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DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Jesse J. Rodriguez, Superintendent
Dr. James J. Woell, CSBO

RE: Approval of resolution authorizing the transfer of funds and abatement of
taxes levied by the Board of Education for the 2024 levy year.

On January 28, 2025, the District received word from the ISBE that we did not qualify for the next round of Property Tax Relief Grants. The District has met its requirements under the previous Property Tax Relief Grants and therefore is under no further obligation to abate property taxes under this grant program. However, as has been previously discussed, the Board has indicated its support to continue the practice of abating taxes collected. The Board is being asked to approve the abatement of \$900,000 from the 2024 levy year. In order to complete this process the District will need to provide the Lake County Clerk with an authorized and approved abatement resolution on or before February 28, 2025.

Enclosed are the resolution abating property taxes for \$900,000 levied for the 2024 levy year and the Lake County Filing Certificate. With this abatement of \$900,000, the total abatements back to local taxpayers are as follows:

2013	\$500,000
2014	\$877,000
2019(PTRG)	\$1,835,424
2020(PTRG)	\$3,468,791
2021(PTRG)	\$1,675,773
2022(PTRG)	\$1,837,194
2023(PTRG)	\$3,729,600
2024(PTRG)	\$1,892,406
2025(Abatement)	<u>\$900,000</u>
Total:	\$16,716,188

Recommendation: The Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the resolution transferring funds from the Educational Fund to the Bond Fund of the District and abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on outstanding bonds of the District.

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