

Local Tax Notice Information 2017

You will be receiving your Kane County property tax notice outlining the various taxing entities. I would like to explain the levies connected to the schools, which includes Kane School District, State School, and State Charter School Levy. The Kane School District levy is .003728 which includes the Board Local Levy, Capital Levy, and the Voted Local Levy, and are based on the assessed evaluation of Kane County for Tax Year 2017. The Kane School District levy equates to approximately \$8,528,269 which was 49 % of the total fiscal year 2017 budget. The State School Levy is set by the State in connection with the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) allocated by the Utah Legislature. Each district and charter school is funded based on the WPU value and is tied to the number of students who attend school. The State allocations of funding are approximately \$7,967,928, which equates to 46% of the fiscal year 2017 total budget. The State Charter School Levy is a result of legislative action taken in 2016 which placed the state predetermined rate on the property tax assessments. Charter Schools do not have taxing authority, so to assure Charters are funded at the same level as district students, the levy was placed on the tax rolls by the Utah Legislature. Prior to the Charter School legislation, a district was required to surrender local tax funding to charters through a charter school replacement fund which was not transparent to the public. With the addition of the State Charter School Levy, taxpayers will be able to see the amount of local money distributed to the State to support Charters. Also, Federal revenues equate to approximately \$900,426, or 5% of the total budget for Kane School District. You may have read about many school districts across the state participating in Truth and Taxation hearings to raise taxes in an effort to increase educational funding. Kane School District has elected to not increase taxes this year, in an effort to keep taxes at their current level. If you have questions relating to the district tax levy or budgets, please come into the district office any time, where we would be happy to answer your questions.

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