial Information - Revenue Percentages (FY 2023)



\$93 M

- Local Property Taxes
- Other Local Funding
- Evidence-Based Funding
- Other State Funding
- Federal Funding



Tax Levy Information

What is the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL)?

- Each tax extension is limited by the prior year's tax extension multiplied by the December Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) or 5%, whichever is less, for the preceding calendar year. PTELL is also known as a "tax cap."

Does new property count against the tax cap?

- No, new property is added to the tax rolls after the "limiting rate" is calculated. Thus, new property provides additional revenue in excess of the tax cap.



Public Act 102-0895

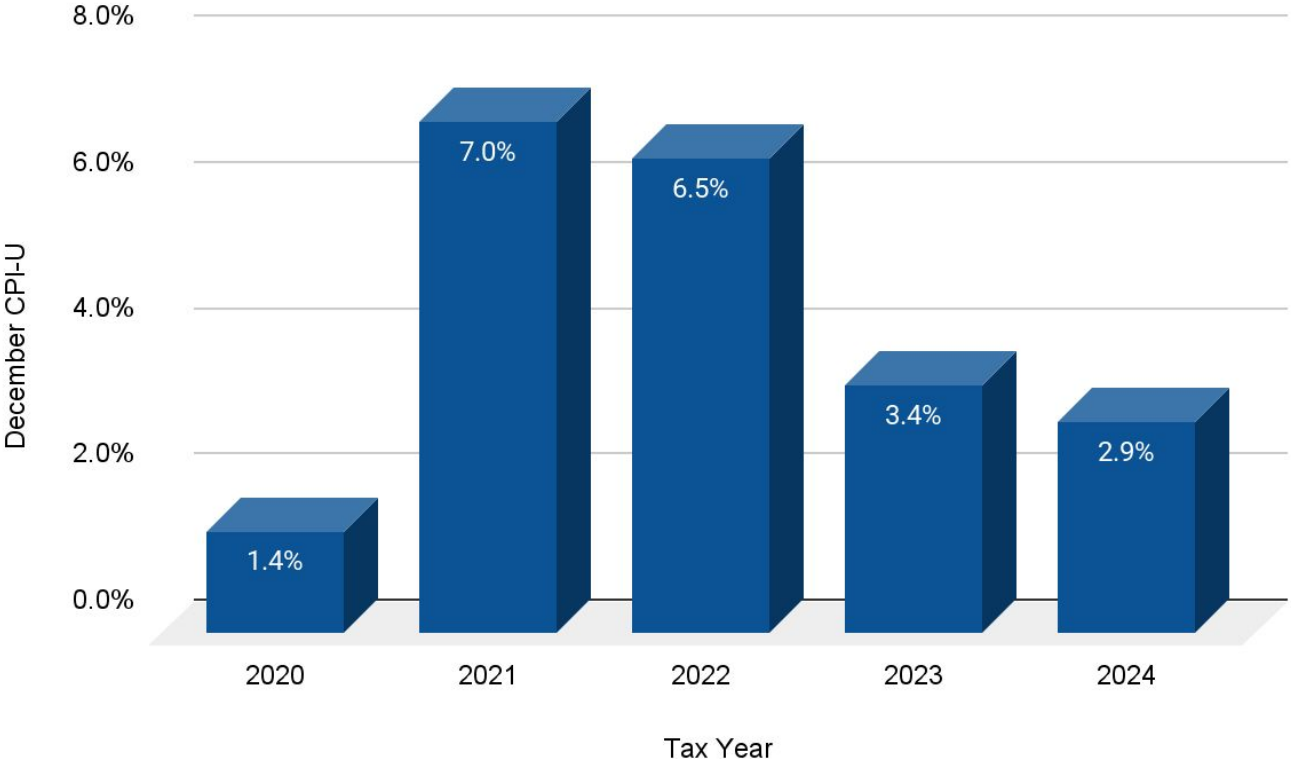
The District funds its Alternate Revenue Bond payments (approximately \$3.9 million per year) from its Operations & Maintenance Fund.

