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On behalf of the Franklin Monroe Board of Education, the district would like to provide an update on the next steps following the defeat of the income tax levy on the November ballot. During the subsequent days, including at the regularly scheduled school board meeting on November 18, the board received feedback from staff and community members. Based on this information the board has decided to move forward with placing an income tax levy on the May ballot. The board is considering asking the community to approve a 1% increase bringing the district's income tax to 1.75%, which would need to be officially voted on at the December 16 board meeting. The district respectfully recognizes the concern expressed regarding moving the income tax to 2% and is committed to developing an overall option which would combine a series of cost reductions with a more modest 1% increase. While the board understands it is difficult for the staff and community to wait for specific details regarding the nature of any reductions, we would like to ensure all concerned parties that we continue to move forward as expediently as possible while giving these decisions the appropriate amount of time and consideration they deserve.

The board will hold a special school board meeting on Tuesday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m. to continue moving forward with this process. The special meeting will be held in the transportation office (next to the superintendent office) during which the board intends to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of public employees.

As decisions are made regarding cost saving measures the district will share this information initially with staff members, followed by a broader release to the Franklin Monroe community. It is the intention of the board to identify specific cost reduction measures that will be effective for the 2027-2028 school year, regardless of the results of the May vote. Additionally, in order to provide a high level of transparency, the board intends to compile a list of additional cost reductions which will be necessary in the event the levy does not pass in May. If you have questions or any information you would like to share, please feel free to reach out to board members or members of the Franklin Monroe administrative team.

Thank you.