DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE 100 NORTH SENATE AVENUE IGC-N, ROOM N1058 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

PF RA QU	THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF ROPOSED LANGUAGE AND ESTIMATED ATE CERTIFICATION FOR A BALLOT UESTION REGARDING FORT WAYNE OMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION)	
FI	NDINGS AND FINAL DETERMINATION ON PROPOSED QUESTION SUBMITTED JANUARY 24, 2020	
1.	Fort Wayne Community School Corporation ("Corporation"), proposes to issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance the 2020 FWCS School Building Basic Renewal/Restoration and Safety Project which includes restoration and renovation work at approximately 37 buildings and which is estimated to cost not more than \$130,000,000 and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by a maximum of \$0.1486 per \$100 of assessed valuation.	
2.	Under Indiana law, the voters in the area served by the Corporation will vote in a referendum to approve or deny borrowing for the project and raise property taxes to support it.	
3.	Indiana law governs the format and wording of the ballot question for the referendum. Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6(c).	
4.	Inder Indiana law, "the following question shall be submitted to the eligible voters at the lection":	
	"Shall (insert the name of the political subdivision) issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance (insert a brief description of the controlled project), which is estimated to cost not more than (insert the total cost of the project) and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by (insert increase in tax rate as determined by the department of local government finance)?"	
Inc	diana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6(c) (emphasis added).	
5.	The ballot question then must contain three parts:	
•	a brief description of the project;	

• the estimated total project cost; and

the estimated tax rate increase for the project.

- 6. The law requires the Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") to determine the estimate of the tax rate increase.
- 7. The law also requires the Department to either approve the ballot language or recommend that it be modified to ensure that the description of the controlled project is accurate and not biased.
- 8. On January 24, 2020, the Department received the Corporation's proposed question from the Allen County Election Board. The document containing the proposed question is incorporated by reference into this Order.

Determination of Tax Rate Increase

9. The Department estimates the tax rate increase in reliance on the Corporation's proposed debt from the project, assessed valuation of the property in the area served by the Corporation, an amortization schedule submitted by the Corporation, and estimated miscellaneous revenues. Based on this information, the Department certifies a rate of \$0.1486 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Accuracy and Bias

10. The Department must review the language of the public question to evaluate whether the description of the controlled project is accurate and is not biased against either a vote in favor of or a vote against the controlled project. The Department concludes that the description of the controlled project is not biased against either a vote in favor of or a vote against the controlled project.

Final Determination

WHEREFORE, based on the above findings and applicable law, the Department finds that the proposed language is in compliance with 6-1.1-20-3.6(c) and approves the language as proposed. The Department certifies a rate of \$0.1486 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Dated this Clay of January, 2020.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-002

RESOLUTION FOR BALLOT LANGUAGE APPROVAL (IC 6-1,1-20-3.6)

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF ALLEN)

WHEREAS, the Allen County Election Board (the Board) is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana and may approve ballot language for a referendum relating to Fort Wayne Community Schools:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6, (the Statute) the Board received a certification from the Auditor of Allen County, Indiana regarding a preliminary form of a public question to be placed on the ballot in the May 5, 2020 election relating to Fort Wayne Community Schools; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statute, the Allen County Election Board is required to submit to the Department of Local Government Finance (the DLGF) the proposed language to be placed on the ballot for the project, for its review, evaluation and recommendations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board hereby preliminarily approves the following ballot language to be submitted to the DLGF for review:

"Shall the Fort Wayne Community Schools, Allen County, Indiana, issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance the 2020 FWCS School Building Basic Renewal/Restoration and Safety Project which includes restoration and renovation work at approximately 37 buildings and which is estimated to cost not more than \$130,000,000 and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by \$0.1486 per \$100 of assessed valuation?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Director of Elections, on behalf of the Board, to submit ballot language to the DLGF and authorizes the Director of Elections to sign any and all documents needed to alter the public question to conform to any modifications made by the DLGF. The Board also authorizes the Director of Elections to submit the ballot language to the Allen County Auditor after the DLGF review and requests the Auditor to certify the formally adopted ballot language no later than noon February 21, 2020 pursuant to the Statute.

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All of which passed and adopted the 24thday of January, 2020, by vote of the Allen County Election Board.

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