



Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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District 200 lowers 2025 tax levy

The Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education approved a resolution on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, to lower its tax levy, taking less money from taxpayers.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Moan thanked Board members for paying off two significant debt payments over the last two years using fund balance to prevent tax increases.

This year, with debt payments shrinking, the Board was able to offer a levy that takes less total dollars than last year. While schools have been affected by rising costs and inflation, sound financial planning has allowed the District to offer taxpayers a break.

The Board set the District's tentative tax levy at \$70,750,501, representing a decrease of \$639,551 from the 2024 levy. Additionally, with the increase in equalized assessed values combined with new construction, the District's tax rate will again decrease.

Last year's tax rate was 5.4473 percent per \$100 of assessed property values, which the District decreased this year to 4.9474 percent. This is the 10th consecutive year that D 200 has lowered its tax rate.

Earlier at the same Board meeting, Moan conducted a presentation showing that D 200's reading growth schools were the highest in McHenry County, according to 2025 Illinois State Report Card data.

"This is a good meeting if you're a taxpayer of District 200," Board President Carl Gilmore said. "You're seeing test scores going up and taxes going down. That's not something that I think is common."

The tax rate is limited to the lower of CPI as of Jan. 1, 2025, or 5% increase year over year by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. CPI on Jan. 1, 2025, was 2.9% and is applied to existing property. New property and increased assessed value are included in the calculation of the total limiting rate. The District typically does not maximize the allowable rate. The District's overall change year over year was a .896% decrease.

"We're very pleased to continue offering our students one of the best educations around while respecting the taxpayers of our community by keeping taxes low," Moan said. "The levy reduction is further evidence of that commitment to the taxpayers."

The estimated new property in 2025 is assessed at \$2.44 million. The addition of the new property accounted for approximately 5.7% of the operating levy increase of 3.08%.

Julie Dillon, District 200's chief financial officer, said district officials will lower the total tax rate from 5.4473 to 4.9474 per \$100 of taxable value without affecting the quality of education by responsibly reducing the debt service.

The overall equalized assessed valuation of property within district boundaries is expected to rise, as it has since 2015, to an estimated \$1.4 billion in 2025. The Board is scheduled to vote on the final levy at its Dec.9 meeting.

Based on the upcoming levy, the owner of a \$300,000 home, assuming no increase in property value, would save an estimated \$450 from last year for the school district's portion of the tax bill.