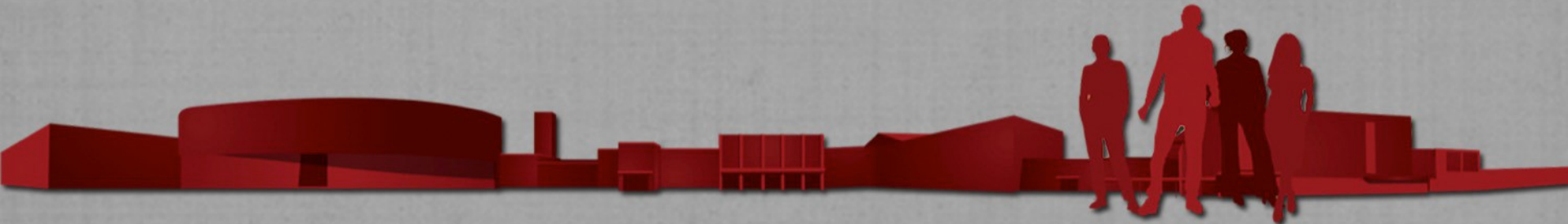


BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 10, 2021

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey * Hazel Crest *
Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland * Thornton



Open Session

1. **OPEN SESSION** - Call to Order. Tonight's meeting is being streamed live via videoconferencing on WebEx and is video recorded. The Board President declares that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the current Disaster Proclamation issued by the Governor. Physical presence for the meeting is not feasible due to the disaster.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance



Committee of the Whole

- *Report from Curriculum Committee*
- *Report from Finance Committee*
- *Report from Policy Committee*
- *Report from Discipline Committee*
- *Report from Facilities Committee*

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session dated October 13, 2021
- **Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated October 14, 2021 through November 10, 2021
- **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated November 10, 2021
- **Ratifications - Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State fieldtrips:** Overnight IHSA Cross Country Sectional Metamora, IL, October 29-30, 2021

Public Participation

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

The Board will accept comments via email statements to be read at the meeting. Public comments were emailed to hill.laura@district205.net.

