

27 BOARD BRIEFS

Northbrook School District 27 Board of Education Meeting
December, 2017 and January, 2018

Board Approves 2017 Tax Levy in December

The District 27 Board of Education approved the tentative 2017 tax levy at the December 21st Board Meeting. The tax levy represents the 2016 Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.1% and an additional 1.5% for new and/or redeveloped property in the District. The total tax levy of 3.6% is an increase over the previous year's property tax extension for a total dollar amount of \$26,465,361.

Key financial assumptions providing the context for the recommendations include the District's equalized assessed valuation (property values), assessed valuation division by class, new property history, rate of inflation, and other economic factors that are impacting school funding.

District 27 continues to be in a strong financial position and remains one of the finest districts in the nation. This levy is one part of a conservative approach to financial planning that allows the District to maintain excellence while seeking to use the taxpayer dollars responsibly.

District 27 Emergency Preparedness Plan Extends to Northfield Township

District 27 is the catalyst for the creation of a Northfield Township-wide emergency preparedness plan.

The District's robust Emergency Preparedness Plan will be implemented at neighboring elementary school districts, the Northbrook and Glenview park districts, the village of Northbrook (and supported by the Police and Fire departments), Northfield Township, and area religious organizations.

"The partnerships we are building have been amazing," said Kimberly Arakelian, District 27's Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. "Our goal is to have one standard emergency response protocol for the Township."

At the Board meeting on January 18th, Mrs. Arakelian shared that all the Northfield Township organizations will meet on February 8th and February 9th for full-day training exercises. The entire District 27 staff have been practicing emergency and evacuation drills throughout the current school year.

The District 27 Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) includes comprehensive plans at each school for evacuation and reunification procedures, and active intruder training for all staff.