

Referendum Planning Discussion

Report to the Board of Education
August 20, 2018



CCSD 89 today

- **CCSD 89 has excellent schools with high student achievement.**
 - Top 10 percent in the nation for academic achievement
 - 85 percent of CCSD 89 graduates go to high school at or above grade level
- **Good schools attract more students.**
 - Student enrollment has grown by 16 percent since 2012; additional growth expected.
 - By 2021, the district will have added 550 students in nine years.
- **More students need more resources.**
 - Increasing costs, rising enrollment have created a structural deficit.
 - Deficit budgets of more than \$1 million expected for each next five years.
- **CCSD 89 has put a high priority on fiscal responsibility.**
 - The district has not requested a tax-rate increase since 1986. (Was supposed to last 10 years.)
 - The district has made nearly \$3 million in cuts in past 10 years.

Community outreach

The community was invited to provide feedback on the district's financial priorities

- Mailer sent to all homes, social media posts, newspaper interviews
- Door-to-door outreach
- Three community meetings: June 5, June 19, June 23
- Phone and online surveys



Survey results

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Do you agree?

People move to this area because of CCSD 89's reputation.

Strongly agree: 52.0%
Somewhat agree: 36.3%
Somewhat disagree: 2.9%
Strongly disagree: 3.9%
Other / undecided: 4.9%

Do you agree?

I'm willing to pay higher taxes to make sure CCSD 89 remains one of the higher performing districts in the area.

Strongly agree: 31.4%
Somewhat agree: 36.3%
Somewhat disagree: 14.7%
Strongly disagree: 17.6%

Would you support a tax-rate increase for CCSD 89?

Strongly favor: 19.6%
Favor: 37.3%
Leaning oppose: 2.9%
Oppose: 14.7%
Strongly oppose: 19.6%
Other / undecided: 5.9%

Do you agree?

People move to this area because of CCSD 89's reputation.

Strongly agree: 52.3%
Somewhat agree: 40.2%
Somewhat disagree: 2.4%
Strongly disagree: 2.2%
Other / undecided: 2.9%

Do you agree?

I'm willing to pay higher taxes to make sure CCSD 89 remains one of the higher performing districts in the area.

Strongly agree: 46.1%
Somewhat agree: 30.2%
Somewhat disagree: 11.7%
Strongly disagree: 9.7%
Other / undecided: 2.2%

Would you support a tax-rate increase for CCSD 89?

Strongly favor: 40.4%
Favor: 20.4%
Leaning favor: 11.0%
Leaning oppose: 5.5%
Oppose: 5.5%
Strongly oppose: 8.6%
Other / undecided: 7.9%

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What the community told us

CCSD 89 has excellent educational outcomes, a good reputation in the community, and makes the community a desirable place to live.

According to the feedback provided:

- Community members support the school district.
- Community members are willing to pay more to maintain educational excellence.
- Community members don't support cutting programs to balance the budget.
- Community members see a connection between property values and good schools.



Cost to homeowners

Approximate annual cost to homeowners of tax-rate increase

- 20-cent tax-rate increase for \$300,000 home: \$198 (\$3.81/week)
- 30-cent tax-rate increase for \$300,000 home: \$297 (\$5.71/week)
- 40-cent tax-rate increase for \$300,000 home: \$396 (\$7.62/week)
- 50-cent tax-rate increase for \$300,000 home: \$495 (\$9.46/week)
- 60-cent tax-rate increase for \$300,000 home: \$594 (\$11.42/week)

Every 10-cent tax-rate increase represents an additional \$33 taxes paid per \$100,000 in home value
Average home value in CCSD 89: \$315,000

		FY2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
40-cent rate increase	Year-end surplus/deficit	\$186,558	\$2,036,030	\$2,036,525	\$1,640,261	\$1,308,625
	Fund balance as percent of expenditures*	3.62%	0.65%	3.41%	8.44%	12.00%

Without a tax increase

Potential program cuts

- Eliminate elementary band for fifth-grade
- Eliminate elementary orchestra from fourth and fifth grades
- Eliminate Challenge (gifted) program from second and third grades
- Reduce social worker, counseling programs
- Reduce intervention supports
- Reduce library/media center staff from full to half time
- Eliminate all elementary and middle school sports and clubs
- Increase class sizes
- Change physical education classes from five days to four
- Change full-day kindergarten to half day

Ballot Language

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Glen Ellyn Community Consolidated School District Number 89, DuPage County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.4% above the limiting rate for school purposes for levy year 2017 and be equal to 3.3849% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2018?	YES	
	No	

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$24,120,263, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$27,352,568.

(2) For the 2018 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$133.

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2018 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

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