Freedom Of Information Act

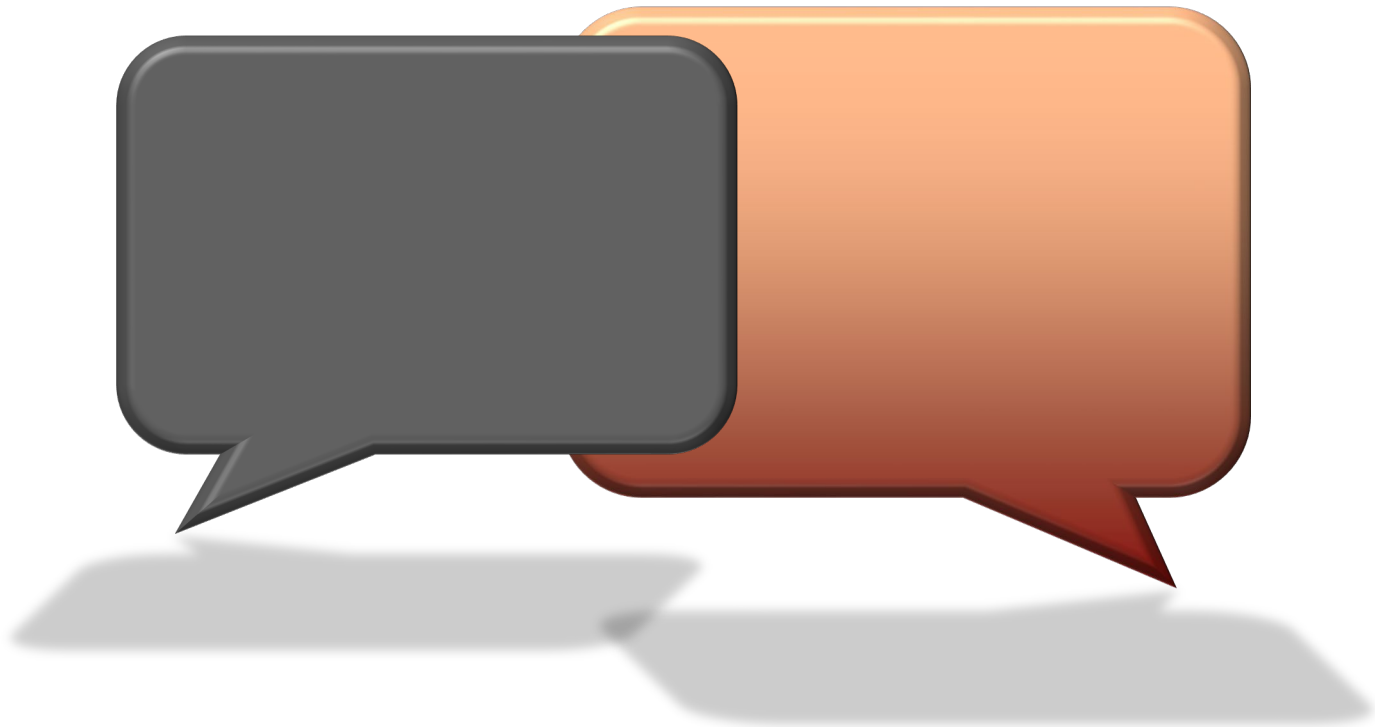
- None

FOIA



Communications

- Dr. King





#ThankABoardMember

School Board Members Day

November 15, 2021

A teal-colored horizontal band contains several white paper airplanes with gold-colored wings and tails, flying towards the right. One airplane in the upper right has a red tip on its nose.

*Inspiration &
Leadership*



School Board Members Day 2021

Honoring

Ray Banks, Stanley Brown, Al Butler, Nina Graham, Bernadette Lawrence, Almetta Moody & Annette Whittington

on School Board Members Day 2021, for dedicated
leadership in education and continuing service to the
children of this community

Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham Jr.

Presented by

Thornton Township High School District 205

District

Inspiration and Leadership

School Board Members Day • November 15, 2021

Inspiration and Leadership Prove to be Valuable Assets for Local School Boards

Each year, November 15 marks the official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. The day is an opportunity to show support for your board of education and the individual school board members who are committed to providing a local voice for your educational decisions.

It is a time to acknowledge the board's role in creating educational opportunities that meet the goals set forth by the community for their children. These goals are measured by providing a pathway to a successful future for each and every student.

School Board Members Day is an occasion to recognize board members who serve as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of the students and community residents, while also acting as front-line education advocates providing a local voice and vision for the district. Never has school board leadership been more important than the past two years.

For boards of education, the recent challenges and difficult choices go beyond the routine educational decisions. While continuing to ensure students have quality learning opportunities, board members must also consider their decisions in terms of the health and safety of students, teachers, and community members.

School board members continue to work to ensure that the opportunities offered by the district are equitable for all and that everybody has the resources to achieve their dreams. They will continue to fight for their local districts, the students, the staff, and all residents that benefit from having thoughtful and dedicated public servants making public education decisions.

As a community we meet challenges head-on and rise in the face of adversity. We come together when faced with difficulties, and we succeed by working together with a focus on our primary goal: providing a quality education to each and every student of the district.

A great school system is a source of local pride among residents. Let's focus on what we can achieve together. Disagreements can be healed, but we owe it to our children and our students — the future leaders of our community and country — to do everything in our power to provide them with the opportunities for success.

Honor and recognize your school board members on November 15—Illinois School Board Members Day.

#ThankABoardMember

Thank you

School Board Members



Thornridge Journalism Sponsors are Presented with a Third Illinois Press Foundation Grant

- This year IPF Director, Mr. Jeff Rogers came to present the \$1500 check and speak with the student journalists.
- Thornridge Journalism sponsors, Mrs. Lisa Joseph and Ms. Erika Zachery, have earned this prestigious grant three times: 2018, 2019, and 2021 for a grand total of \$4500.
- The earned monies are used to purchase new computer equipment, media storage solutions, and digital camera equipment. These new tools are for the students use to continue creating the award-winning Bagpipe publication.



