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2019-2020 School District Budget

In August of 2017, the voters approved a three-year levy, in the amount of two million dollars per year. In 2018, the district was able to collect the voter-approved amount of \$2.36/1,000 of assessed value. However, due to new state legislation (Engrossed House Bill 2242), the district is only able to collect \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the 2019 levy collection cycle. This reduction in collection only allowed the district to collect \$1.3 million of the \$2 million tax allocation approved by voters for the current year. With new legislation, the district will now be allowed to collect the entire voter approved amount in 2020. That means for the 2019-2020 school year, the district will be able to collect a combined total of just under \$1.7 million, with the smaller collection from 2019 and larger collection from 2020.

During the summer of 2017, the district held informational meetings and distributed information materials to share the plan for spending levy funds. Some specific areas we were able to fund, as planned due to local support are:

**As student desktops/laptops age out, replace them with updated Chromebook, replaced projectors, document cameras and monitors

**Offer a robust athletic program at both the middle school and high school level

**Provide transportation for field trips

**Purchase books and other resources for student use

**Provide materials and supplies needed for teaching and learning for both staff and students

**Maintain our schools, buildings, and grounds

**Enhance programs for Hi-Cap and Special Education Students beyond the state allocation

**Provide class offerings for students beyond the state allocation



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In building the 2019-2020 School Year budget, the district will be reducing their expenses by about \$500,000. Staff and students will notice that supplies and materials are distributed through a more scrutinized manner, class sizes will be slightly increased at the secondary level, and schools, buildings, and grounds maintenance schedules will be stretched out a bit. Other changes will not be as noticeable such as the coding of staff to different grants and shifting of job duties and tasks to current staff. Developing a school district budget takes several months. If you are interested in learning more about next year's budget or giving input, the annual budget hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the school district's office.