

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Western Boone County Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation") did, on December 14, 2020, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds and enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease") for the renovation and construction of improvements to Thorntown Elementary School, and school corporation safety and site improvements, and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project"). The Lease will be for a maximum term of 22 years with a maximum annual Lease rental of \$1,981,000. The maximum annual Lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$16,500,000, estimated interest rates ranging from 2.50% to 4.85%, and total estimated interest costs of \$8,929,928.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 0.68%; and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 8.39%.

The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$3,649,302 and the current rate is \$0.5294. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed Lease and the bonds are issued, the debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$1,981,000 and the debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.2605. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.0500.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the School Corporation enters into the lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Rate</u>
2020	\$3,649,302	\$0.5294
2021	3,649,302	0.5353
2022	3,649,302	0.5353
2023	3,949,959	0.5794
2024	3,949,959	0.5794
2025	3,949,959	0.5794
2026	3,949,959	0.5794
2027	3,949,959	0.5794
2028	3,949,959	0.5794
2029	3,949,959	0.4587
2030	2,852,175	0.4184
2031	1,821,364	0.2672
2032	1,820,519	0.2670

The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the Project. The Project involves the opening of more square footage of space; however, the new space will be more efficient than the school facility space which is being renovated. Due to such overall increase in efficiency, the School Corporation expects to not annually incur a significant increase in the cost to operate such additional space.

If a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received within 30 days from the first publication of this notice, the proposed debt service or Lease payments must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6.

Dated December 17, 2020.

/s/ Mike Martin

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Western Boone County Community School
Corporation

(Note 1: In addition to publishing, mail to the Boone County Clerk and any organization which has requested a notice of preliminary determination.)

(Note 2: Publish once each week, for two weeks in legally required newspapers; also post in three public places in the School Corporation.)