

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Prepare 2022 Tax Levy And Set Date

Cook County taxing districts adhere to the Truth in Taxation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-55; Division 2). This law requires the District to estimate the necessary amount of its aggregate levy not fewer than 20 days before taking action to adopt the levy. If the estimated levy exceeds 105% of the amount extended on the aggregate levy of the preceding year, then the District must follow the specific public notification requirements.

Regardless of the levy amount, the District considers it a good practice to continue with the spirit of the Truth in Taxation Law by complying with notification and public hearing requirements. This resolution authorizes the Administration to proceed with the preparation of the 2022 levy and to announce the public hearing 2022 date of November 14, 2022.

7.02 Prepare 2023-2024 Budget

Section 5/17-1 of the Illinois School Code requires an annual budget to be prepared in tentative form by "... some person or persons designated by the board, and in such tentative form shall be made conveniently available to public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon." Members of the Board of Education will designate the Superintendent to cause a tentative budget to be prepared for the 2023-24 fiscal year based on the following budget parameters:

- In accordance with Board approved Fund Balance Policy;
- Allocate costs associated with implementing the District Strategic Plan;
- Project staffing based on enrollment projections, proposed staffing plans and frameworks;
- Allocate salary costs based on Board authorized percentage increases and negotiated agreements;
- Allocate insurance benefit costs based on projections and plans as identified through the Insurance Committee process;
- Allocate facilities, equipment and capital improvement project costs adopted by the Board of Education;
- Allocate funds to support District technology plan;
- Allocate funds to support District initiatives;
- Restructure budgets as deemed necessary to meet financial goals;
- Allocate resources in alignment with other assumptions and strategies as set forth in the Long-Term Financial Plan, representative of the Board's goal to maintain its State Financial Profile Recognition status.

In addition, the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, 50 ILCS 150/10, and Board of Education Policies 2:125 and 5:60 requires the Board of Education to review the Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Amount (MARA). The adoption of this resolution will set that amount equal to the budgeted travel expenses amount for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

7.03 Authorizing Intervention at the Property Tax Appeals Board (PTAB) for Assessment of Appeals

Property owners have the right to challenge the assessment of their property to the Cook County Board of Appeals. This resolution authorizes Community Consolidated School District 59 to intervene on all assessment appeals, rather than each time a notice is received from the Cook County Board of Review on a newly-filed appeal. Notification of Property Tax Appeals Board (PTAB) cases are forwarded to Franczek P.C. as received. District 59 intervenes in all cases, sometimes in partnership with District 214, depending on the location of the property and the requested amount of assessed value reduction. Franczek P.C. may have cases reviewed by appraisers to determine the validity of the case. In most cases, the case is settled prior to further actions. However, in some cases a full appraisal is recommended, or a case can progress to an actual hearing with PTAB. This resolution provides maximum flexibility in responding to newly-filed appeals.