North Shore School District 112 Summary of Cash & Investments June 30, 2025

	Cash & Investments June 30, 2025	% of Total	Cash & Investments May 31, 2025	Monthly Change in Cash & Investments	Cash & Investments June 30, 2024	% of Total	Annual Change in Cash & Investments
10 Education	\$ 88,211,838.30	59%	\$ 69,324,768.12	\$ 18,887,070.18	\$ 82,017,230.51	63%	\$ 6,194,607.79
20 Operations and Maintenance	\$ 13,869,759.49	9%	\$ 9,656,574.61	\$ 4,213,184.88	\$ 10,764,246.55	8%	\$ 3,105,512.94
30 Debt Service	\$ 4,538,660.57	3%	\$ 1,242,092.63	\$ 3,296,567.94	\$ 4,435,025.37	3%	\$ 103,635.20
40 Transportation	\$ 2,616,998.30	2%	\$ 1,614,674.82	\$ 1,002,323.48	\$ 4,893,686.36	4%	\$ (2,276,688.06)
50 Municipal Retirement	\$ 2,845,859.33	2%	\$ 3,096,173.70	\$ (250,314.37)	\$ 3,641,993.68	3%	\$ (796,134.35)
60 Capital Projects	\$ 34,035,882.06	23%	\$ 41,244,846.81	\$ (7,208,964.75)	\$ 20,824,669.25	16%	\$ 13,211,212.81
70 Working Cash	\$ 4,016,300.18	3%	\$ 3,924,648.37	\$ 91,651.81	\$ 3,683,744.08	3%	\$ 332,556.10
Total District Funds	\$ 150,135,298.23	100%	\$ 130,103,779.06	\$ 20,031,519.17	\$ 130,260,595.80	100%	\$ 19,874,702.43
99 Student Activity	\$ 233,718.21	0%	\$ 245,891.16	\$ (12,172.95)	\$ 228,767.76	0%	\$ 4,950.45
Total All Funds	\$ 150,369,016.44	100%	\$ 130,349,670.22	\$ 20,019,346.22	\$ 130,489,363.56	100%	\$ 19,879,652.88

**Please note that the District is reporting cash and investments on a cost basis.

CPI - Historical



Levy Process Flow

CPI 2.9%
December 2024



Levy Hearing
Fall 2025



Fiscal Year
July 2026 –
June 2027



Receipts
May - September
2026



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E31112: NORTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT #112

