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MEMORANDUM:

DATE: November 18th, 2009
TO: Woodland Public Schools Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Green
REGARDING: REVISED M&O Recommendation

Following the presentation of a preliminary recommendation to the Board of Directors on November 9th a community forum was held in an effort to gather additional data from the community relative to what should be requested of the community for the February Educational Program M&O Levy. This meeting was attended by about twenty-two people, including fifteen parent/community members who provided feedback to a series of questions regarding the upcoming levy. The responses are attached as an e-board document.

Based on the input we received the administrative team met and has made some revision to our recommendation. The primary revision is to request a three-year levy rather than the previously proposed two-year levy. The sense we gathered from the community member feedback is that asking for school measures in each of the next three years would potentially result in a reduction in support from our community. Another factor considered by the administrative team is that most surrounding districts are requesting three-year levies and to do a two year levy would result in being "off-cycle" with other districts and, as a result missing out on the media attention that the larger districts to our south receive.

Regarding the amount of the levy the Administrative team is recommending a yearly inflation factor of \$150,000 per year with the goal of maintaining the proportion of our general fund budget that is provided for by our current levy; about 15.5%.



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Tax Year	Levy Amount	Projected TAV Growth	Anticipated Rate/\$1000
2011	\$ 2,950,000	0%	\$ 2.14
2012	\$ 3,100,000	3%	\$ 2.18
2013	\$ 3,250,000	3%	\$ 2.22

The team discussed at length adding an additional sum, potentially up to \$150,000 in each of the three years that would be targeted at reducing or eliminating school-based student fund-raisers, gate-fees for community members, student participation fees, field-trip charges, etc. The group did not reach a consensus on this idea and asked Mr. Shoup if he would present this to the school board for their consideration.

It is important that the board approve a levy resolution at this meeting, or schedule a special meeting in the next few weeks to do so. In preparation for the meeting I have prepared the resolution to reflect my recommendation, as well as the prior two-year recommendation. We will have the electronic documents at the board meeting and will be able to make modifications to reflect the board's determination.



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