

## Department of Local Government Finance

## **IASBO Annual Conference**

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## Introductions



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# Agenda

- Legislative Update
- Resources
- Certified Net Assessed Values ("CNAV")
- Budget Information
- Gateway
- Special Announcement



# **Legislative Update**



# Legislative Update

The Department is actively reviewing the bills passed during the most recent legislative session, which was especially busy and produced many measures impacting local government. We are monitoring the Governor's action on these bills and preparing guidance to support local implementation once the legislation is signed into law. To ensure we can focus our efforts on reviewing the legislation and developing timely and accurate guidance, we plan to address questions comprehensively once the guidance is released. We will keep you informed and share updates as they become available. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work through this process.



# Legislative Update – How to be informed?

- Association updates
- The Department will issue legislative guidance memos.
- The Department will host legislative update webinar(s).
- The Department provides weekly emails.
- The Department will present at conferences throughout the state.
- The Department will host budget workshops in July-August for units to meet one-on-one with their budget field representative.

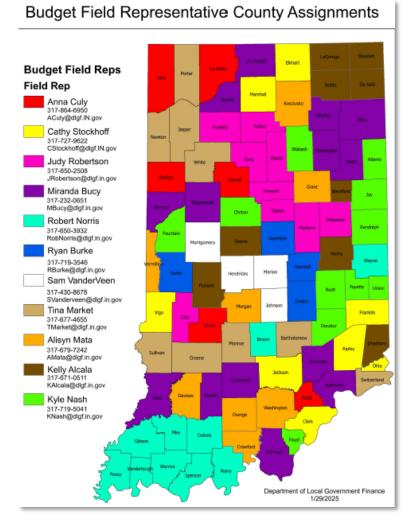


# Resources



# **Budget Field Representatives**

- We are your #1 contact at the Department.
- We are here to answer questions.
- We can help explain changes in procedures.
- We can help you avoid common mistakes, and, in some cases, help correct those mistakes.
- https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/maps/Bud get\_Field\_Reps.pdf





# Other State Agencies

- The Department is one of several state agencies schools interact with annually:
  - State Board of Accounts
    - https://www.in.gov/sboa/political-subdivisions/schools/
  - Dept of Education
    - https://www.in.gov/doe/
  - Comptroller
    - https://www.in.gov/comptroller/



## **Budget Calendar**

- The Department releases a preliminary Budget Calendar that lists some of the deadlines and key dates for all units related to budgets during the year.
- The calendar may be amended after the legislative guidance is released.
- 2025 Budget Calendar:
  - https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2025-memos/250206-Bolser-Memo-2025-Budget-Calendar.pdf



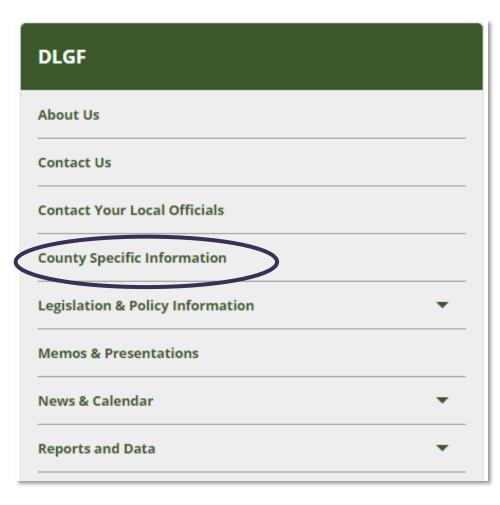


- Lists all the current year <u>Memos &</u>
   <u>Presentations</u> listed by release date.
- Links to archived memos for the past several years to give you an idea of when memos are usually released.
  - <u>Legislation Affecting School Funding</u>
     <u>Matters</u> (2024 Guidance)
- Links to past webinars.
  - Department Webinar 2024 Legislative
    Overview



- Department Webinars page:
  - Circuit Breaker Overview (2021)
  - Gateway Overview (2023)
- <u>Department Presentations page</u>:
  - School Form 4B Overview (2021)
  - Common Budget Mistakes and How to Avoid Them (2024)
- Sign up for memos and info from the Department: <a href="https://cloud.subscription.in.gov/signup?depid=546006751">https://cloud.subscription.in.gov/signup?depid=546006751</a>





- County Specific Information is where you can find current or past Budget Orders.
- Circuit Breaker Report (actual)
- July estimates.

### Reports

- 2025 Circuit Breaker Report
- 2025 Supplemental Local Income Tax Distribution
- 2025 Certified Local Income Tax Report December 20, 2024
- 2025 Operating and School Safety Referendum Information Report (all counties)
- 2025 Library Estimated Maximum Budget Report (all counties)
- 2025 Estimated Cumulative Fund Maximum Rates Report (all counties)
- 2025 Estimated Property Tax Cap Credits by Unit Report (all counties)
- 2025 Estimated Maximum Levy Report (all counties)
  - Includes 2025 Maximum Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Appropriations
- 2025 Estimated Debt Service Payments and Levies Report (all counties)
- 2025 Estimated Miscellaneous Revenues Report (all counties)
- 2025 December Property Tax Collections Calculation Worksheet (all counties)



- The Department will issue statewide reports on the County Specific Information page.
- Not all reports will apply to all unit types.

### Reports

#### Statewide Reports

- 2025 Supplemental Local Income Tax Distribution Report (all counties) [COMING SOON]
- 2025 Levy Freeze Certification and Equivalency Rates Report
- 2025 Certified Local Income Tax Report (all counties) Updated: January 21, 2025
  - Lake County
- 2025 Operating and School Safety Referendum Information Report (all counties)
- 2025 Library Estimated Maximum Budget Report (all counties)
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# Department Resources - Reports & Data

- Reports and Data:
  - https://www.in.gov/dlgf/reports-and-data/data-submission/
  - https://www.in.gov/dlgf/reports-and-data/reports/
  - https://www.in.gov/dlgf/reports-and-data/status-maps/
- Statewide data sets of the most commonly requested items, including:
  - 50 IAC 26 File Formats.
  - Certified Budgets, Levies, Rates by Fund by year.
  - Taxing District Certified Tax Rates by year.
  - Circuit Breaker information.
  - Status Maps for Budget Certification and Cyclical Reassessment Processes.



# Certified Net Assessed Values ("CNAV")



# CNAV: What is it? Why is it important?

- The CNAV submission ultimately is the "tax base" for each taxing district in your county.
- Mathematically, it serves as the denominator in the tax rate calculation:

$$Tax Rate = \frac{Unit Certified Levy}{(Tax District Certified Net Assessed Value/100)}$$

CNAV and levy directly impact circuit breaker loss.



