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West Bend School Board Approves Tax Levy for 2023-2024 School Year Reduction in property tax levy and mill rate for second straight year

West Bend – During its regular meeting on October 23, the West Bend School Board approved the 2023-2024 West Bend School District budget and property tax levy. The total 2023-2024 property tax levy is \$39,854,788.

Because the property tax levy decreased for the second straight year, the mill rate also decreased. The 2023-2024 budget includes a mill rate of \$5.20, which is a \$1.17 reduction from the previous mill rate of \$6.37.

The reduction is due, in part, to the West Bend School Board completing taxation for the 2009 and 2012 referendums in 2022. The West Bend School Board has actively managed the debt repayment using several strategies to reduce interest costs and retire the debt early. In addition, additional state aid provided to all school districts allows a reduction in the tax levy.

The preliminary budget was approved by the electors at the annual meeting on September 25. The budget presented at that time is preliminary because the final state aid and related information was given to school districts by the State of Wisconsin on October 13.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve nearly 6,000 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit www.west-bend.k12.wi.us for more information.

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