

## **NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Sheridan Community Schools (the "School Corporation") did, on June 21, 2021, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds and enter into a lease (the "Lease") for the renovation of and improvements to the Sheridan High School and Middle School, including possible construction of an activities center, relocation of central office, upgrades to sports facilities and site work and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project"). The Lease will be for a maximum term of 20 years with a maximum annual Lease rental of \$1,500,000. The maximum annual Lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$10,000,000, estimated interest rates ranging from 1.0% to 5.0%, and total estimated interest costs of \$4,742,211.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 0.5634%; and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 7.09%.

The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$2,273,254 and the current rate is \$0.5634. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed Lease and the bonds are issued, the debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$1,500,000 and the debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.3718. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.0651.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the School Corporation enters into the lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Rate</u>
2021	\$2,594,736	\$0.5634
2022	2,890,870	0.6285
2023	2,896,800	0.6085
2024	2,892,325	0.5906
2025	2,897,713	0.5696
2026	2,784,000	0.5702
2027	2,784,000	0.5712
2028	2,784,000	0.5703
2029	2,784,000	0.5703
2030	2,784,000	0.5690
2031	2,784,000	0.5690

The Project may involve the opening of new school facility space; however, the new school facility space will be efficient, and the existing spaces will be improved to make them more efficient. Therefore, the School Corporation does not expect to annually incur a significant increase in cost to operate such new facility space. The purpose of the Lease and the bonds is to provide for the Project.

Any owners of real property within the School Corporation or registered voters residing within the School Corporation who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed Lease payments or the issuance of the bonds must file a petition that complies with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 subdivisions (4) and (5) not later than 30 days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated June 28, 2021.

*/s/ Board of School Trustees*  

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*(Note 1: In addition to publishing, mail to the Hamilton County Clerk, the Boone County Clerk and any organization which has requested a notice of preliminary determination.)*

*(Note 2: Publish once in legally required newspapers; also post in three public places in the School Corporation.)*