



Fillmore Central

2014 Payable 2015

Truth In Taxation Public Meeting

6:00 p.m.

December 23, 2014

at the

Fillmore Central Elementary Meeting Room

700 Chatfield St.

Preston, MN 55965



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Truth in Taxation Law

Minnesota's Truth in Taxation Law requires that cities, counties and school districts follow certain steps before adopting a tax levy for the following year. One important part of that law requires a mailed notice to each property owner in the county, which describes the tax levies proposed by the city, county and school district and what percent increase such a levy would mean in dollars.



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Truth in Taxation Public Meeting

A second part of the law pertains to a “Truth in Taxation” public meeting for each taxing jurisdiction.

You are here tonight as part of the school district’s public meeting process.



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Requirements of the Truth in Taxation Public Meeting

1. Discuss proposed property tax levy for taxes payable 2015
2. Provide and discuss information on the current budget (2014-2015).
3. Public must be given a reasonable amount of time to comment on the proposed property tax levy and budget and to ask questions.

- Minnesota Statute 275.065



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Points to Remember:

1. Revenue formulas are set by the State Legislature except for voter approved referendums.
2. Local Levy and State Aid mix are set by the State Legislature.
3. An increase in local taxes does not necessarily mean an increase in revenues for the school district.



Fillmore Central Schools

School District Budget

Current School Year

2014-2015

Fund Accounting Overview

2014-2015

GENERAL FUND (Fund 01)

- Revenue is based on student enrollment
- The local referendum levy is part of the General Fund
- Provides for classroom instruction, instructional supplies and equipment, and other educational activities
- Special Education, and State / Federal Mandated Programs
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Pupil Transportation
- Facilities Operation and Maintenance
- Capital Expenditures and Improvements
- Health and Safety Code Compliance

FOOD SERVICE (Fund 02)

- School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Fund Accounting Overview (cont.)

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COMMUNITY SERVICE (Fund 04)

- Levy is based on adult population in the District
- Early childhood levy is based on the number of children under 5 years of age
- Provides for enrichment programs for any age level that are not part of the K-12 education program
- Early Childhood Family Education
- School Readiness
- Adult Basic Education

DEBT SERVICE (Fund 07)

- Based on annual debt retirement schedules for the district's outstanding bonded indebtedness. Annual levy is for the payment of principal and interest on bonds as due.



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2014-2015 BUDGET OVERVIEW REVENUES

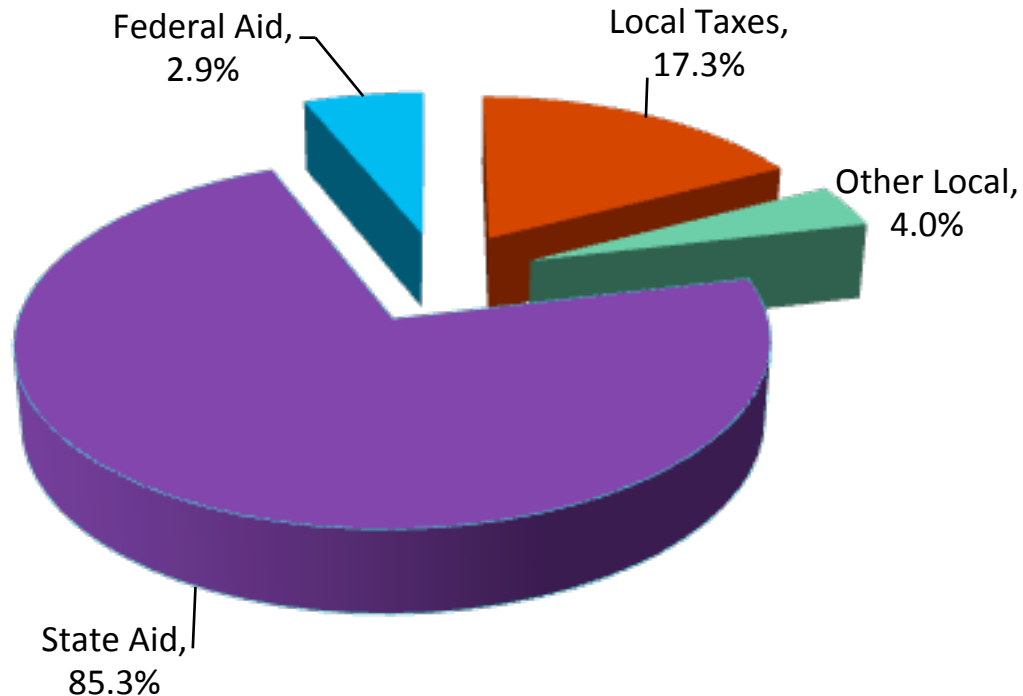
	13-14 Actual	14-15 Budget	Percent Change
General Fund	6,229,669	6,613,075	6.15%
Food Service	390,134	382,565	-1.94%
Community Service	596,465	529,461	-11.23%
Building Construction	146	4,581,000	
Debt Service	655,517	594,506	-9.31%
Totals	\$ 7,871,931	\$ 12,700,607	61.34%



