

2023-2024 Mill Levy Certification

December 12, 2023
Presentation to the
Board of Education

Agenda

- School Tax Bills
- Impact of SB23B-001 and Douglas County's 4% Reduction
- Calculating Mill Levies: General Fund and Bond Redemption
- Recommended Draft Mill Levies
- Action Requested

School Tax Bills

- Local Share of School Finance Act (Total Program) Funding: 27.000
- DCSD Mill Levy Overrides as approved by voters
 - 6 separate authorizations in 1989, 1997, 2003, 2006, 2018 and 2023
 - Authorizations total \$139,713,000
- Bond Redemption as allowed by statute to fund debt service on the District's voter approved General Obligation Bonds
- Abatement as allowed by statute for the District's proportional share of property taxes abated and refunded by Douglas County

Impact of SB23B-001 and Douglas County's 4% Reduction

- Special Legislative session in late November and SB23B-001 reduced home values for 2023 assessed value certification
- Delays timeline from dates set in statute
- Douglas County through Board of County Commissioners further instituted 4% across the board residential home value reduction

Calculating Mill Levies: Fixed Mill

- Calculation:
(Mill Rate x Assessed Valuation) / 1000
- School Finance Act Example:

<u>Mill Rate</u>		<u>2023 Draft Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Approved Tax Amount</u>
27.000	x	\$10,087,966,245	/ 1000	= \$272,375,089

Calculating Mill Levies: Fixed Dollar

- Calculation:
(Amount Required / Assessed Valuation) x 1000
- 2018 Mill Levy Override Example:

<u>Approved Override Amount</u>		<u>2023 Draft Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Mill Rate</u>
\$40,000,000	/	\$10,087,966,245	x 1000	= 3.965



Calculating Mill Levies: Bond Redemption

- Type of fixed dollar mill set based on the amount of property tax needed to pay the tax collection year's principal and interest on outstanding bonds (bond redemption)
- Best practice to maintain 12 months of debt service payments in calendar year fund balance (June 2024 and December 2024 payments)
- Bond redemption mill recommended to reduce from 6.700 in 2022 certification to 5.345 in 2023 certification

Recommended Draft Mill Levies

Type of Levy	2023-2024 Draft Recommended Levy	2022-2023 Levy	2021-2022 Levy
School Finance Act per HB20-1418	27.000	27.000	27.000
HB20-1418 Tax Credit	0.000	0.000	0.560
HB20-1418 Net Mill Levy (amount collected by county)	27.000	27.000	26.440
Total Mill Levy Overrides	13.850	9.050	9.077
Abatement	0.251	0.086	0.226
Bond Redemption	5.345	6.700	8.054
Total Levy	46.446	42.836	43.797

Increase due to 2023 Mill Levy Override of \$66M

Action Requested

- Board of Education vote to delegate final certification to Superintendent with approval of draft certifications on December 12th
- Receive final certifications from Douglas and Elbert Counties by January 3rd
- Certification and supporting documentation submitted to Douglas and Elbert Counties and the Colorado Department of Education by January 10th



Questions?

