

Public Hearing on the Tax Levy – December 10, 2020 Board Meeting

Name	Question/Comment
<p>Jacalyn and James Derengowski</p>	<p>Dr Bein and SD25 Board Members,</p> <p>Hello! I was surprised to see a board meeting with a proposed tax levy. Let me begin by saying no.</p> <p>No,no,no,no....</p> <p>The board should use all of their time to have the plan to get schools fully open done, with full remote and schools opened, before asking for any money from the community. Illinois voted no to the Progressive Tax, our community is not looking to talk about giving the school district anymore money. Tighten your belt as the many families and businesses in our community are doing. Bad decisions that led to a budgetary problem, should be solved with fiscal responsibility, not a bailout from the community. When he schools are fully open, then we can talk about money.</p> <p>I have included the article by John Kass that better articulates my frustration. Stop letting the politicians and Teachers Unions use our students as bargaining chips as Prisoners of War.</p> <p>https://www.chicagotribune.com/columns/john-kass/ct-coronavirus-schools-kass-20201210-kityu45m2jfh5hyd6vcfreizeu-story.html</p> <p>The CTU tweet and letter from John Braglia, the Teachers Union President, local 1211, IFT-AFT,AFL-CIO President, to Dr Small at d211, are like the Emporer's New Clothes, they show the community what is really happening.</p> <p>Educational reform is a good thing and I hope the Board will show they stand with the students, families and teachers who believe in education, not Tyranny of Teachers' Unions. We are weary of metrics trying to justify the agenda of the Teachers Union.</p> <p>Think out of the box with a Remote Academy, placing an advertisement for subs to new grads, using parents as substitutes, etc. Together this community can open our schools and keep them open. Perhaps, in the process, we can start the long needed educational reform needed in this country.</p>