Tax Year: 2025

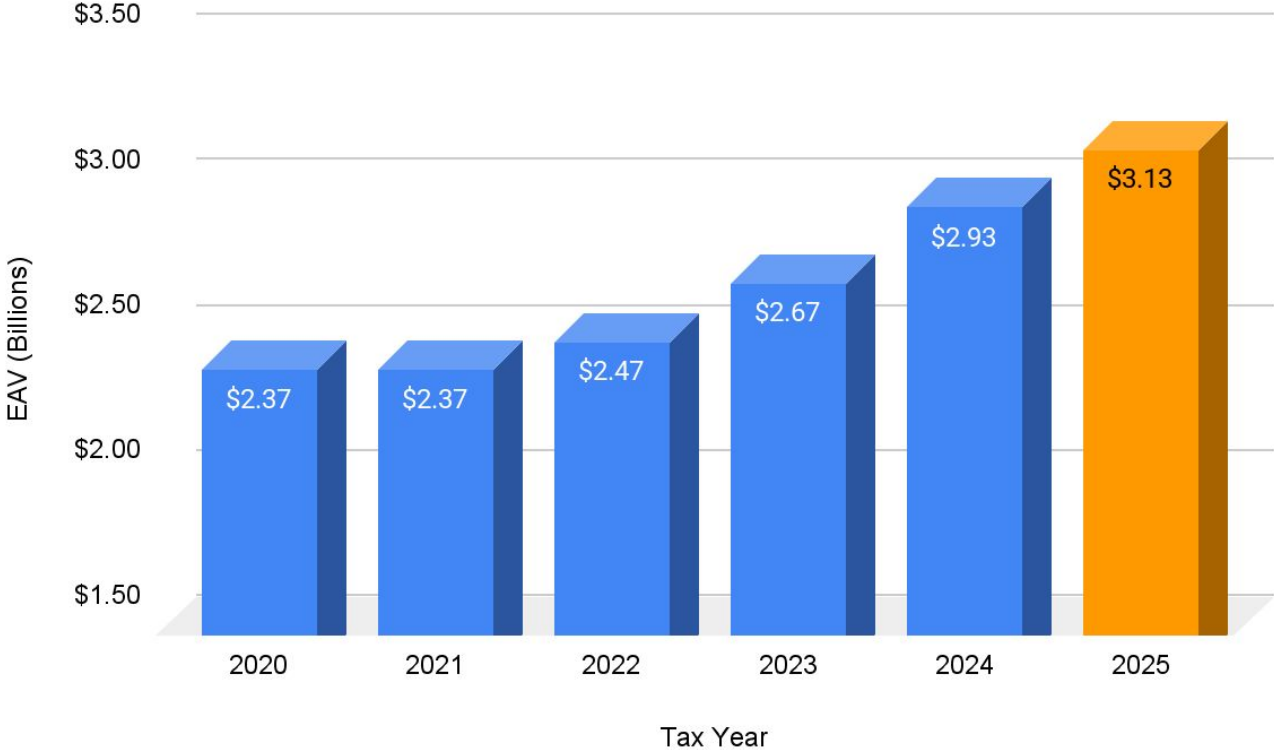
Parcel Count: 14,051

Assessed Value (AV):		3,301,786,028
Homestead Impv Exmpt:	-	2,877,350
Disabled Vet Homestead Exmpt:	-	0
Pre-State Multiplier AV:		3,298,908,678
State Multiplier:	x	100%
Post-State Multiplier AV:		3,298,908,678
Farm AV:	+	4,440
Pollution Control AV:	+	0
Railroad AV:	+	0
General Homestead Exmpt:	-	74,562,000
Senior Homestead Exmpt:	-	26,290,221
Senior Freeze Exmpt:	-	1,590,921
Returning Vet Exmpt:	-	0
Disabled Vet Standard Exmpt:	-	11,607,184
Disabled Person Exmpt:	-	82,000
Natural Disaster Exmpt:	-	0
EAV incl. <150 AV PINs:		3,184,780,792
EAV w/out <150 AV PINs:		3,184,774,567
TIF Increment:	-	51,751,903
District Taxable EAV (incl. new const.):		3,133,022,664
New Const. incl. in TIF Increment:		0
New Const. incl. in District Taxable EAV:		17,015,820