# How can CNAV and Levy Impact CB?

					EXAMPLE	#1					
		2025 Bud	get		2024 Budget						
		Certified	Certified	Levy Based on	Total Circuit			Certified	Certified	Levy Based on	<b>Total Circuit</b>
Fund Name	Certified AV	Levy	Rate	Abstract AV	Breaker	<b>Fund Name</b>	Certified AV	Levy	Rate	Abstract AV	Breaker
Rainy Day	\$806,341,722	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.00	Rainy Day	\$731,364,073	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$806,341,722	\$4,801,765	0.5955	\$4,867,400	\$25,043.02	Debt Service	\$731,364,073	\$3,504,697	0.4792	\$3,539,430	\$16,434.49
Education	\$806,341,722	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.00	Education	\$731,364,073	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.00
Operations	\$806,341,722	\$4,415,527	0.5476	\$4,475,883	\$1,359,744.88	Operations	\$731,364,073	\$4,245,568	0.5805	\$4,287,644	\$1,114,452.92
Unit Total		\$9,217,292	1.1431	\$9,343,284	\$1,384,787.90	Unit Total	_	\$7,750,265	1.0597	\$7,827,074	\$1,130,887.41
% Change	10.25%	18.93%	7.87%	19.37%	22.45%						

	EXAMPLE #2												
2025 Budget							2024 Budget						
	Certified Certified Levy Based on Total Circuit				Total Circuit			Certified	Certified	Levy Based on	Total Circuit		
Fund Name	Certified AV	Levy	Rate	Abstract AV	Breaker	Fund Name	Certified AV	Levy	Rate	Abstract AV	Breaker		
Debt Service	\$2,399,410,705	\$10,439,836	0.4351	\$10,605,189	\$70,065.17	Debt Service	\$2,163,066,341	\$10,302,685	0.4763	\$10,464,657	\$53,637.98		
Education	\$2,399,410,705	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.00	Education	\$2,163,066,341	\$0	0.0000	\$0	\$0.00		
Operations	\$2,399,410,705	\$13,710,233	0.5714	\$13,927,384	\$5,960,924.96	Operations	\$2,163,066,341	\$13,183,889	0.6095	\$13,391,158	\$6,819,401.48		
Unit Total		\$24,150,069	1.0065	\$24,532,572	\$6,030,990.13	<b>Unit Total</b>		\$23,486,574	1.0858	\$23,855,815	\$6,873,039.46		
% Change	10.93%	2.82%	-7.30%	2.84%	-12.25%								



## **CNAV: A School's Role**

- Indiana Code does not require Schools to take any official actions with CNAV data certified by county auditors. However, the following steps could help you prevent major errors that impact your levies and rates.
  - Historical Comparisons
    - How does this year's data compare to last year?
  - TIF, Appeals & assessed value ("AV") Withholding
    - How are TIFs performing in your area?
    - Are there major appeals you should know about?
    - Is your auditor withholding AV? Should they be?
  - Taxing District Configurations
    - Are you in the same taxing districts as previous years? Should you be?
    - Have there been any annexations in your taxing districts?
  - State Distributable Personal Property
    - Do you expect personal property("PP") AV in your taxing districts? Is it there?



## **CNAV: A School's Role**

- Errors in CNAV that are caught late in the process are costly, difficult to fix, and often cause significant delays that could lead to delayed or reissued tax bills in the most extreme cases.
- Your county auditor and assessor are great partners in understanding your tax base.
- August 1 is the last day for the county auditor to certify net assessed values
  to the Department. The Department will make the CNAVs visible to every
  political subdivision via Gateway. All units are encouraged to use Gateway's
  public site to validate the AVs certified by the county auditor.



# **CNAV: Gateway Report Search**

### Gateway > Report Search > Assessed Value



Dashboard

Report Search

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Tools

Learn More

### **Report Search**

Local governments are required by state law to submit reports to the State of Indiana. A significant number of those reports related to taxing, budgeting and spending are now collected and available for public viewing through Gateway. Explore by unit or by report type.

**Browse Reports** 

Search by Unit

Search by Address

Select by Report Type

View data release calendar »



### Annual Financial Report

Multiple reports detail the receipts and expenditures of each local government unit, reflecting income and expenditures for a full calendar year. The primary purpose is to assist in the auditing of government units.



#### Assessed Value

The Certified Net Assessed Value (CNAV) data provides information on the tax base.



### <u>Budgets</u>

Every local government unit with authority to levy a property tax must submit a



### **Employee Compensation by Unit**

The Certified Report of Names, Addresses, Duties and Compensation of Public Employees (Form 100R) provides taxpayers with compensation information for public employees of state and local government.



#### **Entity Annual Report**

Financial reports from organizations that receive financial assistance from governmental sources (federal, state or local).



### Food and Beverage Tax Form Uploads

State and local government units and other entities listed in IC 6-1.1-30-18, IC 6-9-



# **CNAV: Gateway Report Search**



### **Assessed Value**

The Certified Net Assessed Value (CNAV) data provides information on the tax base.

Learn more about these data »

### Select a Report

- Certification of Net Assessed Values by District
   Determines the property tax base for each government unit
- Certification of Net Assessed Values Detail by District and Fund Determines the property tax base for each government unit
- CNAV Submission Log
   Find out which units have submitted their assessed value data
- Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals

Indiana Code 6-1.1-28-12 requires each Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals ("PTABOA") to submit a report to the Department of Local Government Finance, Indiana Board of Tax Review, and Legislative Services Agency ("LSA") before January 15 annually (the report to LSA must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6). This report documents the notices for review (Form 130 appeals) filed with the PTABOA for the preceding year.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for years prior to 2022

Property Tax Board of Appeals Submission Log
 Find out which units have submitted their property tax board of appeals forms.



# **CNAV** by District

Report Builder: Certification of Net Assessed Values by District Report



### Certificate of Net Assessed Valuations -- Tax District Data Madison County -- 2025

County
Number:

Note: For 2016 reports, click here. For all years prior to 2016 click here.

Tax District Code	Tax District Name	RP Net AV 1%	RP Net AV 2%	RP Net AV 3%	Real Est Net AV	Local PP Net AV	State PP Net AV	PP Net AV	AV TIF Real Est	AV TIF PP	AV Withholding	Adjusted Net AV	AV TIF Released	AV Annex Change
001	Adams Township	\$98,075,263	\$67,265,510	\$4,690,000	\$170,030,773	\$2,019,720		\$13,115,930	\$0	\$0	\$3,662,444	\$179,484,259	\$0	\$0
002	Markleville Town	\$7,759,543	\$4,552,640	\$3,785,200	\$16,097,383	\$1,317,860		\$2,549,310	\$0	\$0	\$372,858	\$18,273,835	\$0	\$0
003	Anderson City - Anderson Towns	\$433,532,624	\$687,457,145	\$516,898,893	\$1,637,888,662	\$184,497,903		\$221,199,363	\$295,577,111	\$10,233,090	\$37,177,318	\$1,516,100,506	\$0	\$0
004	Country Club Heights	\$5,204,497	\$690,200	\$1,432,300	\$7,326,997	\$160,590		\$309,790	\$0	\$0	\$152,718	\$7,484,069	\$0	\$0
005	Edgewood Town	\$46,660,950	\$11,335,800	\$1,329,900	\$59,326,650	\$311,950		\$722,640	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,641	\$58,848,649	\$0	\$0
006	River Forest Town	\$1,375,377	\$10,300	\$0	\$1,385,677	\$50		\$3,390	\$0	\$0	\$27,776	\$1,361,291	\$0	\$0
007	Woodlawn Heights Town	\$4,398,383	\$791,100	\$1,300	\$5,190,783	\$540		\$11,970	\$0	\$0	\$104,039	\$5,098,714	\$0	\$0
800	Boone Township	\$13,096,290	\$49,964,910	\$3,404,000	\$66,465,200	\$2,690,190		\$16,617,529	\$0	\$0	\$1,661,561	\$81,421,168	\$0	\$0
009	Duck Creek Township - Madison	\$7,486,517	\$38,060,000	\$2,910,500	\$48,457,017	\$2,891,900		\$42,420,042	\$0	\$0	\$1,817,490	\$89,059,569	\$0	\$0
010	Duck Crek Twp - Elwood Sch	\$4,756,761	\$7,607,800	\$517,700	\$12,882,261	\$258,380		\$7,216,914	\$0	\$0	\$401,957	\$19,697,218	\$0	\$0