Falcon Pride!



Congratulations to TR Chess team.

- We won the top two boards against Grant Park (Thorton Smith & Jayla Woodard).
- Attached is a picture of our team playing virtual chess meet. They also set up chess boards and used them so that they could get a better view of the games and also to train their brains to take their time and not rush



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON BEING INDUCTED INTO
THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

Junior Class

Olivia Ayiku	Ayisha Imthiyas	Jazmin Rodrigues
Immanuel Boyce	Treazure Jackson	Jennifer Rodriguez Ferrer
Kylee Broomfield-Harris	Karra Matthews	Layla Thompson
Yoselin Farfan	Carmelo McFadden	Gulnaaz Vahora
Izaiah Garner	Da Maur Re Morgan	Abdulahad Vhora

Senior Class

Mykel Carey	Sandra Flores	Taylor Person
Trinity Carthan	Tommyia Lacy	Yashemma Randle
Daisy De La Torre	Ashley McKay	

ENROLLED

Wildcat Country



PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ARMY CHALLENGE



ENLISTED

Wildcat Country



WILDCAT ENTREPRENEURS ON THE RISE



**LaVanna McGowan Designed
T-Shirts/Hoodies for Senior
Class of 2022**



**Mykel Carey Designed
Wildcat Mask**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
BOTH LAVANNA AND MYKEL!**

EMPLOYED

Wildcat Country



STAFF CELEBRATE END OF QUARTER 1



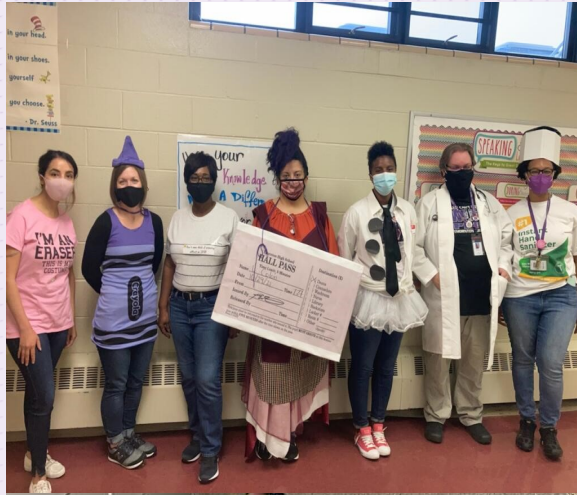
Special Thanks to TTHS
Administrative Staff

Calumet Bakery
Pastries

Wildcat Country



INFANT CARE CENTER/STAFF FALL FESTIVAL PARADE



Wildcat Country



ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY



- Thornton's Administrative Leadership Team meet every Wednesday
- Robert Powell (Parapro) presented an amazing team building activity for this meeting
- **"Can We Get Better"**
- At the End of the Activity, the Administrator's realized WE can always get better with EVERYONE working together as a TEAM!

Wildcat Country



TW Student receives Hadiyah Pendleton Legacy Scholarship

- Thornwood senior LaJahne Long has been selected by the Advocates of Change Not-for-Profit to receive the Hadiyah Pendleton Legacy Scholarship.
- This scholarship honors the life of Hadiyah Pendleton, 17-year-old African American female who was killed while with friends at Harsh Park in Chicago on January 29, 2013.
- LaJahne has been an outstanding student who currently has a 3.6 g.p.a and plans to enroll in a 4-year college or university in the fall of 2022.



TW CTE Classes in Action



Mr. Geier in auto shop fixing engines.



Mr. Boylan in the IB Chemistry Titration Lab.



Mr. Embry in Wood shop building benches.

Thunderbird Nation





Thornwood Mathletes Win 2nd!!!!



