

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Southwest Dubois County School Corporation (the "School Corporation") did, on June 18, 2026, make a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of bonds and enter into one or more lease agreements (collectively, the "Lease") for the 2026 Improvement and Expansion Projects, which includes the construction and renovation of classrooms and support spaces at Southridge Middle School, renovation and construction of improvements to other school facilities, site and athletic improvements, acquisition of real estate and renovation into a new transportation center, and the purchase of equipment, technology and buses (collectively, the "Project"). The Lease will be for a maximum term of twenty-two (22) years with a maximum annual lease rental of \$5,000,000. The maximum annual lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated aggregate principal amount of bonds of \$19,000,000, estimated interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 6.00%, and total estimated interest costs of \$14,292,633. The School Corporation may issue one or more series of general obligation bonds to fund the Project, and if such bonds are issued, they will fit into the parameters listed herein. If the School Corporation issues general obligation bonds, the aggregate principal amount of the bonds associated with the Lease, as described herein, would be reduced by the principal amount of the general obligation bonds issued, such that the total principal amount of bonds issued to finance the Project would not exceed the aggregate estimated principal amount of \$19,000,000.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 0.79%; and (ii) the sum of the School

Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 8.26%.

The School Corporation's current Debt Service Fund levy is \$4,209,501 and the current Debt Service Fund tax rate is \$0.6740. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed and/or the issues the bonds, the gross Debt Service Fund levy will increase by a maximum of \$5,000,000 and the gross Debt Service Fund tax rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.8508. However, as existing obligations mature, there is no anticipated net increase to the total Debt Service Fund levy above the 2026 total Debt Service Fund levy.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's Debt Service Fund levy and Debt Service Fund tax rate that will result during the following ten (10) years if the School Corporation enters into the lease agreements and/or issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the Debt Service Fund levy and Debt Service Fund tax rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Fund Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Fund Tax Rate</u>
2026	\$4,209,501	\$0.6740
2027	4,202,404	0.6890
2028	4,199,970	0.7020
2029	4,201,452	0.7000
2030	4,199,626	0.6999
2031	4,207,472	0.7053
2032	4,200,580	0.7115
2033	2,654,453	0.4517
2034	2,689,062	0.4575
2035	2,696,507	0.4588

The purpose of the Lease and the bonds is to provide for the financing of the Project.

If a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received within 30 days from the first publication of this notice, the proposed debt service or lease payments must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6.

Dated: June 23, 2026.

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Southwest Dubois County School Corporation

Note: In addition to publishing, please send the notice via certified mail with tracking information to the Dubois County Clerk and to any organization which has requested a notice of preliminary determination.