

School Board Meeting:

May 26, 2026

Subject:

Resolution Approving SW Metro Intermediate School District No. 288's Safe Schools Program and Authorizing The Inclusion Of A Proportionate Share Of Those Projects In The District's Application For Safe School Revenue

Presenter:

**Ryan Tangen, Director
Finance and Operations**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval.

DESCRIPTION:

As a part of the Safe Schools revenue legislation, school district cooperatives and intermediate districts are also given the authority to utilize the revenue program. The revenue has a flow-thru component similar to a lease levy authority meaning we would levy and collect the property taxes on behalf of SW Metro and then forward the funds to them for their use. They are again planning on using the funds for expenditures related to school resource officers. This amount will be a part of our total property tax levy to be approved in the fall of 2026 for taxes payable in 2027 for the 2027-28 school year. The Safe Schools levy requires annual approval from all member districts of the cooperative/intermediate district by June 30th or the cooperative loses the ability to levy for that year.

SW Metro is proposing to collect \$211,157 from its member districts. Our portion would be \$21,764.29, an increase of \$5,999.97 from last year's total of \$27,764.26. The current tax impact projection on a \$300,000 home would be \$.94 per year. This is a \$.26 decrease per year for a BHM residential homestead property.

Utilizing the Safe Schools levy results in a corresponding reduction in the tuition billing from SW Metro and reduces our special education aid each year. On the other hand, the State of Minnesota has needed to prorate special education aid in the past due to budget constraints. If special education aid is prorated, this levy transaction would slightly reduce the impact on BHM Schools.

We recommend approval of the attached resolution to allow 2027-28 Safe Schools levy authority for the SW Metro Intermediate School District No. 288.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- SWM BHM Safe Schools Resolution Levy Payable 2027 for Fiscal Year 2028