



TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Brady Hoffman, Executive Director of Business Services

DATE: September 10, 2026

SUBJECT: **Proposed 2026 Payable 2027 Property Tax Levy Review**

Background:

- **Statutory Requirement:** Minnesota statutes require school districts to certify proposed property tax levies payable in 2027 by September 30, 2026.
- **Levy Option ("Maximum"):** Districts may certify either a specific dollar amount or the "Maximum". Because the Department of Education continuously updates levy calculations, selecting "Maximum" ensures the district captures any favorable adjustments. Certifying a specific dollar amount caps the levy and prevents any future increases.
- **Truth-in-Taxation Hearing:** Statutes mandate a public hearing during a regular school board meeting, with the date and time formally announced when the proposed levy is certified. The hearing is scheduled for **December 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM** during the regular board meeting.

Recommended Action (September 24, 2026 Board Meeting)

Approve the proposed 2026 payable 2027 property tax levy at the **"Maximum"** level and certify the preliminary levy to the county auditor.

Attachments

Preliminary Levy Certification Summary: Will be distributed as soon as it is released by the Minnesota Department of Education (statutorily required by September 8).