



Mukwonago Area School District

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Dear Local Public Official:

Regarding the Mukwonago Area School District's 2016-17 tax levy, I thought I would send a summary letter pointing out some highlights. Please share this information with your board members and any concerned citizens.

Overall, there are two main variables for a municipality to consider when analyzing their school district's tax levy:

1. What is the overall school district tax levy compared to last year?
2. What is the municipality's share of equalized value relative to the District's total equalized value?

Below are the answers to these questions.

Overall School District Tax Levy

The District's 2016-17 tax levy is increasing for the first time in six years. The tax levy will increase by 2.94% overall, which reflects an overall increase of \$801,432. Below is a summary of each individual tax levy by fund:

Fund	Description	Fall 2016 Tax Levy	Fall 2015 Tax Levy	Increase/ (Decrease)
Fund 10	General Fund	21,744,554	22,925,978	(1,181,424)
Fund 38	Short Term Debt	302,040	387,449	(85,409)
Fund 39	Long Term Debt (Referendum)	4,829,906	2,770,588	2,059,318
Fund 41	Capital Expansion Fund	950,000	950,000	-
Fund 80	Community Service Fund	213,876	204,929	8,947
	Total	28,040,376	27,238,944	801,432

Funds 10, 38, and 41 are governed by state revenue limits. Per state law, the Board of Education cannot levy a tax for these three funds that exceeds state imposed revenue limits. In 2016-17, funds governed by revenue limits decreased by \$1,266,833.

Fund 39 is the fund used to pay for long-term debt related to referendums. This amount increased by \$2,059,318 over the prior school year due to the approval of the April 2016 referendum relating to improvements and construction at Mukwonago High School. This particular tax is essentially controlled by the residents of the school district, and this tax levy accounts for virtually all of the tax increase over 2015-16 levels.

Municipality Equalized Value

Each municipality's share of the District's overall equalized property value remained consistent over the past year. It's important to note that as a municipality's share of property value increases relative to other municipalities, so too will its share of the tax levy. On the following page is a table that displays each municipality's equalized value for the past two school years (*please note these values are rounded*).



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	2016-17 Share of District Equalized Property Value	2015-16 Share of District Equalized Property Value	Percentage Change since 2015-16
Waukesha County			
City of Muskego	0.04%	0.05%	-0.01%
Town of Eagle	7.3%	7.4%	-0.1%
Town of Genesee	4.4%	4.4%	0.0%
Town of Mukwonago	26.7%	27.4%	-0.6%
Town of Ottawa	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%
Town of Vernon	26.7%	26.5%	0.2%
Village of Big Bend	4.70%	4.75%	-0.05%
Village of Eagle	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Village of Mukwonago	22.9%	22.3%	0.6%
Village of North Prairie	6.0%	6.0%	0.0%
Walworth County			
Town of East Troy	0.01%	0.01%	0.0%
Village of Mukwonago	0.02%	0.02%	0.0%
Total Equalized Value	100.0%	100.0%	

Collectively, equalized property value increased throughout the Mukwonago Area School District's boundaries by 2.36%. This is the third year in a row equalized property values have increased, following last year's increase of 2.57% and the 2014-15 increase of 2.63%. Municipalities who increase their share of equalized value also increase their share of the overall tax levy.

Overall Tax Impact on Each Municipality

When considering the overall tax levy of \$28,040,376 in conjunction with each municipality's share of equalized value, we can calculate each municipality's tax from the Mukwonago Area School District.

	2016-2017 Share of Tax Levy	2015-16 Share of Tax Levy	Net Change	Percentage Change
Waukesha County				
City of Muskego	\$12,490	\$14,938	-\$2,448	-16.4%
Town of Eagle	\$2,046,202	\$2,024,660	\$21,542	1.1%
Town of Genesee	\$1,231,342	\$1,189,315	\$42,027	3.5%
Town of Mukwonago	\$7,495,926	\$7,453,092	\$42,834	0.6%
Town of Ottawa	\$360,662	\$354,428	\$6,234	1.8%
Town of Vernon	\$7,474,670	\$7,214,196	\$260,474	3.6%
Village of Big Bend	\$1,316,572	\$1,293,242	\$23,330	1.8%
Village of Eagle	\$374	\$365	\$9	2.6%
Village of Mukwonago	\$6,421,255	\$6,064,052	\$357,202	5.9%
Village of North Prairie	\$1,672,404	\$1,622,858	\$49,546	3.1%
Walworth County				
Town of East Troy	\$3,311	\$3,174	\$137	4.3%
Village of Mukwonago	\$5,168	\$4,624	\$544	11.8%
Total Tax Levy	\$28,040,376	\$27,238,944	\$801,432	2.9%



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I hope you find this information helpful. I have included a comprehensive attachment. If you have any questions related to this information, please feel free to contact me at 262-363-6300 x24102 or karthto@masd.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Karthausser'.

Thomas Karthausser
Director of Business Services