

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, Lake County, Indiana** that the proper officers of **River Forest Community School Corporation** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2024** budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of **River Forest Community School Corporation** not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, **River Forest Community School Corporation** shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of **River Forest Community School Corporation** will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Adoption Meeting Date	Thursday, October 12, 2023
Public Hearing Time	6:00 PM	Adoption Meeting Time	4:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	River Forest Learning Center Door 1, 3300 Indiana St, Hobart IN 46342	Adoption Meeting Location	River Forest Learning Center Door 1, 3300 Indiana St Hobart, IN 46342

Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$0
Est. Fire Max Levy	\$0
Est. Fire Territory Max Levy	\$0
Est. School Operations Max Levy	\$1,673,935
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$764,300

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5)
0022-REFERENDUM FUND - EXEMPT OPERATING - POST 2009	\$2,696,540	\$2,680,552	\$0	\$2,587,402	3.60%
0061-RAINY DAY	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$1,584,014	\$1,759,014	\$0	\$1,836,620	-4.23%
3101-EDUCATION	\$12,323,721	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3300-OPERATIONS	\$3,389,462	\$1,673,935	\$0	\$1,609,407	4.01%
Totals	\$20,093,737	\$6,113,501	\$0	\$6,033,429	

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2024 - 2028**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, River Forest Community School Corporation does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2024 through 2028. This plan is based upon the presumption that the minimum useful life of a school bus is not less than twelve (12) years.

**SECTION I
Replacement Cost of Bus/Vehicle During Specific Year**

	Bus Description	Corp ID Number	Type of Bus/Vehicle per DOE "TN"	Owned or Leased	Estimated Replacement Costs				
					2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1	IC/RE - 78 passenger (wheelchair)	2009-16	C	Owned	156,280				
2	Thomas Freightliner - 78 passenger	2014-6	C	Owned	135,000				
3	Thomas Freightliner - 78 passenger	2014-4	C	Owned		135,000			
4	IC/RE 300 - 72 passenger	2006-3	C	Owned			141,750		
5	Thomas Freightliner - 78 passenger	2014-14	C	Owned				148,838	
6	Chevrolet/Collins SC	2011-2	A	Owned					92,820
7	Thomas - 78 passenger	2015-8	C	Owned					
8	Chevy -Activity- 15 passenger	2017-1	A	Owned					
9	Thomas/Safetyliner - 84 passenger	2017-11	D	Owned					
10	Chevy -Activity- 15 passenger	2019-5	A	Owned					
11	Thomas - 72 passenger (wheelchair)	2018-15	C	Owned					
12	Thomas - 78 passenger	2019-9	C	Owned					
13	Thomas - 78 passenger	2021-12	C	Owned					
14	Minotour - 15 passenger	2020-10	A	Owned					
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Replacement Cost Totals					135000	135000	141750	148838	92820

SECTION II
JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL BUS PURCHASES, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND/OR
EARLY BUS REPLACEMENT

1. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(2)(A), if the School Corporation is seeking to acquire or contract for transportation services that will provide for additional school buses or buses with a larger seating capacity as compared to the number and type of school buses from the prior school year, explain for each additional bus and the circumstances of the demand for increased transportation services within the School Corporation.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

2. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(4), if the School Corporation is seeking to replace an existing school bus earlier than twelve (12) years after the existing school bus was originally acquired or requires a contractor to replace a school bus, explain for each bus the circumstances for that need.

River Forest Community School Corporation is seeking to replace an existing school bus earlier than twelve (12) years after the bus was originally acquired. The reason for the need for replacement is due to ongoing mechanical and maintenance issue with this bus. We have also been advised on the replacement from our contractor who maintains our buses.

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-6, the **River Forest Community School Corporation** plan contains a listing of all proposed capital expenditures that exceed \$10,000 that are expected to be acquired within the three years immediately following the year the plan was adopted.

Capital Project Plan Adoption Date:

10/12/2023

	Asset Description*		Acquisition Amount
1	Graduation Stage	\$	15,000.00
2	Snow Plow	\$	5,000.00
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Note: The description may include a physical description of the asset and/or any applicable make, model, manufacturer, or VIN Number if applicable.

Additional sheets may be added if necessary

Pursant to IC 20-40-18-6, the **River Forest Community School Corporation** plan contains a listing of all proposed projects that are capital in nature that exceed \$10,000 that are expected to begin within the three years immediately following the year the plan was adopted.

Capital Project Plan Adoption Date: **10/12/2023**

	Project Description*	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Estimated Project Cost
1	Meister Parking Lot Crack Sealed and Coated	6/1/2024	6/15/2024	\$ 60,000.00
2	Middle/High Parking Lot Crack Sealed & Coated	6/1/2024	6/15/2024	\$ 100,000.00
3	Cabinets and Abatement in 6-7 Classrooms at Evans	6/1/2024	7/15/2024	\$ 105,000.00
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Note: Project Description may include a description of the project including physical location, scope of work, and/or internal project name or tracking
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