

## **Tax Levy Computation**

Calculation of the levy begins with the completion of the revenue limit worksheet which is used to determine the district's total revenue from two sources: state aid and local tax levy.

The district's 2019-20 revenue limit is \$36,754,613, of which \$21,397,310 is provided through state equalization aid (58%). The local levy is further reduced by \$87,873 additional dollars of state aid. The remaining \$15,269,430 is determined to be the operational General Fund tax levy.

Next we calculate the tax levy dollars associated with the approved referendum. This levy includes principal and interest payments to be made in calendar year 2020. The debt schedule for next year shows that we require a levy of \$2,903,081. The debt levy is reduced this year by premiums paid through the debt issuance process.

The last portion of the levy is used for our Community Recreation Program. This fund is used to support educational and recreational programs for children and adults outside the school day. The levy for this fund is \$237,057.

The total tax levy of \$18,409,568 combines these three amounts. The school district distributes the approved tax levy to the municipalities according to the proportion of equalized value each municipality has in comparison to the total equalized value of the school district. Each municipal treasurer distributes this levy amount the various residents based on the assessed value of the property within the municipality.

Equalized valuation plays a very important role in determining the school mil (tax) rate. To calculate the school mil rate, the district divides the amount of the levy by the equalized value. Property owners may experience different fluctuations in the school portion of their levy due to changes in the value of their municipality and/or changes to their assessment.

To determine the rate per thousand, we divide the total levy by the total equalized value: \$18,409,568 / \$1,988,294,041 to arrive at a mil rate of \$9.26.

*Please review the distribution of the tax levy by referring to the document on the district's website.*