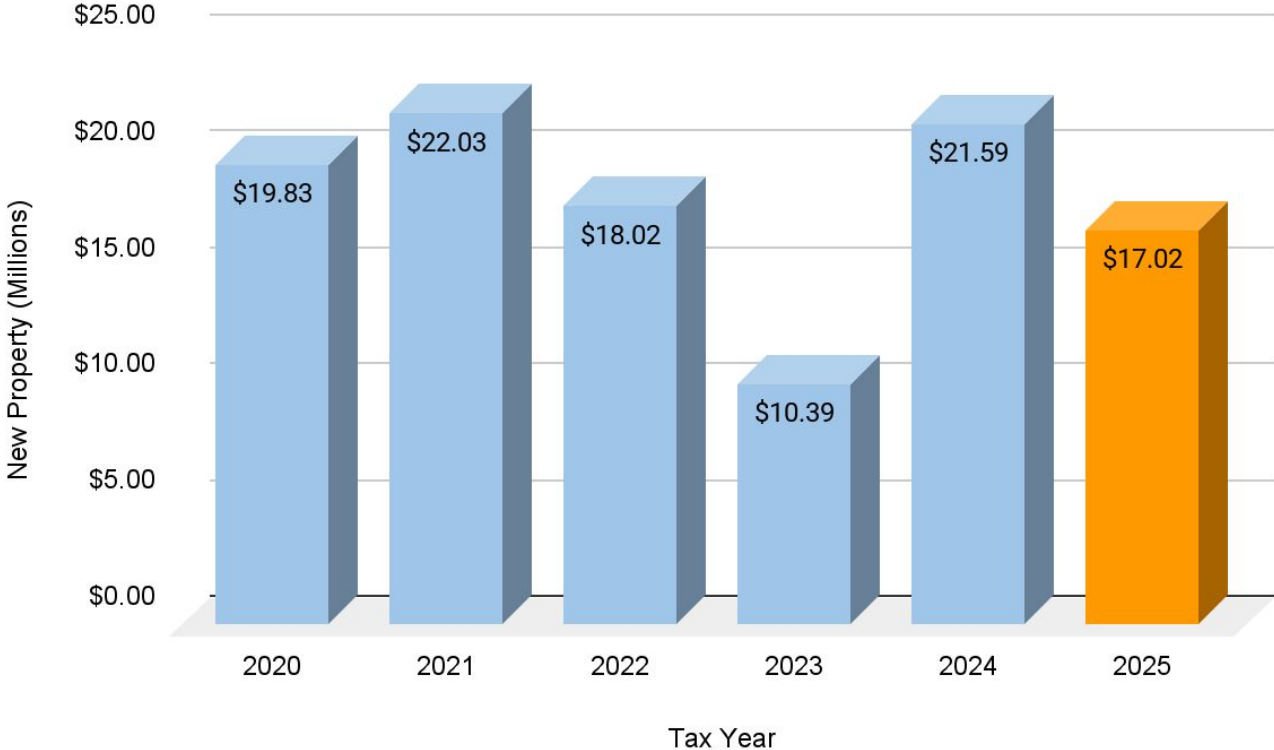


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D112 EAV - Historical & One Year Estimated



New Property - Historical & One Year Estimated



Levy Comparison

Prior Year, Current Request, & Anticipated Extension

Fund	Actual Prior Year Extension	Recommended Levy Request	Levy Request % Increase	Est. Current Year Extension	\$ Change from Prior Year	% Change from Prior Year
Education	\$72,298,148	\$75,549,058	4.50%	\$74,801,048	\$2,502,900	3.46%
Operations & Maintenance	\$12,655,792	\$13,224,865	4.50%	\$13,093,925	\$438,133	3.46%
Transportation	\$3,835,422	\$4,007,883	4.50%	\$3,968,201	\$132,779	3.46%
Working Cash	\$219,138	\$228,992	4.50%	\$226,724	\$7,586	3.46%
Special Education	\$832,887	\$870,339	4.50%	\$861,721	\$28,834	3.46%
Subtotal Capped Funds	\$89,841,387	\$93,881,137	4.50%	\$92,951,618	\$3,110,232	3.46%
Prior Year Recapture	\$884,820	N/A	N/A	\$650,000	-\$234,820	-26.54%
Referendum Debt Service	\$7,985,900	N/A	N/A	\$7,983,747	-\$2,153	-0.03%
Total Levy/Extension	\$98,712,106	\$93,881,137	N/A	\$101,585,365	\$2,873,259	2.91%

