



# WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

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## Proposed Tax Levy

Chief School Business Official Cathy Lauria Presents Proposed Tax Levy

The Board of Education approved the Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the year 2014 as well as the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase and set 7:00 PM, December 9, 2014 as the Public Hearing date for the Tax Levy. The proposed corporate and special property taxes to be levied represent a 7.8% increase over the previous year's receipts in an effort to capture new property and a 47% decrease from the previous year in the debt service extension. Overall, the levy reflects a 5.4% increase. A public hearing will be conducted at the December 9, 2014 Board of Education meeting, and the Truth-in-Taxation notice will be published November 27. At the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will vote on resolutions providing for the levy of taxes, to levy certain special taxes, and to instruct the County Clerk how to apportion tax extension reductions, if needed.

## Substitute Teachers

Board Approves Increased Substitute Teacher Daily Rate

The Board of Education approved substitute teacher daily rates as follows:

- \$105 for days 1-39
- \$115 for day 40 and over
- Lane 1 Step 1 of teacher salary schedule for same assignment for 30 days or over

There are two levels of substitute teachers:

- **Substitutes for certified positions** such as classroom teachers – This level requires an Illinois substitute certificate or an Illinois teaching certificate. To be awarded one of these certificates from the ISBE, a person must minimally have a bachelor's degree.
- **Substitutes for non-certified positions** such as instructional assistants – This level requires an Illinois paraprofessional certificate. To be awarded a paraprofessional certificate, a person must minimally have successfully completed 60 semester hours of teaching or have passed the Illinois paraprofessional exam.

Parents wanting to substitute in District 31 must hold the appropriate certification and successfully pass through the application and interview process. In an effort to avoid any conflict of interest, parents may substitute for grade spans in which they do not have children – K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

## School Nurses

School Nurse Requirements Increase Effective 2015-2016

In response to meeting the demands of the school health offices, District 31 will continue to have two nurses; however, one must be a registered nurse who has minimally earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the State school nurse certification and a second must be a registered nurse who has minimally earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the Field School Learning Center. Visitors should enter through the District Office main entrance on Techny.