- On Wednesday, our Mathletes team had their 2nd competition held at Bloom High School and scored first place overall at our site and 2nd overall in the conference.
- Shout out to the following students for receiving a PERFECT score in their competitions:
 - Deven West, Dallas Miles, Diego Alvarado, Isis Hernandez, Audrey Davis, Jeremy Price, Justin Vaughn, Jocelyn Lara
- A special shoutout to Deven West and Victoria Collins for receiving the highest score out of all the schools on their oral presentation of Rational Expressions.
- Congratulations to Kelly Bonomo and Kyle Rusco the Thornwood Mathletes Coaches
GO MATHLETES!

Thunderbird Nation



Congratulations TW Girls Cross Country Team!!

- The TW Girls Cross Country team ran in the Tinley Regionals on 10/23/21. Our 7-person team finished 8th out of 11 teams beating HF, TF South, and Rich Central.
- Sophomore Addison Perkins ran 34 seconds faster than her Conference Championship time earning her entry to the sectional race in Quincy, Il.
- Sophomore Conference Champion and sectional qualifier Addison Perkins.



Thunderbird Nation



TW Football Record Breakers

- Record Breakers: Saveon Brown breaks TW interception Record and Damajay Rheams breaks the Touchdown and all-time receiving record.



SAVEON BROWN
569 yds Rushing
4.8 yds per carry
10 rushing TDs
83 comp 163
attempts
50.9 comp %
1099 Passing yds
14 Passing TDs
48.5 tackles
7 INTs
3 defensive TDs



•DAMAJAY RHEAMS
46 Catches 780 yds 12
TDs Receiving

Thunderbird Nation



TW Culinary Class Continue Pumpkin Art Tradition

- An October tradition continued in Ms. Bickham's Culinary Art classes this year: Pumpkin "Culinary" Art!
- Students not only transformed their pumpkins into masterpieces of art, they also carved them for the delicious pumpkin seeds they would later bake to culinary perfection!

Two beautiful ways to enjoy a fall favorite: the pumpkin :)



Quarter 1 in Review

- ❖ **Peace Center Focus:** Support students through fun activities and incentives designed to build community, self-awareness, and impact academic and attendance success
- ❖ The quarter included monthly celebrations: Night at the movies in September and Spirit week in October.
- ❖ **Q1 Outcomes:** 10 students made the honor roll and approximately 80% of seniors attending daily



Peace Center



Students of Month

- ❖ Aaron Ford
- ❖ Amari Allen

Staff of Month

- ❖ Idris Shakoor
- ❖ Ashley Hay

Special recognition

- ❖ Joseph Faron (PE)

Introduced FGI financial experience to PC students

Peace Center

Financial Literacy

- ❖ The Peace Center has been provided with an amazing opportunity to work with First Generation Investors and Boston College to teach our students and their parents financial literacy
- ❖ First Generation Investors is a non-profit organization that introduces high school students to the idea of investing and gives them real money to invest and keep as they meet certain requirements
- ❖ Peace students meet every Saturday morning with college students who act as mentors by teaching them in small group lessons about “vesting”.

Peace Center

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the OA October 2021 Graduates!

District-wide we have 26 new graduates that are fully enrolled, enlisted and/or employed.



Outlook Academy

Parent Academies Are Back

Outlook Academy

Presents Online

MOS Certification Club

Get Certified!

BEGINNING **NOVEMBER 13TH**, YOU CAN
GET CERTIFIED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **MS WORD**
- **ADV. MS WORD**
- **MS POWERPOINT**
- **MS EXCEL**
- **ADV. MS EXCEL**
- **MS OUTLOOK**
- **MS ACCESS**

Club requirements

- District Parent or Student
- Computer with Internet Connection
- When: Each Saturday, 9am – 11am
Beginning November 13, 2021



MOS will make a difference!

- make your resume' standout
- Be prepare for a better paying job
- Develop skills that very few have
- Validate your skills as a job seeker
- Differentiate yourself from competitors
- Gain recognition from your employer
- Leverage the power of the Microsoft brand
- Get the Job!

Cost: Free

To Register

Contact:

parrington@ttdistrict205.net or
ncoleman@ttdistrict205.net

Classes begin November 13th so register today!