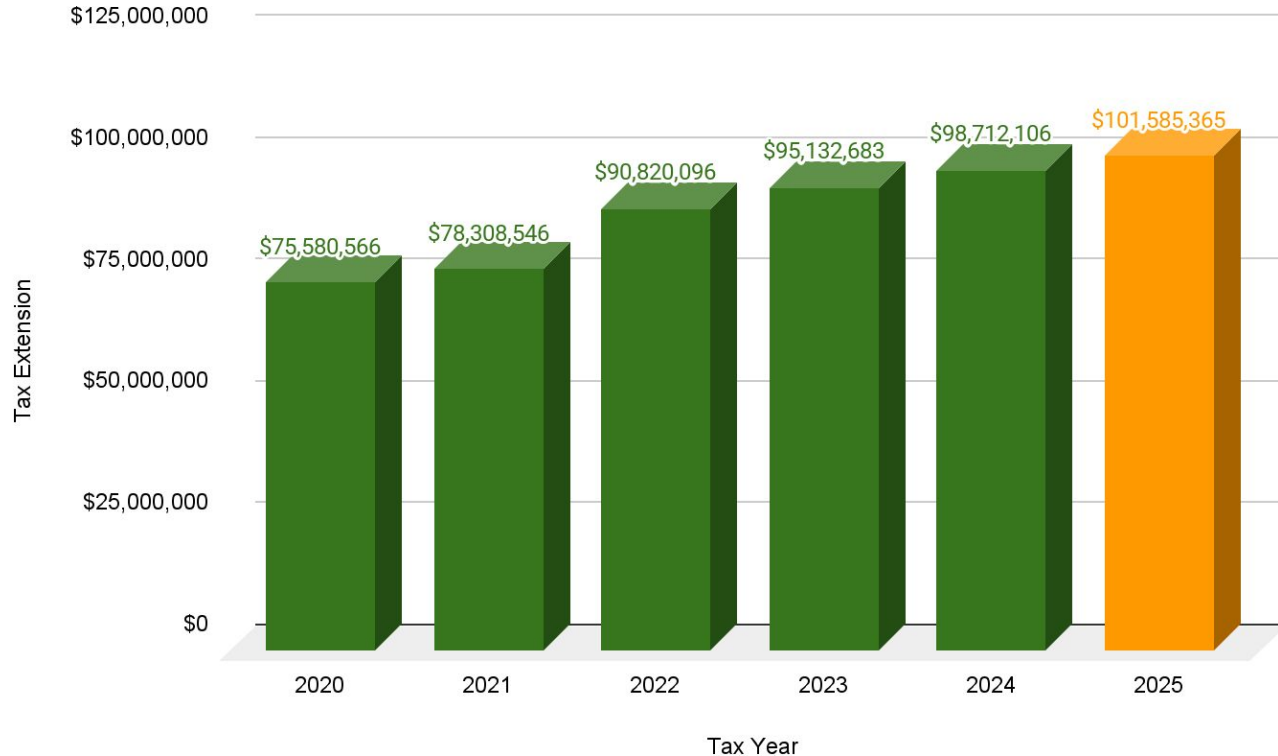
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$$\text{Tax Rate} = \frac{\text{Tax Extension}}{\text{EAV}}$$

