

Measure 17-71 Three Rivers School District

Referred to the People by Three Rivers School District

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Three year Local Option Levy for operations.

QUESTION: Shall Three Rivers School District impose up to \$200,000 each year for three years for safety operations beginning in 2016? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The Three Rivers School District proposes a levy of up to \$200,000, or approximately 5 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, to contract with the Josephine County Sheriff's department for deputies to act as peace officers to protect the district's 15 schools. The deputies will be experienced police officers who are currently retired. Deputies will be armed and in uniform, as a resistance and presence in schools to help deter a school shooter or terrorist attack and provide help to staff in cases of trespass or violent persons on campus. Deputies will not be involved in disciplining of students. The amount to be collected will allow the district to contract for the equivalent of 6 peace officers district wide, working 180 days per year, 6 hours per day. The collected funds will also provide for uniforms, equipment, and mileage to allow movement from school to school. Deputies will have radios and be connected to 911 but will not be called or used for any incident or patrol outside of schools.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Sheriff with input from the school district. The officers would be supervised by the Sheriff's Office and report to their supervisor, who in turn will coordinate with the Superintendent to assure the needs of the district are met. Using the Sky Marshall design, each school would have a peace officer on site an average of 3 hours per day. Only the Superintendent or his/her designee would know of the officers' schedules at any given time. The superintendent would continually work with the schools and officers to evaluate the efficiency of their schedules to create the most impact and service as possible to each school.

The peace officers would have fire arms which are secured in a Level III security holster, which requires three levels of security retention while worn by the peace officer. They would carry dispatch radios and cellphones, allowing them to be in contact with, travel to, and support an officer at another location. Officers would be driving personal vehicles between schools and would be reimbursed for mileage based on current federal guidelines.

As employees of the sheriff's department, officers would have access to the latest training and techniques around school shootings and response. They would be provided ongoing training and professional development to help them be more effective in school environments and prepare them to better meet the specific goals of the district around safety and security.

(This information furnished by Three Rivers School District.)

Explanatory Statement

The Three Rivers School District proposes a levy of up to \$200,000 per year for three years, to contract with the Josephine County Sheriff's department for deputies to act as peace officers to protect the district's 15 schools. This would cost each Three Rivers School District resident approximately \$5 per year on a home valued at \$100,000. The amount to be collected will allow the district to contract for the equivalent of 6 peace officers district wide, working 180 days per year, 6 hours per day, at a contract rate of \$25 per hour. This level of service will allow the sheriff's office to keep the officers' hours below the PERS limit for service thus allowing the officers to maintain their PERS benefits. The collected funds will also provide for uniforms, equipment, and mileage to allow movement from school to school.

The deputies will be experienced police officers who are currently retired. They will be employees of the sheriff's office. The deputies' duties are: first and foremost, to be an armed resistance and presence in schools to help deter a school shooter or terrorist attack; second, to provide help to staff in cases of trespass, violent or potentially violent persons on campus, custodial interference cases, and other similar situations; and third, to provide an education resource to staff around safety and security, drug and alcohol abuse, DUI consequences, and other areas of expertise that they might contribute based on their careers in law enforcement. The officers will not have a role in school discipline.

The peace officers' ongoing evaluation will be conducted by the