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Dear Weiser School District Patrons,

On Tuesday, May 16th, the Board of Trustees and the Weiser School District are asking patrons to consider a four-year \$310,000 Plant and Facility Levy. If approved, the levy will provide \$310,000 per year for four years that may only be used to address WSD plant and facility repairs and upgrades.

The proposed levy is intended to replace the current \$310,000 eight-year levy that expires on June 30, 2023.

Information about the levy, as well as a list of identified repairs and facility upgrade priorities can be found on the Weiser School District website at www.weiserschools.org. Priority 1 items are those that the Facilities Committee believes should be addressed immediately.

This spring, the Idaho Legislature passed HB 292 which is intended to provide property tax relief for property owners in Idaho. HB 292 also provides additional funds to school districts which are intended to provide local property owners additional tax relief by replacing or reducing local school levy taxes that have been approved by voters.

Although some of the details are still unclear, the WSD will receive additional funds from the State that must be used in the following manner (and order):

- 1) Payment of existing school bonds – the WSD currently has no bonds
- 2) Payment of supplemental school levies – the WSD currently has a 2-year Supplemental Maintenance and Operations Levy that generates \$350,000 each year for two years that was approved by voters in 2022
- 3) Saved in a reserve account by the school district to be used for future facility construction and renovation needs
- 4) For use in securing and making payments on a new school facility

Funding provided by HB 292 will be determined in part based on average daily student attendance from the previous school year. Funding for districts will vary from year to year as a result of changes in average daily attendance and annual variations in other tax relief measures utilized by the State to create the fund (such as sales tax receipts, the balance in the State Tax Relief Fund, and other considerations).

Estimates performed by the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy suggest that the Weiser School District's share of HB 292 funding for FY 23 may be \$602, 554. If that holds true, according to HB 292 regulations, the money would likely be used in the first year in the following manner:

FY 23 – Projected WSD share of HB 292 = \$602,554

Levy Type	Levy Amount	Weiser Share: Tax Reduced By HB 292	Recalculated Local Property Tax Levied	Total School Property Tax Reduction
WSD Maint & Operations Levy	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	100%
WSD Proposed Plant & Facility Levy	\$310,000	\$252,534	\$57,466	81.5%
Combined Tax Total	\$660,000	\$602,554	\$57,466	91.3%

FY 24 – The Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy projects the WSD share of HB 292 = \$506,945

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WSD Maint & Operations Levy	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	100%
WSD Proposed Plant & Facility Levy	\$310,000	\$156,945	\$153,055	50.6%
Combined Tax Total	\$660,000	\$506,945	\$153,055	76.8%

Again, the projections shown above were provided by the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy and are subject to change if any of the estimated factors change.

HB 292 will result in lower property taxes for Idahoans, which will include reductions in your local school levy taxes.

If you have questions about HB 292 or about your property taxes, the Washington County Assessor's Office may be of assistance.

Thank you for considering the proposed WSD Plant and Facility Election that will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

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