

Financial Services  
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**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR  
FY 2014-15**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Florida Statutes prescribe that no millage shall be levied until a resolution or ordinance has been approved by the governing body of the taxing authority, which resolution must be approved by said taxing authority according to the following procedures:

- a. Each school district shall advertise its intent to adopt a tentative budget in a newspaper of general circulation within 29 days of certification of value which is July 1. (The advertisement appeared in the **Miami Herald** on July 21.)
- b. Two to five days thereafter, the district shall hold a public hearing on the tentative budget.
- c. Said hearing shall not be held earlier than 5:00 p.m. if scheduled on a day other than Saturday. No hearing shall be held on Sunday.
- d. Prior to the conclusion of said hearing, the governing body of the taxing authority shall amend the tentative budget as it sees fit, adopt a tentative budget, and adopt a resolution stating the millage rate to be levied. The resolution shall also state the percentage, if any, by which the recomputed millage rate exceeds the rollback rate. The percentage shall be characterized as the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the governing body. The Millage Levy Resolution must be adopted prior to adoption of the Tentative Budget.
- e. The millage rate adopted at the final budget hearing shall not exceed the millage rate adopted at this tentative budget hearing unless each taxpayer within Miami-Dade County is sent notice by first-class mail of the tax levy to be proposed at the final budget hearing, except under specific conditions prescribed in 200.065(5), Florida Statutes.

**REVISED**

**E-14**

- f. For FY 2014-15, the maximum non-voted tax millage as advertised (exclusive of debt service) that may be levied by the Board, if approved by a vote of a majority of the membership of the Board, is calculated to be 7.775 mills.

The total millage, consisting of both voted and non-voted levies, is 7.974 mills (see page 6). The total millage levy represents a decrease of (.003) mills from FY 2013-14. The non-voted millage levy, certified by the Commissioner of Education on July 14, 2014, consists of the following: (a) state-required levy of 5.527 mills to participate in the Florida Education Finance Program; (b) a basic discretionary levy of .687 mills for additional operating costs; (c) a discretionary levy of 1.561 mills for capital purposes. Up to .25 mills of the discretionary operating levy may be transferred to discretionary capital outlay. The voted millage consists of a debt service levy of .199 mills required to fund the principal and interest payments and the tax roll yield shortfall in the Debt Service Fund and \$300 million of bonds as authorized by referendum in November 2012. (\$1.2 billion authorized by the voters.)

On June 30, 2014, the Board received Agenda Items E-14, Authorization to Advertise Proposed Tentative Budget and Millage Levies for FY 2014-15. The Required Local Effort millage was reduced due to statewide School Taxable Value increasing from \$1.494 billion used during the 2014 Legislative Session to \$1.519 billion received on July 14, 2014.

Page 6 reflects the proposed FY 2014-15 millage levy and actual millage levies for the three prior years and the tax effects using the average assessed value from each year. **The proposed total millage levy for FY 2014-15 is (.003) mills lower than FY 2013-14.** However, due to increases in the average assessed value, annual taxes on the average homestead will increase \$63.82; during the three year period beginning FY 2011-12, the average homestead property tax increased by \$10.39 annually. The tax effect on the typical homeowner participating in the Save Our Homes program, however, will actually be \$20.42 higher than the prior year if the homeowner resided in the same homestead with no property improvements (i.e. added on to). The increase for the typical homeowner is due to a 1.5% capped increase (CPI level was 1.5%) in assessed value partially offset by a decrease in the millage levy rate.

**NOTE: This item is one of three items which are part of the 6:00 p.m. public hearing, which should be discussed only at that time and should be approved first.**

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. adopt the millage rates below:
  - a) locally levied Discretionary Operating millage levy of .687 mills and Capital Outlay millage levy of 1.561 mills;
  - b) state established and Required Local Effort millage levy of 5.527 mills; and
  - c) Debt Service levy of .199 mills.
  