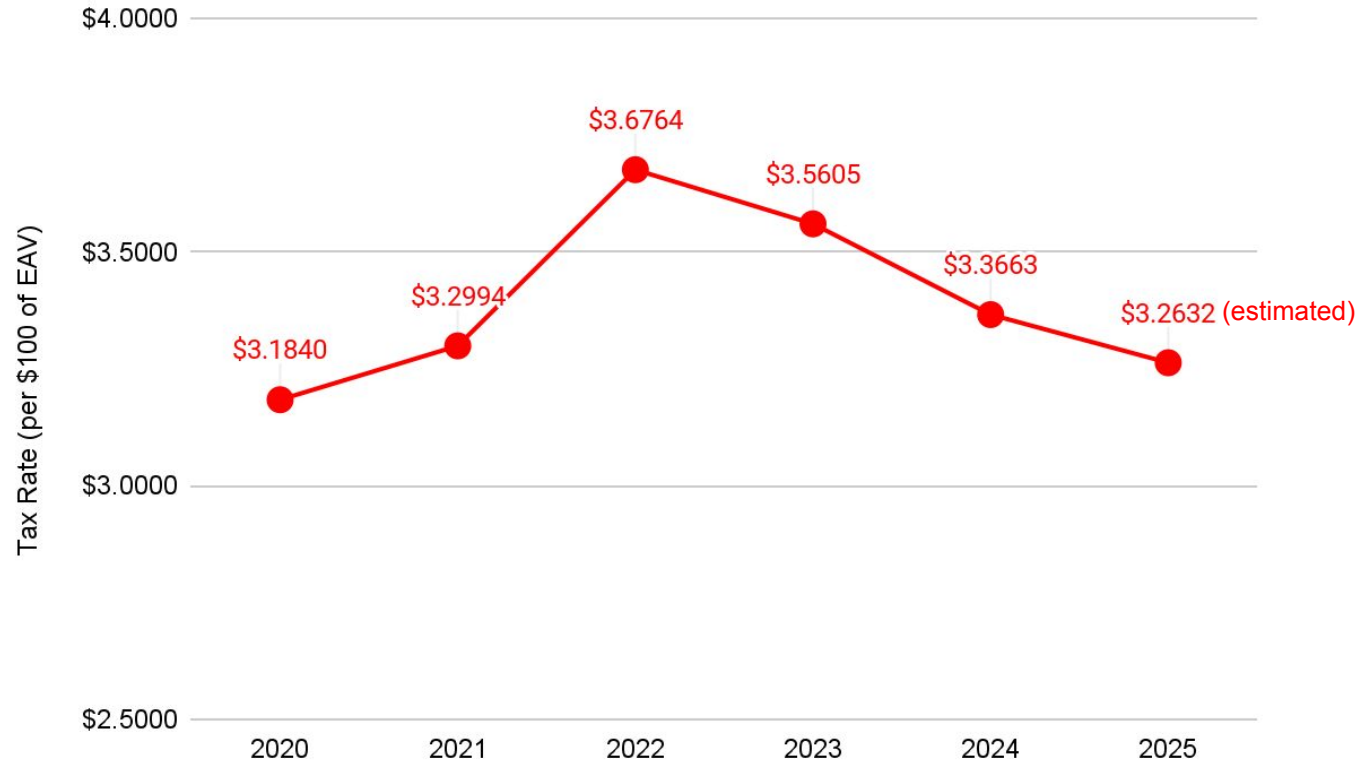
EAV = Equalized Assessed Valuation (D112 property values)



Tax Extension - Historical & One Year Estimated



Tax Rate - Historical & One Year Estimated



Why is NSSD 112 Requesting an Increased Levy?

- Fiscal projections indicate that we need this money to finish Phase 2 and maintain our 25% fund balance to expenditure ratio.
- Inflation (CPI-U) is was 2.9% over the 2024 calendar year. This levy will help the District keep up with inflation. The District has maintained its educational programming, so more money is needed to operate our programs, given our contractual raises.



Increasing Costs

- Contracts/Costs increasing at 2.9% or more:
 - NSEA (Certified) Employment Contract (3.7%)
 - NSSSA (Classified) Employment Contract (4.5%)
 - First Student Regular Transportation (2.9%)
 - ABM Custodial Services (2.9%)
 - Property/Casualty Insurance (9.2%)
 - Worker's Compensation (11.5%)



What does this mean for an individual taxpayer?

Fair Cash Value of House:	\$650,000
EAV of House (1/3 of Fair Cash Value):	\$216,667
2024 D112 Tax Rate:	\$3.5605 per \$100 of EAV
Estimated 2025 Increase:	2.90%
2024 D112 Taxes Paid:	(\$7,293.58)
Estimated 2025 D112 Taxes:	\$7,505.09
Estimated 2025 Increase:	\$211.51*



*Estimated tax increase is \$17.63 per month for a \$650,000 house



Levy Timeline

- Approve an estimated tax levy on October 21, 2025.
- Publish the required Truth in Taxation notice in The Highland Park News in November.
- Hold a public hearing and approve the 2025 final tax levy on November 18, 2025.
- File the 2025 adopted certificate of tax levy no later than the last Tuesday of December in 2025 (December 30th).



Key Takeaways

- Administration recommends taking the full tax levy allowable under the tax caps.
- NSSD 112's operating surpluses are necessary to be able to afford our renovation work and maintain our 25% fund balance minimum.



ANY QUESTIONS?

