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SCASD Board of Directors To Vote on 2017-18 Final Budget

On Monday, June 12, the State College Area School District Board of Directors will vote to approve the [district's 2017-18 final budget](#).

Budget highlights include:

- Revenues of \$150,229,781, about a 4 percent increase from 2016-17.
- Expenses of \$152,122,249, a 3.4 increase from 2016-17. The budget supports the following additional resources:
 - A psychologist for gifted and learning evaluations.
 - An elementary principal for Ferguson Township Elementary to remove the shared principal model for Corl Street and Ferguson Township.
 - An IT Systems programmer to meet the district's increasing needs.
 - Staffing to develop curriculum in a hybrid and/or online format in response to instructional program changes.
 - The development of the International Baccalaureate Programme in the district.
- A proposed real estate tax increase of 1.55 percent (a .6738 mill increase to 44.1468 mills). This is well below the district's Act 1 Index of 2.5 percent, the state-mandated tax ceiling for the district, and much smaller than increases in the previous two budgets tied to repaying referendum-approved State High Project debt. It's also the district's lowest increase since 2007-08.
- A tax increase of \$49 for the average residential taxpayer (\$72,239 in assessed value of property), compared to \$130 for 2016-17 and \$157 in 2015-216.
- Local funding accounts for 81 percent of the district's budget, including 79 percent from real estate taxes. Budgeted state revenue (18 percent) is about \$2.3 million higher than the 2016-17 budget because of education funding changes and reimbursement for retirement and social security.

Other scheduled action items include:

- The continuation of the [district's Supplemental Property Tax Rebate Program](#). To provide rebates of up to \$650 per qualified household, the 2017-18 final budget allocates \$100,000 for the program, as the 2016-17 budget did.
- The appointment of Supervisor of Elementary Education Vernon Bock as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.