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**MILLSTADT CCSD #160
2018 Tax Levy Questions/Answers
(Payable in 2019 for the 2019-2020 School Year)**

1. The majority of a resident’s property tax bill is for the school district. What percentage of the school district’s budget is generated by local tax dollars?

For the 2017-2018 school year, Millstadt CCSD #160’s revenue was \$9,698,334. Local revenue supports 81% (or \$7.8 Million) of the budget, state revenue supports 16% (\$1.5 Million) and federal revenue support 3% (\$334K). State and federal funds do not pay for any other areas of operations other than a portion of Education and Transportation Fund. Therefore Millstadt tax payers completely pay for all operations and maintenance, facility/capital improvements (bond and interest payments), IMRF/Social Security benefits for non-certified employees, and workman’s compensation and liability insurance.

2. What is the historical property values in MCCSD #160?

A school district may levy on all taxable property (EAV) within school district boundaries. This amount is the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of the district which is determined by the St. Clair County assessor.

<u>TAX YEAR</u>	<u>EAV</u>	<u>% INC/DEC</u>	<u>MCCSD TAX RATE</u>
2010	\$183,816,858		2.8851
2011	\$178,034,054	-3.15%	2.9542
2012	\$176,586,003	-0.81%	2.8953
2013	\$172,715,578	-2.19%	2.9297
2014	\$176,757,008	2.34%	2.9933
2015	\$182,305,176	3.14%	3.1229
2016	\$187,945,828	3.09%	3.3181
2017	\$193,428,686	2.92%	3.3010
2018	\$197,091,540**	1.89%**	3.3133**

**approximate figures based on information from St. Clair County Clerk. Levy has been developed to capture all money up to 4.04% increase (\$202,250,000 EAV).



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3. What are tax rates for comparable elementary school districts in our area?

St. Clair County Illinois property tax rates for elementary school districts in 2017:

Whiteside	\$2.7708
Pontiac	\$2.8556
Freeburg #70	\$2.8920
O’Fallon #90	\$3.1649
Central #104	\$3.2473
Smithton	\$3.2881
Millstadt	\$3.3010
Shiloh	\$3.6716
Belleville #118	\$3.7809
Wolf Branch	\$3.8733
Grant	\$4.2752
Signal Hill	\$4.4803
High Mount	\$4.5294
Harmony Emge	\$4.5571
Belle Valley	\$5.2831

5. Does the district receive the levy amount approved at the December board of education meeting?

Only if the EAV increase matches the levy request increase. The amount received is based on the maximum tax rates in each fund multiplied by the total Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). If the EAV increases, the extension follows the same increase. If the EAV decreases, the extension follows the same decrease. If levying more than 5% than the prior year, school districts must publish the “Truth in Taxation” notification following the specific wording that implies the district is proposing a tax increase. In all actuality, the district is requesting funds that are tied to any EAV growth. Knowing that the EAV will not increase by 5%, there is no requirement or need to publish the Truth in Taxation notice.



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8. What is the difference between tax extensions and tax levies?

Tax levies and tax extensions are two related but separate entities. Tax levies are the amounts of money that each Fund requests in conjunction with the projected Equalized Assessed Valuation. Levies are approved by the Board of Education in December of each year. Tax extensions, on the other hand, are the exact amounts of money collected and distributed to the District by the County Clerk's office based on the final Equalized Assessed Valuation. Tax extensions are known in the spring, just prior to tax bills being mailed.

9. What is the current debt owed by MCCSD #160?

Series 2012 Refunding of 2003A, Defeasance 2003B and 2006

Remaining debt \$1,989,000 Will be paid off after 2023

Series 2016A Refunding Certain Outstanding

Remaining debt \$3,300,000 Begin payments in 2020
Paid off after 2026

Series 2016B Increase Working Cash Fund

Remaining debt \$260,000 Paid off after 2019

Series 2017 Taxable General Obligation Bonds - working cash bonds sold in Oct. 2017

Remaining debt \$1,200,000 Paid off after 2022

10. What are the current annual debt service payments?

FY 2019 \$1,025,720
FY 2020 \$1,057,346
FY 2021 \$1,057,985
FY 2022 \$1,060,618
FY 2023 \$1,062,140
FY 2024 \$797,650
FY 2025 \$795,750
FY 2026 \$798,250