Transcript of March 1, 2024 Video

Hello Kahok Nation. I'm Superintendent Brad Skertich.

And as a quick reminder, this Monday, there is no school in observance of Casimir Pulaski Day.

In addition to that, attached to this video message there are some important dates for the rest of the school year, including kindergarten registration, high school graduation, and then quite a few accomplishments by our students over the last few weeks. Please take a look. It will bring a smile to your face as to what your students have done recently.

Last, I want to talk to you about the zero-rate-change ballot initiative on March 19th.

There is no change to the tax rate on the initiative that the board has put before the voters. The reason for that is debt is being paid off from the early 2000s, and that debt payment that is being made will be transferred to the Operations & Maintenance Fund. That will allow heating and cooling upgrades to our facilities, improved safety and security, and improved ADA accessibility throughout all of our buildings.

The last piece that is in this video is the actual ballot question - so there is no confusion to make sure all of our homeowners and voters can make an informed decision on March 19th.

We appreciate your constant dedication to our students and our schools. Don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride!

...Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes for the Collinsville Community Unit School District 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 0.72 percent upon all taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 0.50 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?...