

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Levy
Fieldcrest Community Unit School District No. 6

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Fieldcrest C.U.S.D. No. 6 for 2018 will be held on December 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the band room at Fieldcrest High School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Daniel L. Oakley, Superintendent, 1 Dornbush Drive, Minonk, IL, 61760, or (309) 432-2177.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$8,057,319.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$8,786,541. This represents a 9.05% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 were \$155,126.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$125,123. This represents a 19.34% decrease from the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2017 were \$8,212,445.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$8,911,664. This represents a 8.51% increase over the previous year.

Each school district is required to certify annually and return to the respective county clerk(s), on or before the last Tuesday in December, its certificate of tax levy.

The [Truth in Taxation Act](#) (35 ILCS 200/18-55 et seq. created by Public Act 82-102 effective July 29, 1981 and amended by Public Act 91-0523 effective January 1, 2000) affects all units of local government, including school districts, community colleges, and home-rule units, which are authorized to levy property taxes. The provisions of the act now make a distinction between taxing bodies with the power to levy taxes on territory in Cook County versus taxing bodies that have no taxable territory in Cook County for the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2002. **Districts that do not have any taxable territory in Cook County are subject to the provisions of 35 ILCS 200/Art. 18, Div. 2.** The provisions of Truth in Taxation Law applicable to school districts that have no taxable territory in Cook County follow.

At least 20 days prior to the adoption of its aggregate [levy](#), the local board of education shall estimate the dollar amount of the aggregate levy for the current year exclusive of election costs. Any district proposing to increase its aggregate levy more than 105% of its prior year's extension, exclusive of election costs, must publish a notice, as prescribed by law, in a newspaper of general local circulation.

If the taxing district is located entirely in one county, the notice is published in an English-language newspaper of general circulation published in the taxing district, or if there is no such newspaper, in an English-language newspaper of general circulation published in the county and having circulation in the taxing district.

If the taxing district is located primarily in one county but extends into smaller portions of adjoining counties, the notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the taxing district, or if there is no such newspaper, in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which any part of the district is located.

If the taxing district includes all or a large portion of two or more counties, the notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which any part of the district is located.

The notice must be published no more than 14 days nor less than seven days prior to the date of the public hearing. The notice must be no less than one-eighth page in size, and the smallest type that can be used is 12 point. The notice must be enclosed in a black border no less than 1/4 inch wide. The notice cannot be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The notice is published in the following form:

**Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for . . .
(commonly known name of taxing district).**

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for (legal name of the taxing district) for (year) will be held on (date) at (time) at (location).

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact (name, title, address and telephone number of an appropriate official).

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for (preceding year) were (dollar amount of the final aggregate levy as extended plus the amount abated by the taxing district prior to extension).

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for (current year) are (dollar amount of the proposed aggregate levy). This represents a (percentage) increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for (preceding year) were (dollar amount).

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for (current year) are (dollar amount). This represents a (percentage increase or decrease) over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for (preceding year) were (dollar amount).

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for (current year) are (dollar amount). This represents a (percentage increase or decrease) over the previous year.

A notice which includes any information not specified and required by the Truth in Taxation Law is an invalid notice.

reproduce the information accurately or to publish the notice as directed by the taxing district.

No levy of a taxing district can be invalidated for failure to comply with the provisions of the Act if the failure is attributable to the newspaper's failure to

All hearings must be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district is to explain the reasons for the proposed increase and is required to