



Agenda Item 7.03
09/22/09

TO: Members of the School Board
FROM: Gary L. Hauan, Director of Finance
DATE: September 16, 2009
RE: Proposed 2009 Levy

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend setting the 2009 levy at \$53,029,310.99 which is a 0% increase over last year.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the tough economic times and also due to the tax levy increasing last year because of the passage of the referendum, I recommend that the School Board adopt a levy which represents a zero percent increase. The attached spreadsheet shows the differences between this year's levy and last year's levy. The total General Fund levy will decrease to \$29.3 million from \$29.8 million. The Community Service Fund levy remains relatively the same. The Building Construction Fund levy will decrease from \$5.7 million to \$5.3 million. This levy is the only one that changes between the maximum levy with a 2.72% increase and the zero percent increase amount. We will be able to stay within this amount if we don't do any projects at the buildings listed in the divestiture study. We still have the ability to fund alternative facilities projects through the sale of bonds if needed. The Debt Service Fund levy increases to \$16.9 million from \$15.9 million. This is due to the OPEB Bond of \$1.9 million but is somewhat cushioned by the debt service excess levy amount.

Please note that the lease levy which is part of the General Fund levy has been estimated.

QUESTIONS?

For questions please contact Gary Hauan at 763-504-8040 or Gary_Hauan@rdale.org