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General Fund Revenue Budget

Where Do Our School Revenues Come From?





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2014-2015 BUDGET OVERVIEW EXPENDITURES

	13-14 Actual	14-15 Budget	Percent Change
General Fund	5,812,887	6,260,383	7.70%
Food Service	372,050	382,159	2.72%
Community Service	517,084	515,891	-0.23%
Construction	541,563	4,651,000	758.81%
Debt Service (07 & 47)	694,867	710,798	2.29%
Totals	\$ 7,938,451	\$ 12,520,231	57.72%



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HOW ARE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS SPENT?

Expenses incurred in the operation of the district are paid from the General Fund. The following schedule relates how the dollars allocated to the General Fund are spent:

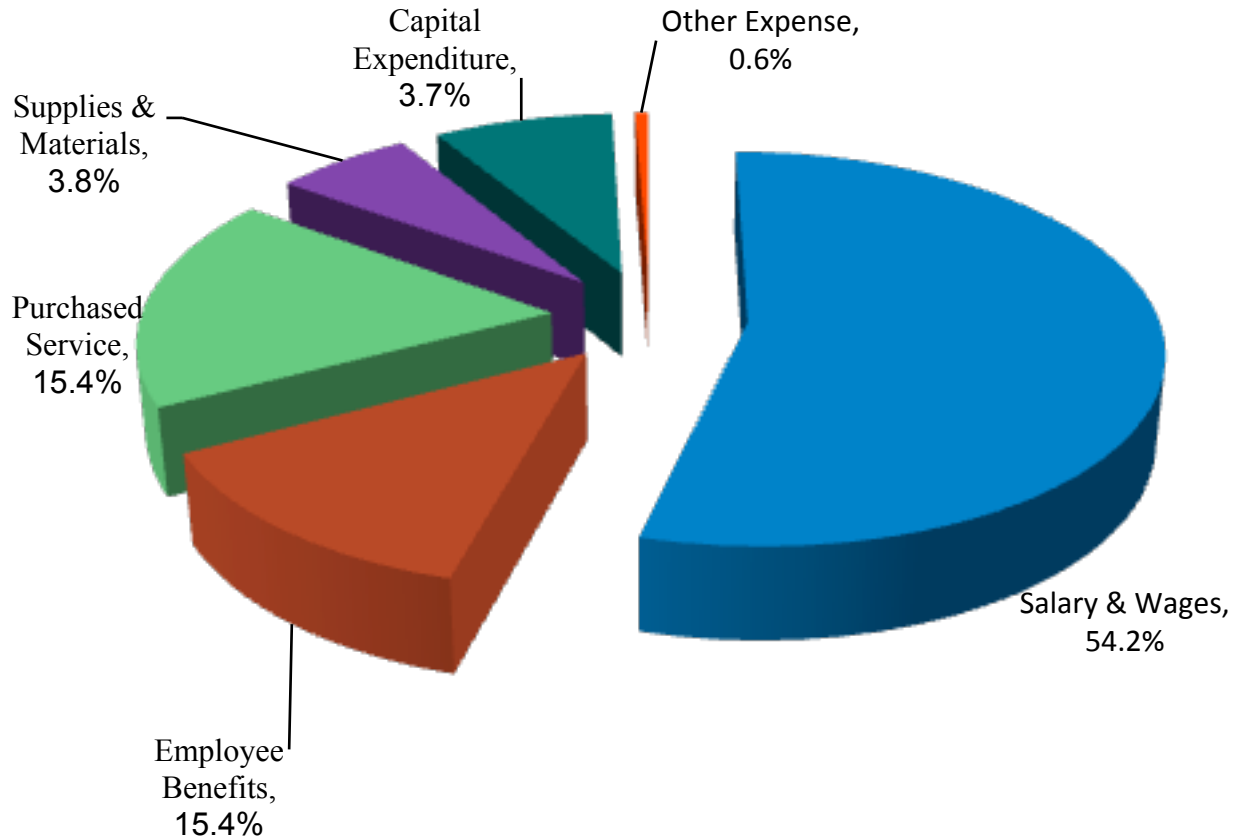
District & School Administration	6.0%
District Support Services	4.9%
Regular Instruction	44.9%
Vocational Instruction	1.1%
Special Education Instruction	16.1%
Instructional Support Services	2.7%
Pupil Support Services	9.1%
Sites-Buildings, Equipment	14.5%
Fiscal and Other	0.6%
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General Fund Expenditure Budget