# **CNAV** Detail by District and Fund

				3300	- IVIALILLI AV	\$1,501,E11,511
				021	Monroe Township	\$209,088,062
				022	Alexandria City	\$144,278,504
		0061	RAINY DAY	024	Orestes Town	\$44,096,049
				0061	- TOTAL NET AV	\$397,462,615
				021	Monroe Township	\$209,088,062
		0400	DEDT CERVICE	022	Alexandria City	\$144,278,504
		0180	DEBT SERVICE	024	Orestes Town	\$44,096,049
				0180	- TOTAL NET AV	\$397,462,615
			REFERENDUM DEBT FUND - EXEMPT CAPITAL - POST 2009	021	Monroe Township	\$209,088,062
5005	ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY	0007		022	Alexandria City	\$146,915,380
5265	SCHOOL CORPORATION	0287		024	Orestes Town	\$44,096,049
				0287	- TOTAL NET AV	\$400,099,491
			EDUCATION	021	Monroe Township	\$209,088,062
		2404		022	Alexandria City	\$144,278,504
		3101		024	Orestes Town	\$44,096,049
				3101	- TOTAL NET AV	\$397,462,615
				021	Monroe Township	\$209,088,062
		3300	OPERATIONS	022	Alexandria City	\$144,278,504
				024	Orestes Town	\$44,096,049
				3300	- TOTAL NET AV	\$397,462,615



# **Budget Information**

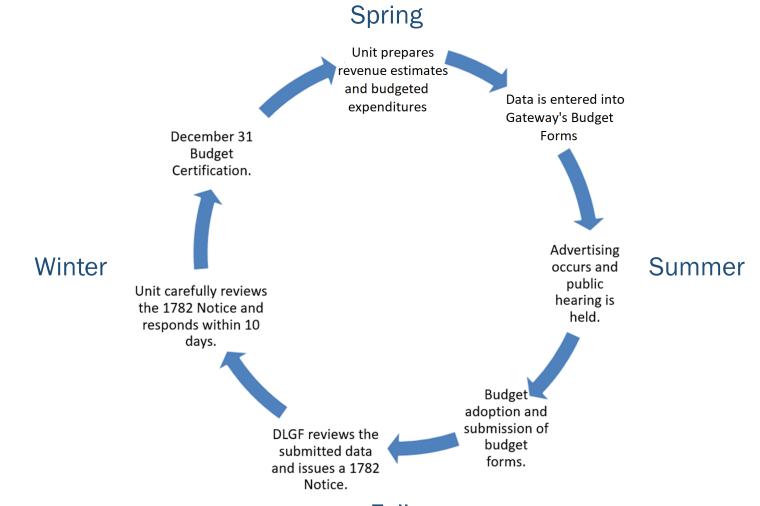


# Limited Delegations of Authority ("LDA")

- The week of May 12, the Department will remove all permissions for individuals who do not have submitter access. If you, your staff, vendors, financial advisors, etc., would like to regain lost access, a new LDA must be completed and accepted in the LDA application, which will be available beginning the week of May 19.
- LDAs are valid for one year and will reset yearly to ensure that invalid users are regularly purged from the system.
- If a superintendent would like to relinquish submission authority ("ROA") to another person, a new ROA must be completed and submitted to support@dlgf.in.gov.



# **Budget Information – Continuous Cycle**



Fall

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# Role of Budget Division

- Budget topics to contact your Field Representative about:
  - Additional Appropriations Application.
  - Due dates and timelines for the budget process.
  - Local Income Tax (LIT), Circuit Breaker, Protected Taxes Waiver.
  - Difference between budgets and appropriations.
  - Debt Management Application.



# Role of Budget Division

- Budget Forms:
  - Purpose of individual forms.
  - How to use them.
  - How forms work together.
  - Best practice for order of operations.
  - How to reflect debt schedule on Debt Worksheet.
  - Different methods of calculating Form 4B.



# Role of Budget Division

- By July 15 of each year, several estimates are posted on the Department's website:
  - Maximum Levy.
  - Non-Property Tax Miscellaneous Revenues.
  - December Property Tax Settlement Estimate (Line 2 of Form 4B).
  - Property Tax Cap Estimates (by August 1).



## **Budget Certification**

- The Department is responsible for three (3) main tasks when certifying the budget:
  - Were the proper budget procedures followed?
  - Are the property taxes within their statutory maximum amounts?
  - Are the submitted budgets fundable by the available revenue and cash?



# **Budget Certification – Procedural Review**

- Were the proper procedures followed?
  - The Department will confirm the advertisement, adoption, and submission dates.
    - Was the Notice to Taxpayers submitted at least ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing?
    - Are the Public Hearing and Adoption Meetings at least ten (10) days apart?
    - Were budgets adopted prior to the statutory deadline of November 1?



# **Budget Certification – Max Levy Review**

- Are the property taxes within their statutory maximum amounts?
  - Does the adopted levy for the Operations Fund exceed the maximum levy?
  - Does the operating balance on the Debt Fund exceed the statutory maximum?
  - Is the rate for an Operating or Safety Referendum at or below the voter approved rate?



# **Budget Certification – Fundability Review**

- Are the submitted budgets fundable by the available revenue and cash?
  - This analysis is comprised of checking for a positive estimated cash balance ("Operating Balance") for the ensuing year on Line 18 of Form 4B.

18. Operating Balance - Estimated December 31st 2021 Cash Balance 🗓	200.000	200.000
(Line 9 + 14 - 17)	200,000	200,000



## Fundable vs Sustainable?

- Fundable:
  - Positive ending cash balance
- Sustainable:
  - Maintaining cash reserves
- The Department does not consider sustainability during its review.

9. Estimated December 31st, 2020 Cash Balance (Line 4 - 8) 🟮	90,000

Revenues		Advertised
10. Reserved for DLGF application of Levy Excess		
11. Property Tax Levy 🟮	(Line 16)	100,000
12. Property Tax Cap Impact 🟮	(Tax Cap)	(10,000)
13. Miscellaneous Revenue 🟮	(Line 8B)	60,000
14. Total 2021 Revenues		150,000
Expenses		Advertised
15. 2021 Budget Estimate 🔱	(Line 1)	200,000
16. Outstanding Temporary Loans and Transfers 🟮	▼	-
16a. Transfers Out and Outstanding Temporary Loans	(Line 4B)	
16b. Reserved		
16c. School Transfers	(Line 1A)	
17 Total 2021 Evnenses 🖪		200 000
18. Operating Balance - Estimated December 31st 2021 Ca (Line 9 + 14 - 17)	ash Balance [] (Line 11)	40,000



# Common Mistakes – Missing Documents

- Missing documents:
  - Resolutions.
    - Transfer.
    - Reduction.
  - New Debt documentation.
    - Including TAW information and temporary loans.
  - Capital Projects & Bus Replacement Plans.
  - Lease Affidavits.



