

**LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION
OF CERTAIN INFORMATION INCLUDED IN REFERENDUM QUESTION**

To: Department of Local Government Finance ("DLGF"):

I, Peggy Holinga Katona, am the Auditor of Lake County, Indiana as of the date hereof. I have received a request on behalf of the governing body of School City of Whiting (the School Corporation) to determine certain figures to be included in the form of the ballot question for a referendum pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-46-1-10.

I have referred to the statutory language and guidance previously provided by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

I have determined that the following figures should be included in the form of the question provided by the School Corporation.:

- A. School Corporation's median household assessed value, rounded up to the next fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000): \$250,000 .; and
- B. Dollar amount by which the annual property tax bill would increase per year, rounded up the next whole dollar, if the School Corporation imposes a maximum annual referendum tax rate of \$0.3372 and a maximum annual tax levy of \$2,500,000: \$383.00 .

As requested by the DLGF, I have attached to this certification my data and worksheets used for purposes of the above determinations.

Dated: May 29 , 2026

LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR



Peggy Holinga Katona