What Do Our Expenditures Pay For?





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School District Levy

- 2014 Payable 2015
- 2015-2016 School Year
- Fiscal Year 2016



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Authority for School Levies

A School District Tax Levy must be either:

- Set by State Formula
- or-
- Voter and/or School Board Approved



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Factors Impacting Tax Change

Issues Driven by Legislative Decisions:

- Change in sales ratio (impacting ANTC)
- Change in tax capacity rate structure
- Laws mandating code compliance (Health & Safety and Buildings)

Issues Determined by District Voters:

- Voter approved building bond issue
- Voter approved excess levy referendum



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Factors Impacting Tax Change (*cont.*)

Local Factors:

- Inflationary pressure on real estate market
- Abatements
- Property improvements not previously taxed
- Change in individual assessed market value
- Possible change in property classification (*e.g. homestead to rental*)



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How will your 2015 school taxes be spent?

Percent

General Fund

Provides additional funding for district instructional programs by means of the approved excess referendum. Provides funds for operating capital expenses, building/land lease, and Health & Safety costs:

54%

Community Education Fund

Levy for Community Education Programs:

5%

Debt Service

Levy for repayment of principal and interest on district debt:

41%

Total Levy Before Credits:

100.0%



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LEVY LIMITATION AND CERTIFICATION 2014 Payable 2015

Comparison of Certified Payable 2014 Levy with Proposed Payable 2015 Levy

GROSS LEVIES BY FUND	ACTUAL 13 PAY 14	PROPOSED 14 PAY 15	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
General Fund	1,146,400.23	904,802.18	(241,598.05)	-21.07%
Community Services	80,873.12	83,692.15	2,819.03	3.49%
Debt Redemption	594,005.38	699,986.71	105,981.33	17.84%
Total	1,821,278.73	1,688,481.04	(132,797.69)	-7.29%



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What are the main variables that cause property tax increases and decreases?

- Changes in market values, classification or class rates
- Change in property tax credits (*e.g. change in Homestead Benefit from a credit to an exclusion*)
- Voter approved referendums
- Increases or decreases in levy amounts caused by changes in state funding formulas



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What are the main variables that cause property tax increases and decreases? (*cont.*)

- The value of your property may increase or decrease
- The value of other properties may increase or decrease and change the share that your property is of the total tax base, whether your property's value changed or not.
- Mandated Health and Safety funded projects



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Whereas, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes the School Board of Fillmore Central School District, Preston, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following proposed tax levies for general purposes:

Maintenance (General Fund)	\$ 904,802.18
• Includes Referendum	
Community Service	83,692.15
General Debt Service	588,879.92
OPEB Debt Service	111,106.79
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	\$1,688,481.04

Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the School Board of Fillmore Central School District, Preston, Minnesota, that the levy to be levied in 2014 to be collected in 2015 is set at \$1,688,481.04. The clerk of the Fillmore Central School Board is authorized to certify the proposed levy to the County Auditor of Fillmore County, Minnesota.