

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Metropolitan School District of Warren County (the "School Corporation") did, on September 9, 2026, make a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of bonds and enter into one or more lease agreements for the renovations of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site improvements and the purchase of buses, equipment and technology (collectively, the "Project"). Each lease agreement will be for a maximum term of 26 (twenty-six) years with a maximum annual lease rental of \$5,000,000. The maximum annual lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated aggregate principal amount of bonds of \$65,000,000, estimated interest rate 6.0%, and total estimated interest costs of \$43,952,816. The School Corporation may issue one or more series of general obligation bonds to fund the Project, and if such bonds are issued, they will fit into the parameters listed herein. If the School Corporation issues general obligation bonds, the aggregate principal amount of the bonds associated with the lease agreements, as described herein, would be reduced by the aggregate principal amount of the general obligation bonds issued, such that the total principal amount of bonds issued to finance the Project would not exceed the aggregate estimated principal amount of \$65,000,000.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 0.65%; and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 13.75%.

The School Corporation's current Debt Service Fund levy is \$3,192,113 and the current Debt Service Fund tax rate is \$0.4818. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed Lease and the bonds are issued, the Debt Service Fund levy will increase by a maximum of \$5,000,000 and the Debt Service Fund tax rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.6964. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.2112 above the current rate.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's Debt Service Fund levy and Debt Service Fund tax rate that will result during the following 10 years if the School Corporation enters into the lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the Debt Service Fund levy and Debt Service Fund tax rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Fund Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Fund Tax Rate</u>
2026	\$3,192,113	\$0.4818
2027	3,459,088	0.4818
2028	3,459,088	0.4818
2029	3,459,088	0.4818
2030	4,975,300	0.6930
2031	4,975,300	0.6930
2032	4,975,300	0.6930
2033	4,975,300	0.6930
2034	4,975,300	0.6930
2035	4,975,300	0.6930
2036	4,975,300	0.6930
2037	4,975,300	0.6930

The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the Project.

If a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received within 30 days from the first publication of this notice, the proposed debt service or Lease payments must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6.

Dated: September 10, 2026

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Metropolitan School District of Warren County