### Common Mistakes – Form 9s

- Not sending Form 9s for the first six (6) months of the current year to your field representative may cause a delay in the review of your school's budget.
- Field Representatives rely on Form 9s to verify:
  - Cash balances and disbursements.
  - Spring distributions of property taxes, excise, CVET, and FIT have been deposited correctly.
  - Transfers for waiver from protected taxes.



### Common Mistakes – School Checklist

• <a href="https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2024-memos/240620-Bolser-Memo-School-Budget-Information-for-Review-Purposes-2024-Pay-2025.pdf">https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2024-memos/240620-Bolser-Memo-School-Budget-Information-for-Review-Purposes-2024-Pay-2025.pdf</a>

An updated checklist will be released ahead of the upcoming budget season.

II.	Gateway Budget Forms - Must be submitted via Gateway:
	☐ Prescribed Budget Forms 1, 2, and 4B for each fund.
	□ Form 3 and Form 4 containing all funds for the School Corporation.
	☐ Current Year Financial Worksheet.
	<ul> <li>Include a copy of any appropriation reduction resolution(s), if applicable.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Include a copy of any additional appropriations approved by the Department.</li> </ul>
	☐ Debt Service Worksheet(s).
	□ 1782 Recipients: Registration of 1782 Notice email recipients.
II.	Reports that must be uploaded in the Gateway Budget Application:  Note: The Department has already collected the Form 9's for July to December 2023.
	□ DOE Form 9 for January 1 to June 30, 2024
	<ul> <li>Summary of Receipts and Expenditures</li> </ul>
	□ Summary of Investments
	□ Summary of Obligations
	<ul> <li>Descriptive Listing by Fund and Account</li> </ul>



### Common Mistakes - School Checklist

- Using the School Checklist will mitigate many common mistakes.
  - Lists the documents the Department needs.
  - Provides areas to make notes or check off requirements to keep organized.
  - Lists where some documents need to be uploaded:
    - Capital Projects
    - Bus Replacement Plans



# Common Mistakes – Timing

- Timing of Meetings:
  - Ten (10) days between submission of Form 3 online and the Public Hearing.
  - Ten (10) days between Public Hearing identified on the Form 3 and the adoption meeting.
  - Finishing the process by November 1.



# Common Mistakes – Incomplete Forms

- Missing signatures on:
  - Form 4
  - Resolutions
  - Meeting minutes (if required)
- Missing votes:
  - Board members sometimes forget to indicate their vote.
  - May require minutes.
- Missing Budget Components:
  - Omitting Levy, Budget, Rate completely.



### Common Mistakes – Form Errors

- Encumbrances wrong or omitted on the CYFW.
- Not including Education to Operation Transfers in proper areas.
- Including Education to Operation transfers in the June 30 expense total on the CYFW.
- Not including Property Tax Cap Estimates on the Form 4B.
- Not specifying amounts on transfers to Rainy Day.
- Not populating the adopted column on the Form 4B before printing the Form
   4.



### Common Mistakes – Other

- Changing information on one form and not making sure it pulls through to the other forms.
- Not advertising or adopting sufficient levies to cover anticipated budget.
  - For debt funds, not having sufficient levies to cover debt obligations.



### Common Mistakes – Other

- Using an AV base that is not consistent with your intentions for levy and/or rate.
- Not reviewing the 1782 Notice Recipients form in Gateway.
  - Not having current contacts may delay response.
- Not reviewing the 1782 Notice upon receiving it.
  - Waiting too long may limit a detailed review.
- Not responding to the 1782 Notice within the ten (10) calendar day window.
  - By statute, responding past the ten (10) day window creates issues in instituting any changes.



# **Gateway – Local Official**



### **Gateway – Local Official Introduction**

- Gateway has evolved into a valuable collection of applications since it's inception in 2011/2012.
- For schools, the following Department applications will be used most often:
  - Additional Appropriation Application.
  - Budget Application.
  - Debt Management.
  - File Transmission.



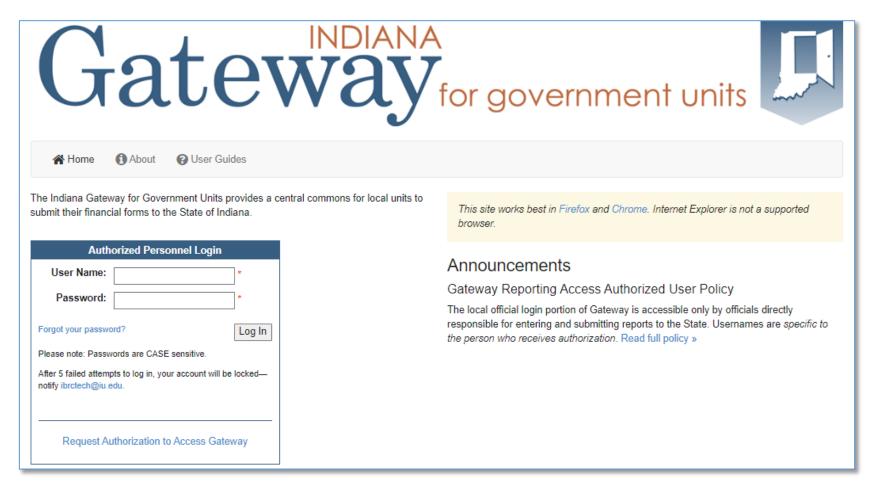
### **Gateway for Local Officials**



Gateway: <a href="https://gateway.ifionline.org/">https://gateway.ifionline.org/</a>



## **Gateway Login Page**

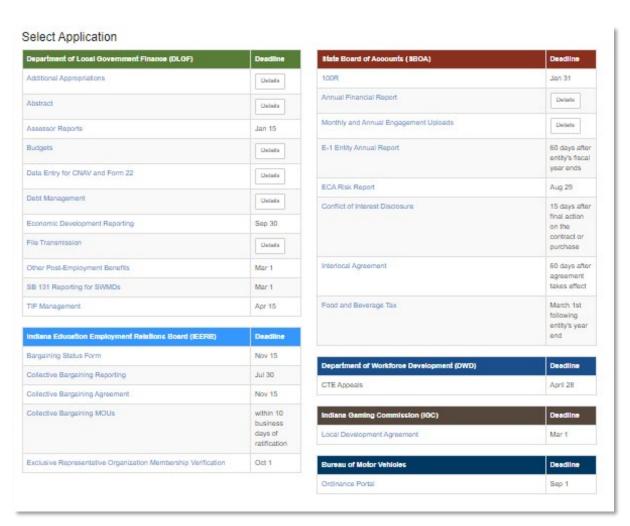


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### **Gateway Select Application**

- The Department isn't the only agency that uses Gateway.
- If you have any questions or concerns with applications listed under other agencies you will need to reach out to them for assistance.





