

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Goshen Community Schools (the "School Corporation") did, on September 5, 2023, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds and enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease") for the proposed construction of softball/baseball complex, and deferred maintenance improvements in the School Corporation, including paving improvements (collectively, the "Project"). The Lease will be for a maximum term of 20 years with a maximum annual Lease rental of \$4,500,000. The maximum annual lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$14,765,000, with estimated interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 6.00%, and total estimated interest costs of \$6,477,042. The School Corporation may issue general obligation bonds to fund a portion of the Project; if such bonds are issued, the principal amount of the bonds associated with the lease, as described above, would be reduced by the 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 estimated principal amount of \$14,765,000.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1(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 0.88%; 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 6.83%.

The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$8,373,289 and the current rate is \$0.4723. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed lease and the bonds are issued,

the gross debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$4,500,000 and the gross debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.2538. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.00 above the current rate.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following ten years if the School Corporation enters into the lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Rate</u>
2024	\$8,162,543	\$0.4470
2025	\$6,402,187	\$0.3404
2026	\$5,343,777	\$0.2758
2027	\$4,335,217	\$0.2238
2028	\$2,539,906	\$0.1311
2029	\$1,701,371	\$0.0878
2030	\$1,738,595	\$0.0897
2031	\$1,738,104	\$0.0897
2032	\$1,676,990	\$0.0866
2033	\$1,338,274	\$0.0691

The Project involves the opening of new school facility space. The School Corporation expects to annually incur an increase not exceeding \$100,000 to operate such new facility space. The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the Project.

Any owners of real property within the School Corporation or registered voters residing within the School Corporation who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed issuance of the bonds must file a petition that complies with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 subdivisions (4) and (5) not later than 30 days after the publication of this notice.

Dated September 6, 2023.

/s/ José Elizalde Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Goshen Community Schools