Outlook Academy

Unfinished Business

- *None*

New Business

A. *Student Presentation: SIU Experience – Mr. Fickes*



Imagine SIU

October 22nd – 23rd

SIU
CARBONDALE



Overnight College Visit to SIU Carbondale

- AVID, AP, and IB teamed up to send 25 students to **Imagine SIU**, an overnight college visit at Southern Illinois University.
- Students experienced life on campus, met with admissions counselors, interacted with current students, and learned all about being a Saluki!
- Of the 25 students who attended:
 - 13 students have been officially accepted! (*The remaining 12 students' applications are still being processed*)
 - 2 students are **definitely planning** on attending SIU next fall while 17 students are considering it as an option.
 - All 25 students said this was an invaluable experience and were grateful for the opportunity!

"I think this was an amazing experience. Additionally, I think that all students should take advantage of this opportunity if they qualify to attend. This college experience is life altering."



I loved the trip, it was very informative and amazing!!



"SIU Imagine helped me understand part of the typical college lifestyle. Living in an on-campus apartment helped me understand the experience of having roommates and no family around. It gave me a sense of independence that I will have when I go away to college. Although I doubt that I will be at SIU (because I have solely my mind set on an HBCU), this trip helped speed up the process of my college applications. Because of this trip, I am now applying to more colleges because now I know I really want to go to college now."

New Business

B. *Presentation: Faculty Association – Mr. Bearden*

New Business

- C. *Recommended Approval of Machine Shop Supplies and Materials – **Mr. Fickes***

New Business

D. *Recommended Approval of Report Creator Plug-In for PowerSchool – **Mr. Fickes***

New Business

- E. *Recommended Approval of Interior Waste Bin Project –
Mr. Horton*

New Business

F. *Recommended Approval of Property Tax Relief Grant Resolution – **Mr. Horton***

New Business

G. *Recommended Approval of Tentative Tax Levy–
Mr. Horton*



Thornton Township High School District 205

Presentation of Tentative Levy
November 2021



Timetable for Tax Levy Adoption

November 10, 2021

Presentation of Estimated Aggregate Tax Levy

December 8, 2021

Adopt the 2021 Tax Levy, including all appropriate resolutions. Note since levy request is less than 5% higher than prior year extension, the District is not required to hold a hearing.