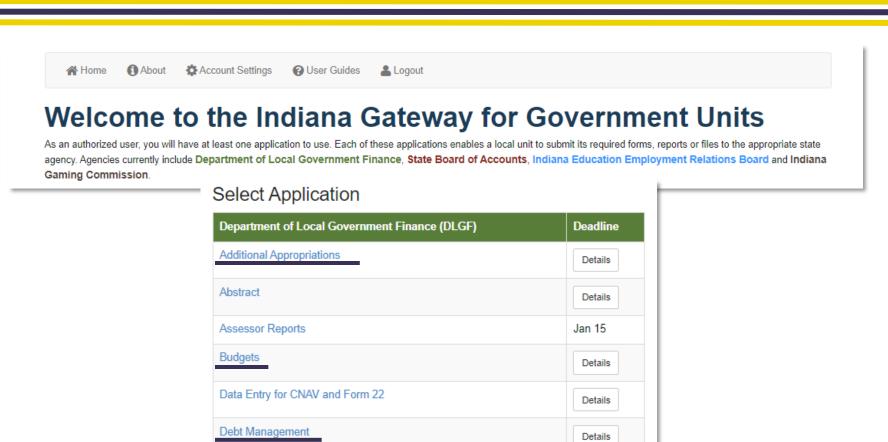
### **Gateway – User Guides**

- There are user guides available for each application.
  - Some also have video links.





### **Gateway – Department Applications**



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Details

Mar 1

Economic Development Reporting

Other Post-Employment Benefits

File Transmission



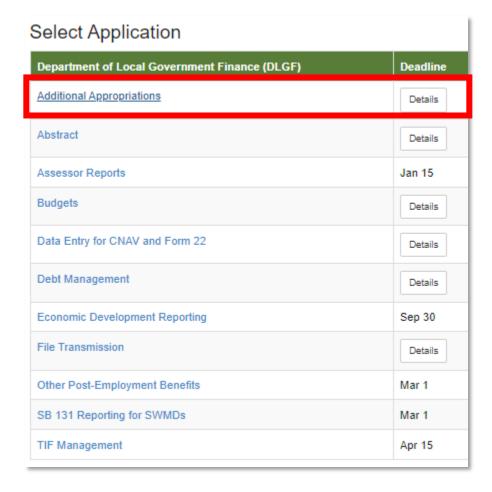
## **Gateway – Additional Appropriations**

- Additional appropriations are the approved method of amending the current year budget by increasing the authority to spend.
- Gateway Additional Appropriation Application opens early February.
  - Certain steps must be followed before starting Gateway Additional Appropriation Application entry.
    - Advertising, public hearing, and adoption.
  - A yearly memo is released to assist with the detailed prerequisite steps.
    - <a href="https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2025-memos/250129-Bolser-Memo-Additional-Appropriation-Submission-Procedures.pdf">https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2025-memos/250129-Bolser-Memo-Additional-Appropriation-Submission-Procedures.pdf</a>



# **Gateway – Additional Appropriations**

 Once the additional appropriation has been advertised and approved by the board you will need to enter the information into the Additional Appropriation Application.





# Gateway – Pre-Budget Worksheet

- Budget Forms Main Menu
  - The Pre-Budget Worksheet is a survey that opens before the actual forms.
    - Due by June 30 of each year.

#### Select Unit > Unit Main Menu

Selected Year: 2024 | Selected Unit: Gateway1 County - 9982 Dlgf School 10, Gateway1 Co.

#### Unit Main Menu - 9982 Dlgf School 10, Gateway1 Co.

Select from the options below to customize your unit's funds, departments, and/or publications.

#### **Department of Local Government Finance Tasks**

Pre-Budget Worksheet - Not Submitted

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Provide information and estimates in advance.



# Gateway – Pre-Budget Worksheet

- This worksheet will gather information regarding:
  - Proposed meeting dates.
  - Estimated payments for anticipated debt.
- These answers are used by the Department help calculate the July Estimates for Maximum Property Tax Levies, Property Tax Caps, and Debt Levies.



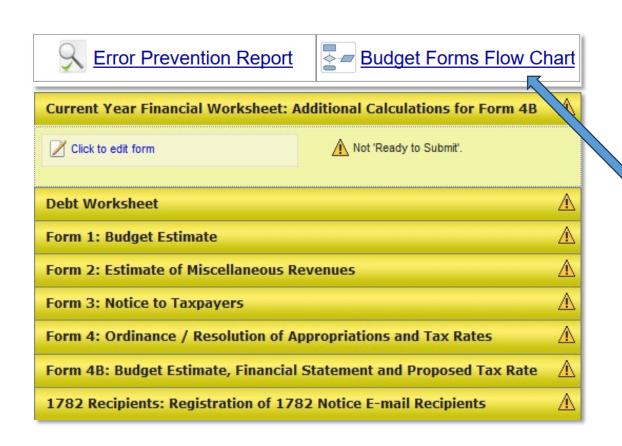
### Gateway – Budget Forms

 From the Unit Main Menu, this link will allow you to access your budget forms.





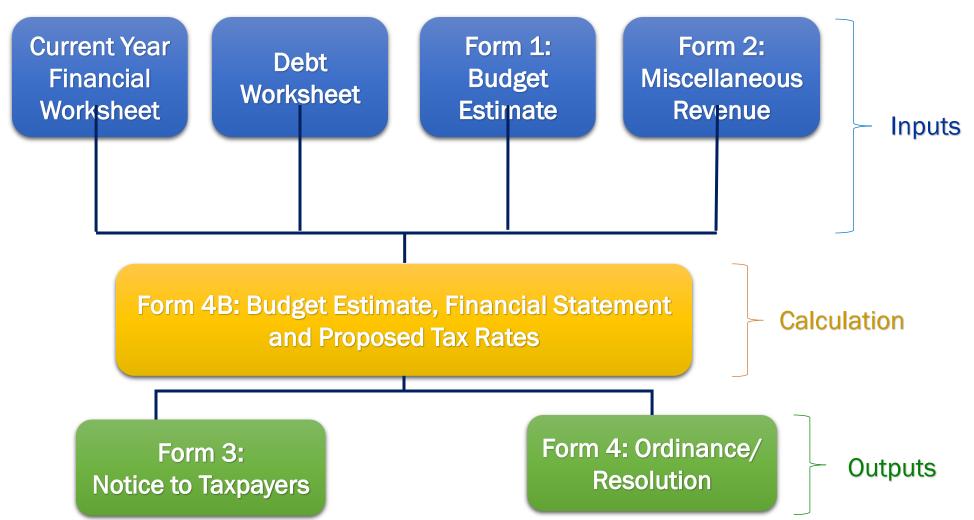
### Gateway – Budget Forms



- Budget Application Forms
- Pictured is the default menu of all budget forms that need to be completed, but "Budget Forms Flow Chart" can provide a better understanding of the relationships between the forms.