2. adopt the millage resolution for FY 2014-15 for a total of 7.974 mills.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 RESOLUTION DETERMINING  
 REVENUES AND MILLAGES LEVIED

RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES TO BE PRODUCED AND THE MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND, FOR THE DISTRICT LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND FOR DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, section 1011.04, Florida Statutes, requires that, upon receipt of the certificate of the property appraiser giving the assessed valuation of the county and of each of the special tax school districts, the school board shall determine, by resolution, the amounts necessary to be raised for current operating purposes and for debt service funds and the millage to be levied for each such fund, including the voted millage; and

WHEREAS, section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, provides for the amounts necessary to be raised for local capital improvement outlay and the millage to be levied; and

WHEREAS, the certificate of the property appraiser has been received;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the district school board that the amounts necessary to be raised as shown by the officially adopted budget and the millages necessary to be levied for each school fund of the district for the fiscal year are as follows:

1. DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX (nonvoted levy)

a) Certified taxable value	b) Description of levy	c) Amount to be raised	d) Millage levy
\$ <u>234,803,018,608</u>	Required Local Effort	\$ <u>1,179,124,407</u>	<u>5.2310</u> mills <small>s. 1011.62(4), F.S.</small>
	Prior-Period Funding Adjustment Millage	\$ <u>66,721,626</u>	<u>0.2960</u> mills <small>s. 1011.62(4)(e), F.S.</small>
	Total Required Millage	\$ <u>1,245,846,033</u>	<u>5.5270</u> mills

2. DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX DISCRETIONARY MILLAGE (nonvoted levy)

a) Certified taxable value	b) Description of levy	c) Amount to be raised	d) Millage levy
\$ <u>234,803,018,608</u>	Discretionary Operating	\$ <u>154,857,287</u>	<u>0.6870</u> mills <small>s. 1011.71(1), F.S.</small>

3. DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX ADDITIONAL MILLAGE (voted levy)

a) Certified taxable value	b) Description of levy	c) Amount to be raised	d) Millage levy
\$ _____	Additional Operating	\$ _____	_____ mills <small>ss. 1011.71(9) and 1011.73(2), F.S.</small>
	Additional Capital Improvement	\$ _____	_____ mills <small>s. 1011.73(1), F.S.</small>



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Millage History and Tax Effect to Homeowners**

**MILLAGE**

	<u>Actual FY2011-12</u>	<u>Actual FY2012-13</u>	<u>Actual FY2013-14</u>	<u>Proposed FY2014-15</u>
<b><u>STATE ESTABLISHED AND REQUIRED:</u></b>				
Required Local Effort (RLE)	5.693	5.557	5.396	5.527
<b><u>LOCALLY LEVIED:</u></b>				
Discretionary Operating	0.472	0.647	0.687	0.687
Additional Discretionary Operating (.25)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Discretionary Capital	1.600	1.561	1.561	1.561
Sub-Total Locally Levied	2.072	2.208	2.248	2.248
<b>Sub Total Non Voted-Millage</b>	<b>7.765</b>	<b>7.765</b>	<b>7.644</b>	<b>7.775</b>
Debt Service (Voted)	0.240	0.233	0.333	0.199
<b>Total Millage Levy</b>	<b>8.005</b>	<b>7.998</b>	<b>7.977</b>	<b>7.974</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Prior Year</b>	<b>(0.244)</b>	<b>(0.007)</b>	<b>(0.021)</b>	<b>(0.003)</b>

**TAX EFFECT USING AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE**

	<u>FY2011-12</u>	<u>FY2012-13</u>	<u>FY2013-14</u>	<u>FY2014-15</u>
Assessed Value-Average Homestead *	\$ 177,992	\$ 171,121	\$ 174,437	\$ 182,497
Less: Homestead Exemption	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)
Taxable Value	\$ 152,992	\$ 146,121	\$ 149,437	\$ 157,497
Total Millage Levy	8.005	7.998	7.977	7.974
Total Taxes	\$ 1,224.70	\$ 1,168.68	\$ 1,192.06	\$ 1,255.88
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ (50.81)</b>	<b>\$ (56.02)</b>	<b>\$ 23.38</b>	<b>\$ 63.82</b>
<b>Average Tax Increase Since 2011-12</b>				<b>\$ 10.39</b>

**TAX EFFECT ON  
TYPICAL HOMEOWNER**

	<u>FY2013-14</u>	<u>FY2014-15</u>
Assessed Value-Typical Homestead *	\$ 174,437	\$ 177,054
Less: Homestead Exemption	(25,000)	(25,000)
Taxable Value	\$ 149,437	\$ 152,054
Total Millage Levy	7.977	7.974
Total Taxes	\$ 1,192.06	\$ 1,212.48
<b>Increase over Prior Year</b>		<b>\$ 20.42</b>

\* Source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser - These two charts contrast the change of ad valorem tax levies which would be determined by using the 'average assessed value' of property to that which would be paid by the typical homeowner participating in the "Save Our Home" program. A typical homeowner is capped at a 1.5% increase in assessed value for FY2014-15, one that resides in the same homestead and has not improved (i.e. 'added onto') their property.