December 28, 2021

File necessary documents with the County Clerk on or before this date

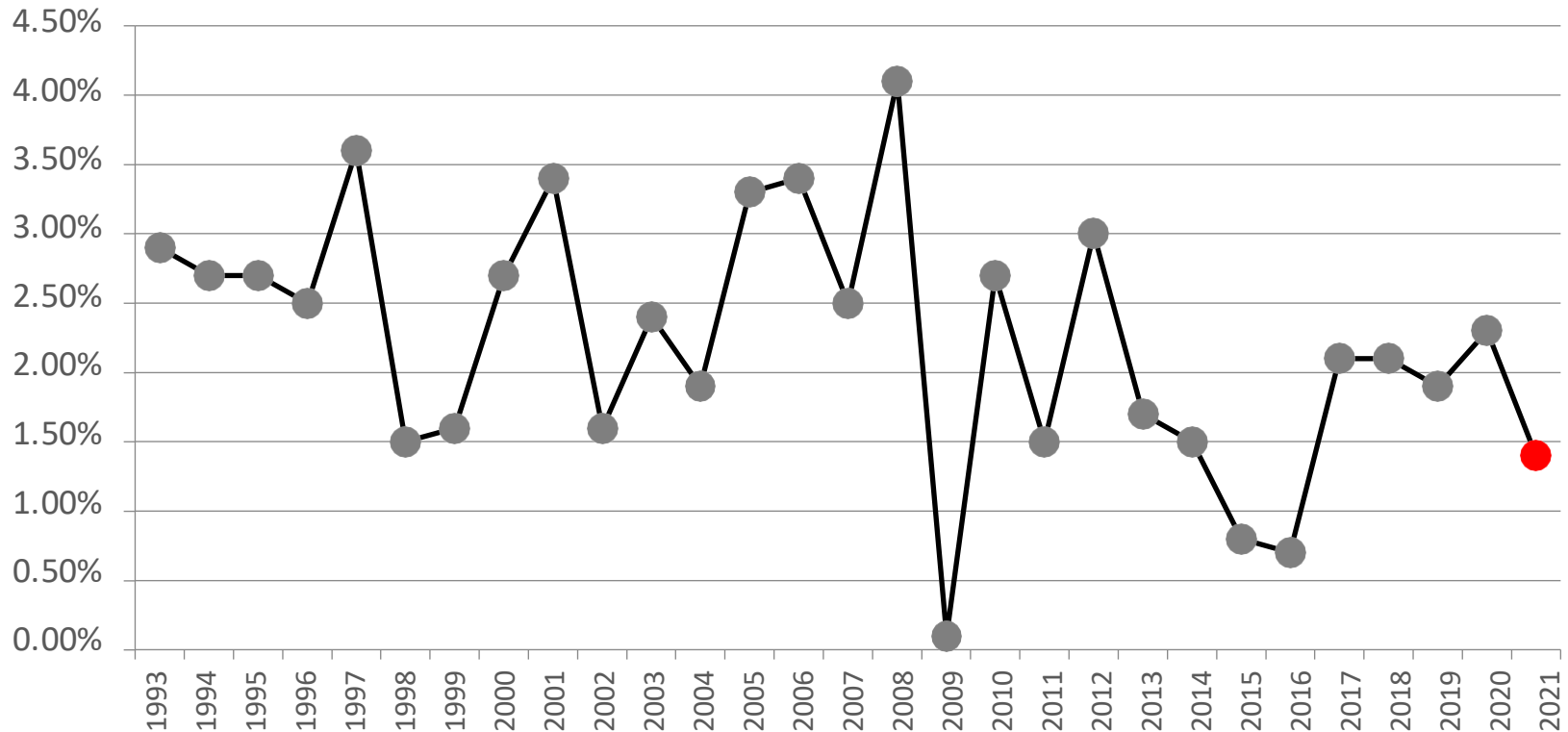
Breakdown of Levy Request

Fund Description	Levy Amount
IMRF Fund	\$ 900,000
Social Security Fund	1,700,000
Liability Insurance Fund	0
Transportation Fund	3,000,000
Education Fund	61,072,000
Building Fund	7,000,000
Working Cash Fund	550,000
Life Safety Fund	0
Special Education Fund	0
Leasing Fund	<u>0</u>
Total Levy	\$ 74,222,000