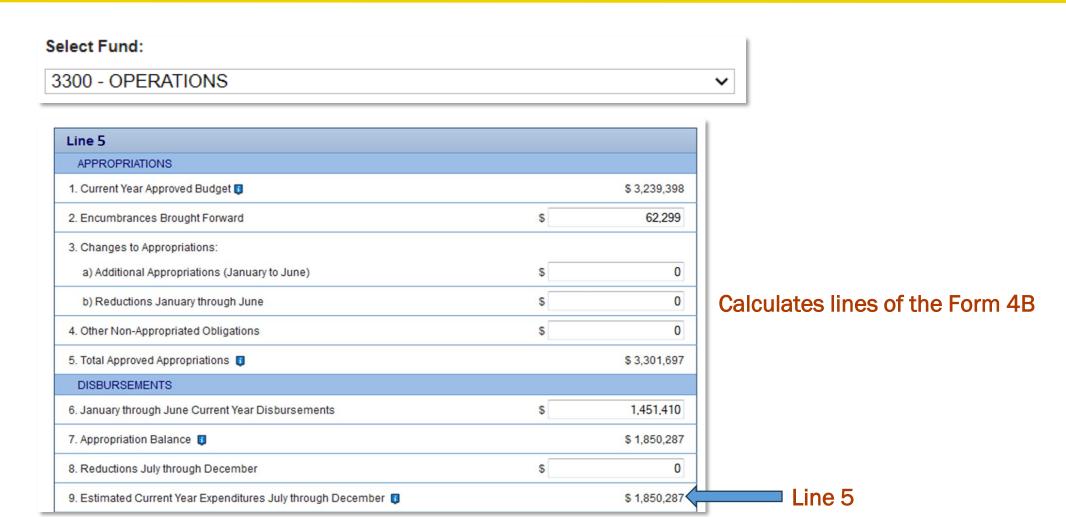


## Gateway - Budget Forms Flow Chart



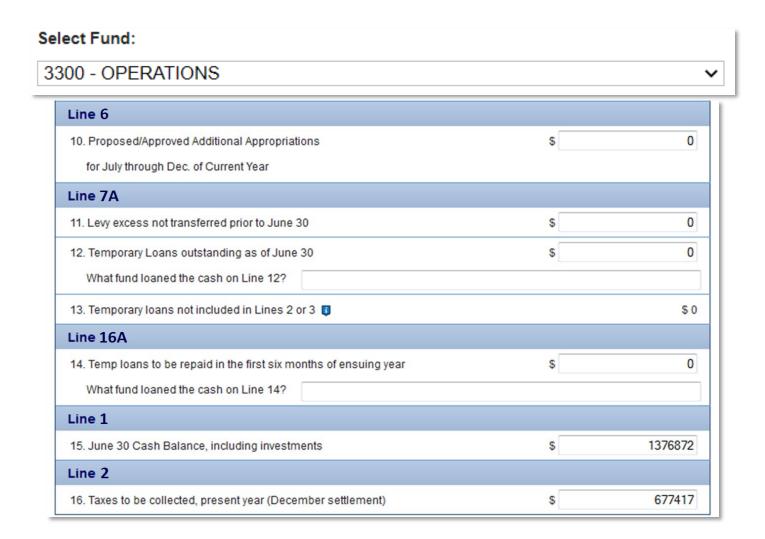


### **Gateway – Current Year Financial Worksheet**



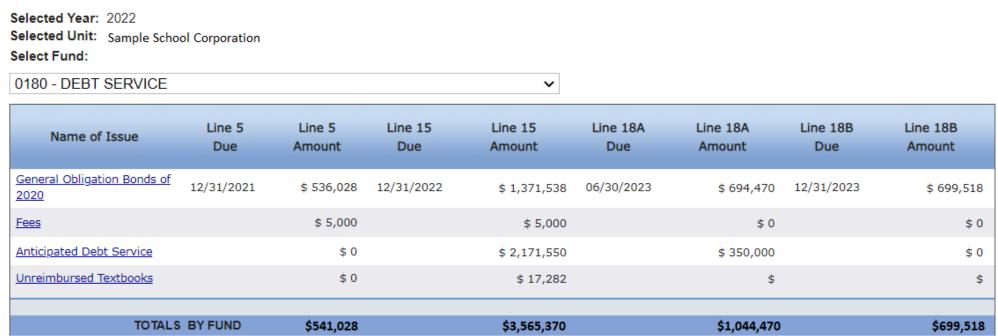


# Gateway – Current Year Financial Worksheet





### Gateway – Debt Worksheet



This form allows you to tell us when you make your debt payments for four (4) different time periods.



# **Gateway – Debt Worksheet**

Selected Debt: General Obligation Bonds of 2014

Date	Period Total	Trustee Fee	Lease Pmts.	Total	Line 5 07/01/2021 to 12/31/2021	Line 15 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	Line 18A 01/01/2023 to 06/30/2023	Line 18B 07/01/2023 to 12/31/2023
1/15/2021	328,669			328,669				
7/15/2021	331,569			331,569				
1/15/2022	334,150			334,150	$\checkmark$			
7/15/2022	336,675			336,675		<b>~</b>		
1/15/2023	338,300			338,300		✓		
7/15/2023	3,564,850			3,564,850			<b>V</b>	
1/15/2024	3,582,950			3,582,950				$\checkmark$
	TOTALS BY DEBT				\$ 334,150	\$ 674,975	\$ 3,564,850	\$ 3,582,950
	TOTALS BY FUND TOTALS BY UNIT				\$ 2,411,050 \$ 2,411,050	\$ 5,098,892 \$ 5,098,892	\$ 3,967,150 \$ 3,967,150	\$ 3,985,050 \$ 3,985,050

Please verify the timing of the payments prior to completing the Debt Worksheet.



### Gateway – Budget Form 1

Select Fund:	
3101 - EDUCATION	~
Select Department:	
2100 Support Services-Students	~

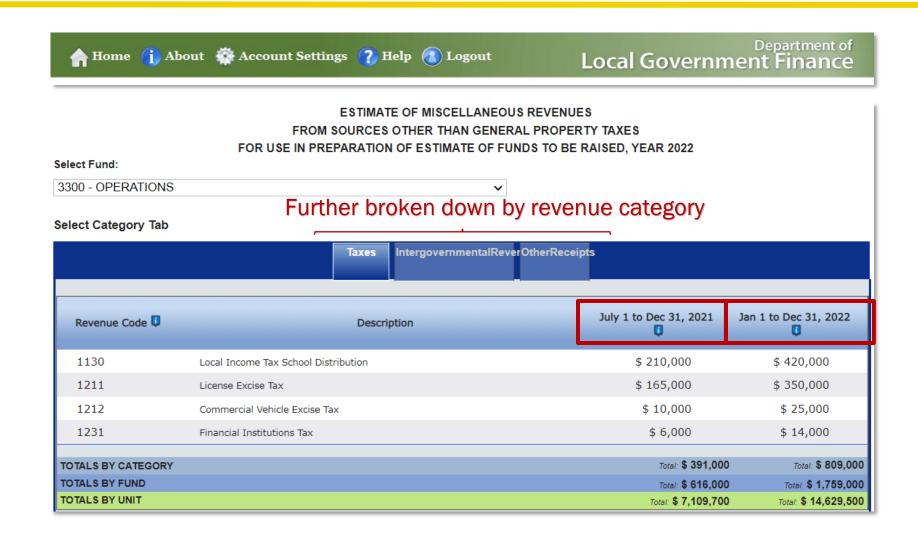
Broken down by fund and program account (If applicable)

