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Piper
USD 203

Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for 2023-24

In the coming weeks, all households in Piper will be receiving communication from the Wyandotte County Clerk regarding the Piper School District's RNR and the district's intent to exceed it. To meet the deadlines associated with the RNR, levy estimates are required to be made very early in the budgeting process and again, most importantly, the estimate becomes the maximum allowable levy rate. As such, the levy rate that is submitted on July 20th is higher than what will be adopted in September. This is the third budget cycle in which the RNR has been part of law. The tables found to the right indicate the actuals from the past two years along with the estimate for this year.

As assessed valuation rates increase, mathematically, the levy rate required to raise the same amount of cash decreases. As an example, the Capital Outlay fund is set at 8.000 mills. Based on the assessed valuation of \$277,000,000 last year, 8.000 mills raised \$2,216,000. The assessed valuation this year has increased to \$317,000,000 and the levy required to raise the same amount of cash (or the RNR) is now 6.990. The problem with this "revenue neutral rate" is two-fold. First, the Piper School District has established a fixed Capital Outlay mill rate of 8.000 mills, and secondly, a reduction in the levy rate would not allow the district to keep pace with inflation. It is necessary to exceed the "revenue neutral rate" by maintaining the same levy rate of 8.000 mills which this year will raise \$2,536,000 based on the current assessed valuation.

Please refer to the back for more details.

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Fiscal Year 2022 Assessed Valuation: \$231,580,294

Fund	RNR	Intent	Actual
General Fund	20.595	20.000	20.000
Supplemental General Fund	13.709	16.000	13.066
Capital Outlay Fund	7.856	8.000	8.002
Bond & Interest Fund	12.765	18.000	15.478
Cost of Living Fund	2.208	2.250	1.248
All Other	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL LEVY	57.135	64.250	57.794

Fiscal Year 2023 Assessed Valuation: \$277,072,233

Fund	RNR	Intent	Actual
General Fund	18.106	20.000	20.000
Supplemental General Fund	-----	15.000	12.272
Capital Outlay Fund	6.693	8.000	7.998
Bond & Interest Fund	-----	23.000	22.631
Cost of Living Fund	-----	2.250	0.747
All Other	24.918	-----	-----
TOTAL LEVY	49.717	68.250	63.647

Fiscal Year 2024 Assessed Valuation: \$317,011,836

Fund	RNR	Intent	Actual
General Fund	18.091	20.000	20.000
Supplemental General Fund	-----	14.000	TBD
Capital Outlay Fund	6.991	8.000	8.000
Bond & Interest Fund	-----	22.500	TBD
Cost of Living Fund	-----	2.000	TBD
All Other	31.164	-----	-----
TOTAL LEVY	56.247	66.500	TBD

In summary, school districts have little flexibility in adjusting the mill rate.

- The General Fund is set at 20.000 mills by state statute.
- The Capital Outlay fund is set at 8.000 mills as adopted by the board of education and was subject to public protest at the time of adoption.
- The Supplemental General Fund has been set at 33% of the General Fund as adopted by the board of education and was subject to public protest at the time of adoption.
- The Cost of Living Fund was adopted by the board of education and was subject to public protest at the time of adoption. Its rate is established by cost of living data and is provided by the state.
- The Bond & Interest Fund is a factor of the payment requirements for bonds that have been approved by public vote. There is some flexibility with this fund depending on reserve requirements.

Important Facts to Remember About the Revenue Neutral Rate:

- This is NOT the final levy rate.
- The district can, and likely will, adopt a lower levy rate but CANNOT exceed the rates in the intent published by the County Clerk.
- The final levy rates will be determined as part of the 2023.2024 budgeting process.
- The final levy rates will be approved when the budget is adopted at the September 11 Board of Education meeting.
- All Board meetings are open to the public.



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5:00PM-7:00PM
PIPER CREEK ELEMENTARY**

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