



December 13, 2021

## Truth in Taxation Hearing

Finance Liaison Tina Garrett called the hearing to order. She opened the hearing by reminding attendees that the 2021 tax levy is the focus of the hearing and provided the public time to comment. A legal hearing notice was published in the Des Plaines Journal December 1 and December 2.

The proposed levy amounts for all funds, in addition to other annual revenue, are projected to account for the expenditures during the 2022-2023 school year. The total levy request for 2021 is \$83,701,000 which reflects an increase of approximately 8.59% for New Property and 1.4% for CPI-U, for a total of 9.99% over the 2020 tax extension. The estimated 2021 total tax rate for District 62 is \$3.930 per \$100 of taxable value. The 2020 total tax rate was \$3.696 per \$100 of taxable value.

While the Board of Education recognizes the fact that the district's financial outlook is strong, it should be noted that the tax cap in Cook County, PTAB's (property tax refunds), the state economy, collective bargaining agreements and various pieces of legislation that may or may not be considered, will continue to pose financial challenges in the years ahead. District 62 continues to try to adhere to its Financial Planning Policy, which continues to guide administration related budgeting and expenditures. The Board of Education will continue to strive to provide the best educational programming it can for our children given the resources available and the current economic environment. With the continued support of our community, we hope to maintain high standards, as we continue to prepare our students to become productive and responsible citizens.

There are three main components to calculating tax extension. Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is known, and Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and new construction, which are not. The 2021 tax levy projects \$140 million in new construction due to the large projects being completed

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in district and the expiration of a TIF. Conservatively estimated at \$70 million last year, actual new construction was \$28.5 million. Projections and actuals can vary greatly as we don't know when new properties hit the tax rolls, nor do we know their EAV. The district needs to over-estimate new construction to collect all tax dollars available.

The new construction and the expired TIF accounts for most of the 9.99% increase. Can't be stressed enough that existing taxpayers will see an approximate increase of 1.4%.

Given the 2020 CPI of 1.4%, and if new construction were the same as last year, the total extension for 2021 would increase by about 5.4% to approximately \$80.2 million. The 2020 extension was \$76.1 million.

The Board of Education is abating the 2021 Debt Service Fund Levy, which is \$8.171 million. This represents 9.25% savings to the current taxpayers.

## Student Learning and Support Services Update

### IN This Together Update

The district's administration shared an update as part of its monthly report to the Board of Education. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

### Review of School Improvement Plans and Approval of Algonquin School Improvement Plan

The accompanying School Improvement Plans, prepared by principals, assistant principals and teacher leaders at every school site, are in effect for the 2021-2022 school year. Below, please find descriptions of the contents of each school's plan:

- The School Improvement Plans align with our District's Strategic Plan.
- Each plan includes measurable goals in three key areas: student academics, student social-emotional learning, and school transitions.
- Each goal area includes actionable steps that schools are taking to meet their set goals.
- Principals and assistant principals review progress on their goals and action steps with school staff during building meetings and team leader meetings. While all school's School Improvement Plans are



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included for the Board of Education’s review, as a requirement of the Title I 1003 (e) school improvement grant that Algonquin Middle School, it is requested that the Board of Education approve Algonquin Middle School’s 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan as such.

## Consent Agenda

### Kathleen Kelly Colgan named Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Kathleen Kelly Colgan was named the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources at the December 13 Board of Education Meeting.

Kelly Colgan comes to the district with just under two decades of experience in education, having served the last four as Executive Director for Human Resources in J. Sterling Morton High School District 201. Prior to that, Kelly Colgan served for three years as the Director for Human Resources in North Chicago District 187.

“I am honored and excited to join the Des Plaines 62 team, and I look forward to building upon the strong foundation created by Dr. Hertel and Dr. Amadei in the Human Resources office,” said Kelly Colgan. “I have a professional passion for building capacity and fostering leadership in others, and finding and keeping the best educators for our kids is one of the most rewarding aspects of my role.”



Kelly Colgan will take on the role in July of 2022 once Dr. Michael Amadei becomes Superintendent.

### Update for 2022-2023 Iroquois Community School Calendar

An update to the Iroquois Community School calendar has been made with Iroquois staff and administration’s input. Please see below for more detailed information:

- The update pertains to making September 12, 2022 a student school day.
- This means that September 13-14 have now become parent - teacher conference dates with September 13 being the first day of fall intersession.
- This update was needed due to the fact that the state of Illinois has declared January 2, 2023 a state holiday in observance of the new year which will fall on a Sunday in 2023.
- This update ensures that Iroquois Community School’s calendar meets the requirements for the number of school days set by the state of Illinois.

Click [here](#) to view the updated calendar.

## Communications

### Board of Education

Members Morrissey and Weller extended their sincere appreciation for the vaccine clinic held on December 4.

## Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel shared with the Board that the district will provide a list of resources and supports for families that will be posted on the website as we continue to find ways to help our students during the pandemic. In addition, Dr. Hertel recognized the success of the Community Backpack Program that currently supports 158 families. District 62 is very thankful to the community partners that have come together to support students.

## Tax Levy Comparison 2016-2021 Dashboard

The district benefits from having a large Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) base, which in recent years has seen a shift of more tax burden to the residential properties from the commercial/industrial properties. Over the past ten years, Consumer Price Index (CPI) has averaged 1.8%, which is down from the 2.5% thirty-year average. Due to the historically low trend, the district has experienced smaller annual increases in the levy extension and the tax dollars collected as it would have prior to the recession of 2008-09.

The base EAV was higher in 2019 as Cook County performed its triennial reassessment for suburban properties located in northern half of the county. The EAV for district 62 has been approximately \$1.75 billion during the last assessment period from 2016-2018. With the 2019 reassessment, EAV in District 62 went up 18.5% to over \$2 billion, this had the effect of reducing the tax rate from about \$4.00 per \$100 of taxable value to approximately \$3.50 per \$100 of taxable value.

While FY2021 CPI will be the highest in many years, the district will need to continue monitoring its revenues. There is still a possibility of a property tax freeze would limit the district's ability to raise revenues in the coming years. Developments on any reduction in state funding or property tax freeze will need to be closely monitored and the district will manage its resources to ensure that spending stays inline with the projected revenue increases.

Click [here](#) to view a copy of the report.