#### Further broken down by expenditure category





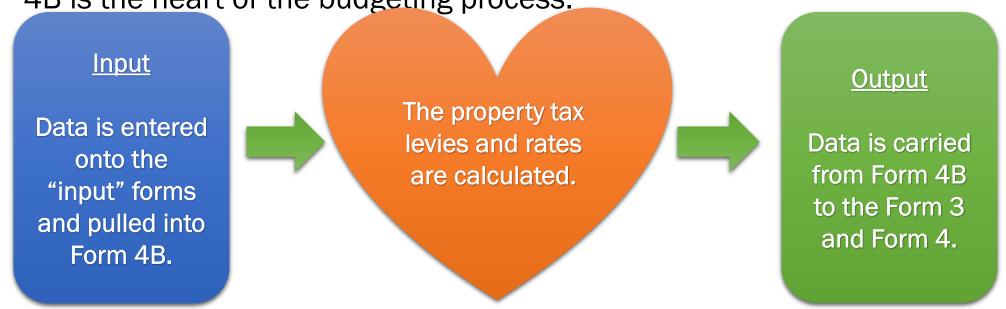
# Gateway – Budget Form 2





### Gateway – Budget Forms

While all budget forms play an important roll, it is important to note the Form
 4B is the heart of the budgeting process.



Form 4B allows you to better comprehend the financial status of any fund.



# Gateway – Budget Form 4B: July to Dec

Last six months of current year section:

_	Cash Balance and Revenues			
Beg. Cash Balance	1. June 30th Cash Balance 🟮	(Line 6)	100,000	
Revenues -	2. Property Taxes to be Collected 🚺	(Line 7)	50,000	
Nevellues -	3. Miscellaneous Revenue 🚺	(Line 8A)	30,000	
	4. Total Cash and Revenues		180,000	
_	Expenses			
	5. Necessary Expenditures 🟮	(Line 2)	90,000	
	6. Additional Appropriation 🗾	(Line 3)	-	
Evnences	7. Outstanding Temporary Loans and Transfers 🚺	▼	-	
Expenses -	7a. Transfers Out and Outstanding Temporary Loans	(Line 4A)	-	
	7b. Reserved		-	
	7c. School Transfers	(Line 1A)	-	
	8. Total Expenses 🟮		90,000	
Ending Cash Balance –	9. Estimated December 31st, 2020 Cash Balance (Line 4 -	8) 🟮	90,000	



# Gateway – Budget Form 4B: Jan to Dec

Budget year section:

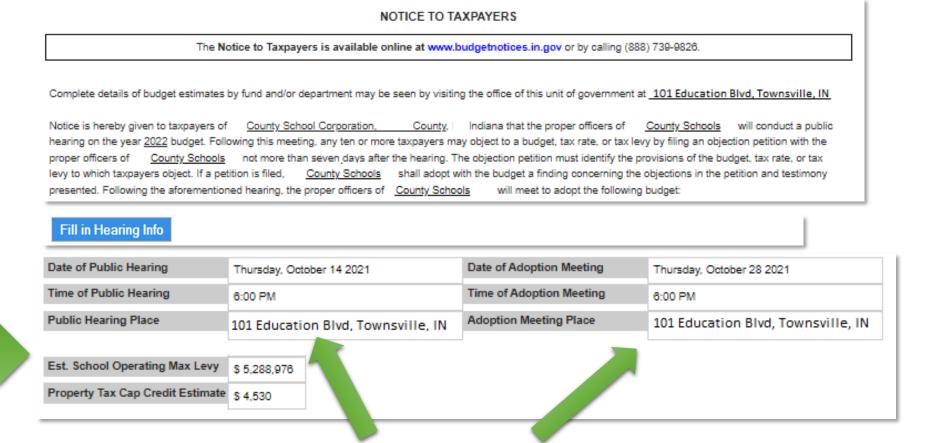
	Budget Year - 2021			
	Revenues		Advertised	Adopted
	10. Reserved for DLGF application of Levy Excess			
	11. Property Tax Levy 🟮	(Line 16)	100,000	100,000
_	12. Property Tax Cap Impact 🟮	(Tax Cap)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Revenues -	13. Miscellaneous Revenue 🟮	(Line 8B)	60,000	60,000
	14. Total 2021 Revenues		150,000	150,000
	Expenses		Advertised	Adopted
	15. 2021 Budget Estimate 🛡	(Line 1)	200,000	200,000
	16. Outstanding Temporary Loans and Transfers 耳	•	-	-
Expenses -	16a. Transfers Out and Outstanding Temporary Loans	(Line 4B)		-
Expenses	16b. Reserved			-
	16c. School Transfers	(Line 1A)		
	17. Total 2021 Expenses 🟮		200,000	200,000
Ending Cash Balance —	18. Operating Balance - Estimated December 31st 2021 Ca (Line 9 + 14 - 17)	ish Balance 🗓	40,000	40,000



# Gateway – Budget Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers

Contains
Department
estimates of:

- 1) Tax caps
- 2) Max levy



Notifies the taxpayers of the public hearing and adoption meetings.



# Gateway – Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers

- Notifies taxpayers of proposed budget and property tax levy by fund.
- Also displays: any appeals, current year levy, and the levy % change between the two years.
- Once submitted, the notice is available at: <u>Budgetnotices.in.gov</u>.

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 (Included in Column 3)	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5)
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	3,597,291	25.09 %
3101-EDUCATION	\$13,400,000	\$0	\$0	0	
3300-OPERATIONS	\$7,000,000	\$5,288,976	\$0	5,069,369	4.33 %



# Gateway – Budget Form 4

Be it ordained / resolved by the County School Board that for the expenses of County School Corporation for the year ending December 31, 2022 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of County School Corporation, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the School Board.

Name of Adopting / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
County School Board	School Board	10/28/2021

		Total: \$27,100,000	Total: \$10,988,976	Total: 0.7792
3300	OPERATIONS	\$7,000,000	\$5,288,976	0.3778
3101	EDUCATION	\$13,400,000	\$0	0.0000
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	0.3214
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate

Name	<b>U</b>	Signature
Landon Ryan	Aye Nay Abstain	
Leia Sophia	Aye Nay Abstain	
Hannah Marie	Aye Nay Abstain	
Lupe Robles	Aye Nay Abstain	
Sue Bilbrey	Aye Nay Abstain	



### Gateway – Budget Forms

 Schools must upload the signed Form 4 and other necessary budget documents listed in the school checklist.





# Gateway - 1782 Notice Recipients Form

- The "1782 Notice Recipients" form in Gateway collects the email addresses of everyone that will receive a copy of the 1782 Notice.
- These contacts rollover from the previous year, but units are encouraged to update the information as needed. Additionally, the Department recommends adding multiple recipients.

