

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Tri-County School Corporation (the "School Corporation") did, on May 20, 2024, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds and enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease") for the 2025 School Improvement Projects consisting of the renovation and expansion of school facilities including site improvements, CTE improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Projects"). The Lease will be for a maximum term of twenty-two (22) years with a maximum annual Lease rental of \$2,089,000. The maximum annual Lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$20,405,000, estimated interest rate of 5.50%, and total estimated interest costs of \$12,215,756.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(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 0.24%; 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 2.59%.

The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$598,597 and the current rate is \$0.0713. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed Lease and the bonds are issued, the debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$2,089,000 and the debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.2309. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.1596 above the current rate.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 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:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Rate</u>
2024	\$ 598,597	\$0.0713
2025	\$1,938,272	\$0.2309
2026	\$1,929,724	\$0.2299
2027	\$1,929,078	\$0.2298
2028	\$1,930,141	\$0.2299
2029	\$1,862,499	\$0.2218
2030	\$1,470,006	\$0.1751
2031	\$1,468,573	\$0.1749
2032	\$1,468,573	\$0.1749
2033	\$1,468,573	\$0.1749
2034	\$1,468,573	\$0.1749

The Projects involve the opening of new school facility space; however, the new school facility space will be efficient, and the School Corporation does not expect to annually incur a significant increase in cost to operate such new facility space. The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the Projects.

If a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received within 30 days from the first publication of this notice, the proposed debt service or Lease payments must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6.

Dated May 23, 2024.

/s/ Board of School Trustees
Tri-County School Corporation

(Note: In addition to publishing, mail to the Benton, Jasper and White County Clerks and any organization which has requested a notice of preliminary determination.)