



Stevenson High School Board Bulletin

A monthly message from the Board of Education

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Welcome to our Stevenson High School Board Bulletin, a monthly message from our Board of Education that will include key updates that impact student life at Stevenson. We are very pleased to share several key takeaways from our most recent board meeting below. Thank you for your engagement on these very important issues! We look forward to staying in touch.

Sincerely,
Stevenson High School Board of Education

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Our board meeting agendas often include many items for discussion. While you will always be able to review the agenda, meeting minutes and video recordings of these meetings on [our Board webpage](#), this Board Bulletin provides key takeaways for our Stevenson community.

- 1** AP Micro- and Macroeconomics faculty from the Social Studies Division presented a brief summary of their work on social emotional learning. Looking at [the CASEL framework](#), the focus has been on helping students develop their self-awareness and responsible decision-making. How? Self awareness: Faculty made it a critical component of the curriculum to ask students to demonstrate how this information relates to them. For example: How does a stronger US dollar impact the everyday life of an American teen? Responsible decision making: Students are also given a choice on how to gather information and self-reflect in a way that excites and better engages them. Since 2019, data from the Student Voice Survey showed an increase in how much students value these subjects from 58% to 78%.
- 2** Assistant Superintendent Sean Carney recommended a 7% increase to the levy for the 2022 tax year, the maximum amount allowed under PTELL legislation and which amounts to \$115.3 million. This increase is in line with inflation, which was 7% in 2021. A public hearing was held at the board meeting, in accordance to the Truth in Taxation Law. Hearing no public comments, the board voted to approve the 2022 tax year levy.
- 3** Over the years, the board has supported the district's recommendation to proactively conduct maintenance and repairs in real-time, therefore minimizing the risk of bigger, more costly problems down the line. This philosophy also ensures our campus remains safely operational and right-sized for our students' needs. The board voted to approve proposals for routine maintenance and repairs projects to take place during the summers of 2023 and 2024.