1782 Notice Recipients				
Use this form to register any recipients of this unit's 1782 notice e-mail.				
Contact Name	Contact Email	Phone Number (Optional)	Action	
Steve McQueen	SMcQueen@email.com	(555) 123-4567	Edit Delete	
Leia Burke	LBurke@email.com	(555) 765-5321	<u>Add</u>	



# Gateway - 1782 Notice Recipients Form

- The 1782 Notice contains the budgets, property tax levies, and rates that would be certified if no changes are made.
- It contains various budget forms that reflect any Department adjustments.
- After the Department reviews your budget, a "1782 Notice" is emailed to everyone listed on the 1782 Notice Recipients form.
- There is a ten (10) calendar day timeframe to respond with any requested changes.
- All change requests need to be addressed in the initial request.
- 1782 Webinar: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDv\_tUgVBc8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDv\_tUgVBc8</a>



# Gateway - Debt Management

- Debt Management is the application where all debts must be entered and recorded per IC 5-1-18.
  - Examples of debts to enter: Leases, Bonds, Lease Rentals, etc.,
  - For a full listing, please refer to the annual memo that is released each year: <a href="https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2025-memos/250213-Jacoboski-Memo-Gateway-Debt-Management.pdf">https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2025-memos/250213-Jacoboski-Memo-Gateway-Debt-Management.pdf</a>





# Gateway - Debt Management

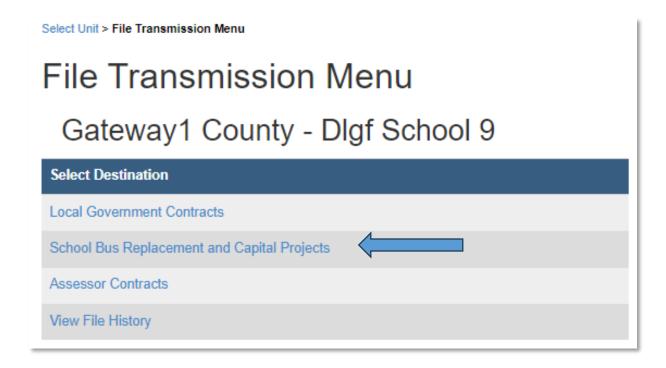
- The annual Debt Affirmation is due by February 28 each year.
  - 'Checkpoint' to review existing debts.
  - A time to see if any existing debts can be retired.
  - New debt can still be taken out.

Debt Affirmation	Due February 28, 2025 △			
By checking this box, I affirm that the selected unit has fully complied with the debt reporting requirement described in IC 5-1-18. I affirm that the debt reports listed below are accurate and correct. If no debt report is listed or all reports listed are marked as retired, I affirm that the selected unit has no outstanding debt.				
Name				
Title				
Signature/PIN				
Date	Sign and Submit			
2/24/2025				



# **Gateway – File Transmission**

 This is an area where certain files need to be uploaded for publication and compliance with various types of reporting.





### **Gateway – File Transmission**

• Proposed Bus Replacement and Capital Projects plans must be uploaded at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing.

Digf School 9 - Gateway1 County

Capital Project Expenditure & Bus Replacement Plans Upload

O Uploaded Plans

Plan ID Year File Name Description Type of Plan Date Submitted Submitter Download DELETE

No records to display.



# Gateway - Public Side



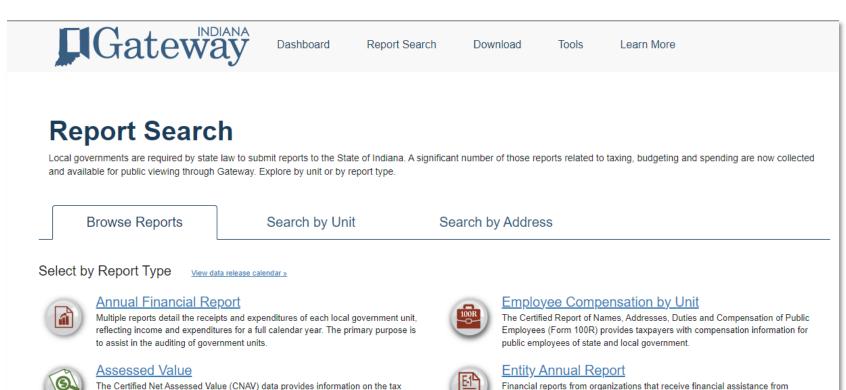
#### Gateway – Public Side

- The public side of Gateway makes various submitted reports available for public review instantly.
- Units can also use throughout the year for their own budget process.
  - Assessed Values.
  - County Abstract Figures.
  - View information for similar units.



#### Gateway – Public Side

Public Side of Gateway: <a href="https://gateway.ifionline.org/report\_builder/">https://gateway.ifionline.org/report\_builder/</a>

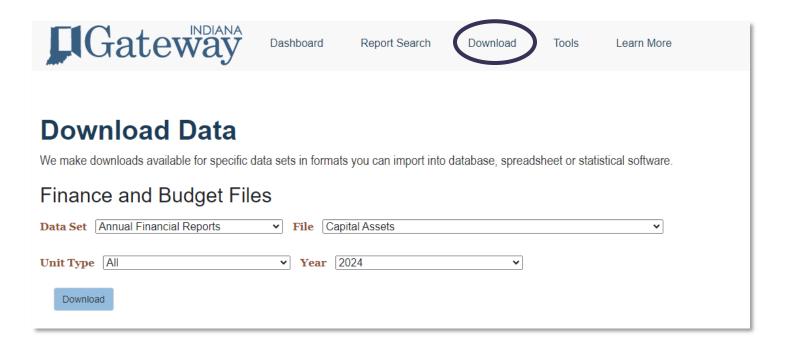


governmental sources (federal, state or local).



# Gateway – Public Side

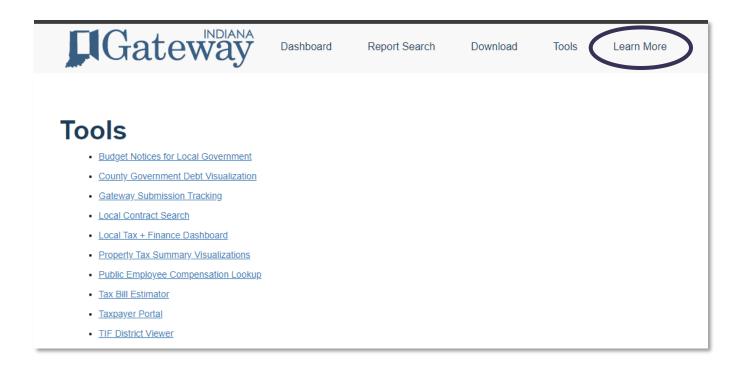
Units and the public in general can also download statewide data.





# Gateway - Public Side

Units and the public can also link to other helpful sites.





# **Special Announcement**



#### Budgets 2.0

The Budgets 2.0 project is a complete rebuild of the existing budgeting application that utilizes 14 years of research and feedback on the current process to create a streamlined application that is intuitive, efficient and incorporates the wealth of information the State of Indiana already has directly into the applicable pages where it can aid local officials with the data needed to make purposeful, well-informed decisions.

#### Budgets 2.0 Timeline

- User Acceptance Testing: February 2025
- Testing Launch: July 2025
- Budget 2.0 Launch: June 2026



# **Question and Answer Session**



#### **Contact the Department**

- Website: <u>www.in.gov/dlgf</u>
  - "Contact Us": <a href="https://www.in.gov/dlgf/contact-us/">https://www.in.gov/dlgf/contact-us/</a>
- Budget Field Representative Map:
  - https://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/maps/Budget\_Field\_Reps.pdf
- Gateway Support: <u>Support@dlgf.in.gov</u>
- Telephone: (317) 232-3777