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Morton HSD 201 Estimated 2025 Property Tax Levy Presentation



J. Sterling Morton High School District 201

Tax Levy

Purpose

The purpose of the local property tax is to **access funding to maintain and enhance the programs** associated with providing students a high-quality educational experience.

Importance

Local property taxes represent approximately **44.6% of the total** district revenue.

Terms

Aggregate Levy - the annual corporate levy of the taxing district and those special purpose levies which are made annually (other than debt service levies).

Debt Service Levies - are those levies made to retire the principal or pay interest on bonds.

Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) - limits the increase over prior year extension on existing property to 5% or CPI, whichever is lower.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Inflation factor used for determining extension of tax levy.



Process Requirements

- **Estimate**

- Board of Education must “Estimate” the levy 20 days prior to adopting the levy. This is done with the approval of the Tentative Levy. This process established whether additional Truth in Taxation requirements must be followed.

- **Truth in Taxation**

- Illinois Statue states that taxing bodies are required to follow its Truth in Taxation requirements when passing a levy. The statue dictates that a district is required to publish notice of an anticipated increase of more than 5% and to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the final levy

- **Approval**

- All Illinois Tax Levies must be adopted and filed with the county clerk by the last Tuesday in December.



Property Tax Extension Law Limit

PTELL (also referred to as the “tax cap”) limits how much property tax revenue a district can receive from existing property each year.

It **does not cap tax rates** or individual tax bills – it caps the total dollar increase a district can collect.

Each year, the district’s tax levy (the total amount collected) can only increase by **5% OR CPI, whichever is less**, this does not include new construction or Bond & Interest Obligations.



Overview & Conclusion

	2024 Levy Year Estimated Extension	2025 Levy Year Full Extension (Amount Requested)		2025 Levy Year Estimated Extension (Amount Anticipated)	
Fund	Estimated Extension	Rate	Full Extension	Rate	Estimated Extension
Educational	\$ 29,085,000.00	1.1727	\$ 33,434,943.00	1.1736	\$ 33,284,943.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 11,812,500.00	0.4222	\$ 12,037,227.00	0.4231	\$ 12,000,000.00
Transportation	\$ 7,875,000.00	0.1754	\$ 5,000,000.00	0.1763	\$ 5,000,000.00
Working Cash	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -
Municipal Retirement	\$ 525,000.00	0.0185	\$ 527,363.00	0.0186	\$ 527,363.00
Social Security	\$ 525,000.00	0.0185	\$ 527,363.00	0.0186	\$ 527,363.00
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$ 10,300.00	0.0037	\$ 104,242.00	0.0004	\$ 10,618.00
Tort Immunity	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -
Special Education	\$ 1,680,000.00	0.0614	\$ 1,750,000.00	0.0617	\$ 1,750,000.00
Operating Extension	\$ 51,512,800.00	1.8724	\$ 53,381,138.00	1.8723	\$ 53,100,287.00
Bond & Interest	\$ 10,639,652.00	0.3752	\$ 10,639,652.00	0.3732	\$ 10,639,652.00
Total Extension	\$ 62,152,452.00	2.2476	\$ 64,020,790.00	2.2455	\$ 63,739,939.00
Total Estimated Operating Funds Subject to Tax Cap Increase		3.63%	\$ 1,868,338.00	3.08	\$ 1,587,487.00
Total Estimated Revenue Increase		3.01%	\$ 1,868,338.00	2.55	\$ 1,587,487.00



Additional Financial Data – Miller Rule

Expenditures	Education	Operations & Maintenance	Transportation	Totals
	Fund 10	Fund 20	Fund 40	
FY22	\$ 122,462,676.00	\$ 21,918,347.00	\$ 7,153,827.00	\$ 151,534,850.00
FY23	\$ 132,608,076.00	\$ 30,022,965.00	\$ 6,002,138.00	\$ 168,633,179.00
FY24	\$ 137,785,103.00	\$ 33,426,376.00	\$ 6,308,536.00	\$ 177,520,015.00
3-Yr Average Expenditures	\$ 130,951,951.67	\$ 28,455,896.00	\$ 6,488,167.00	\$ 165,896,014.67
Cash Reserve as of 6/30/2025	\$ 51,949,348.00	\$ 36,029,786.00	\$ 13,859,180.00	\$ 101,838,314.00
Cash Reserve as a % of Expenditures	40%	127%	214%	61%