2021 Maximum Tax Increase by Law: 1.4%

School Districts in Tax-Capped Counties Limited by Rate of Inflation

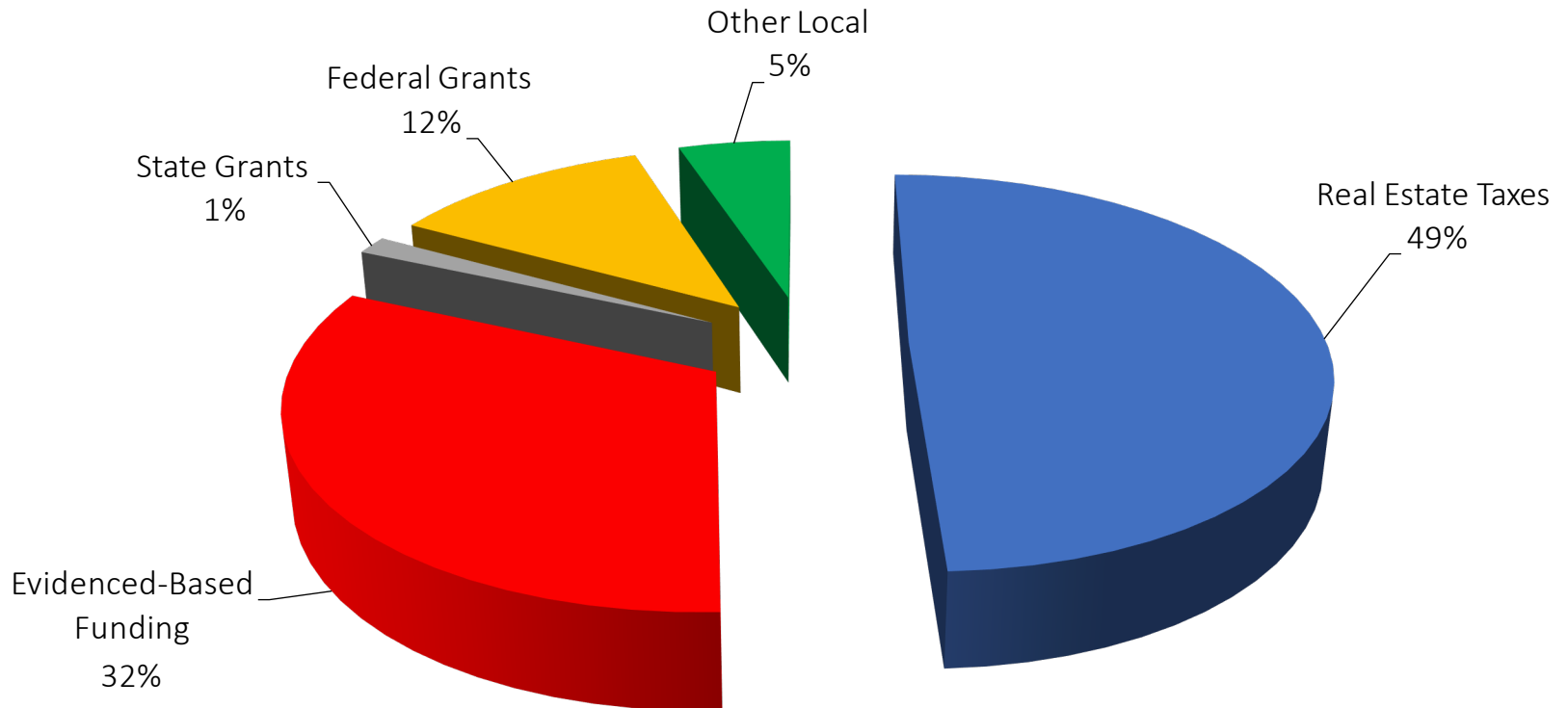
History of CPI's Used for Tax Cap Calculations



The 1.4% percentage represents District-wide maximum increase and average increase to taxpayers. Individual tax bills may increase above or below this figure based on changes to the equalized assessed values to their property. District can exceed 1.4% increase only with new property growth.

Breakdown of Revenues

FY 2022 Budget



Property Tax Relief Grant

- The State of Illinois implemented a \$50 million Statewide Property Tax Relief Grant Program for this 2021 tax year.
- If Thornton Township High School District 205 applies for the grant, it will receive a perpetual increase in its Evidenced-Based funding level of \$3,125,000. In turn, it must abate (reduce) its tax levy by \$3,197,000 in each of the next two years.
- It is recommended that the District apply for the grant prior to the January 2022 deadline.
- The grant would provide tax relief to the community in each of the next two year's tax extensions.

Estimated Impact to District – Including PTRG

Versus Prior Year

- It is estimated that the tax extension for non-bond and interest funds will increase \$1,478,000.
- It is estimated that the tax extension for the bond fund will be flat.
- Therefore, the total increase in real estate tax revenues is estimated to be approximately \$1,478,000 to the District.

Estimated Impact to Taxpayers – Including PTRG

Assuming \$100,000 Market Value Home

- The increase due to non-bond and interest levy is approximately \$22 versus the previous tax year.
- The bond and interest levy is projected to be flat.
- Therefore, the total annual increase is estimated to be approximately \$22 versus the previous tax year.



End of
Presentation

New Business

H. *Recommended Approval of Mobile Mind Proposal–
Mr. Horton*

Superintendent's Report

Executive Session

- Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:
 - *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;*
 - *Student discipline;*
 - *Collective negotiating matters, and*
 - *Pending, probable or imminent litigation.*

Reconvene Open Session

Action Items Following **Executive Session**

A. Possible Action Concerning Student Discipline

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

6:30pm

Thornridge High School