

# D153 tax levy to net \$340,000, honor principal for Ph.D. degree

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The District 153 School Board approved the 2021 tax levy for \$18.55 million, an increase of 1.97%, staying within the guidelines set by the state.

Taxing bodies are under tax limitations of 5% inflationary costs or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

John Gibson, chief school business official, said while everyone is pointing to the inflationary costs they are experiencing, the impact of inflation will affect next year's number. He proposed the \$18.55 million levy following CPI, which is 1.4%. Gibson added an estimated value for new property development. The total increase is expected to bring an additional \$340,000 to the district.

The board also approved a public hearing for 7 p.m. Jan. 10 for residents to comment on whether the board should sell \$8.2 million in bonds to support school improvement projects during the 2022 and 2023 summers. Work includes HVAC improvements at Willow, Churchill and James Hart Schools; constructing two classrooms at Churchill and installing a mobile building at Willow School; replacing boilers, improving insulation, roof repairs and renovations to each school's bathrooms.

The board voted to remove two students from the district for non-residency after con-

ducting a hearing on those two cases. David Lux, a retired Homewood Police officer, is serving as an investigator for the district. Through his work, 18 students have withdrawn from the district this semester, and Lux is investigating another eight cases, according to Superintendent Scott McAlister.

## Congratulations



Sara Schnoor

Churchill School Principal Sara Schnoor was congratulated by the board for receiving her Ph.D. degree in educational leadership from New Mexico State University.

Schnoor's dissertation focused on "Principal Leadership and Restorative Justice Practices," an arts-based phenomenological multi-site case study. Restorative justice helps create change and opportunity for students, she said.

When Schnoor started working on her degree, she was based in Arizona. On moving to Illinois, Schnoor said she decided to complete the degree because she really liked the social justice component of the Ph.D. program offered her. She completed the degree in 4.5 years with lots of flights between Chicago and the campus in Las Cruces.

# Summer sports offer winter work

BY CHRONICLE STAFF

Summer youth sports have winter opportunities for players to hone skills or try out for travel teams.

## Flossmoor Baseball and Softball

Flossmoor Baseball and Softball will sponsor winter workouts running seven sessions Jan. 6 through March 6 with specific time slots for softball, T-ball, Pinto League, Mustang League and Bronco League and Pony League players.

The workshops are part of season registration. Workouts will be held indoors in the Homewood Flossmoor High School turf room, located in the North Building.

Registration is available at <https://www.flossmoorbbsb.com>.

## Chaneyville Girls Baseball

Chaneyville Girls Baseball is holding tryouts for girls 11 to 14 for a 2022 girls tournament team. The team will play in local, regional and national tournaments. The team will be coached by Fred Chaney. Contact him at [chaneycoachingexperience@gmail.com](mailto:chaneycoachingexperience@gmail.com) to set up a private tryout.

## HF Soccer Club

Registration is open for indoor training camps at the Homewood-Flossmoor High School field house on Sunday afternoons from Jan. 9 to March 20, except for Feb. 13.

The program is for boys and girls ages 4 to 14. Beginners and experienced players can improve their skills of dribbling, passing and shooting while playing games under the guidance of the club's coaching staff.

Registration can be made at [hfsoccerclub.org](http://hfsoccerclub.org).

## Homewood Baseball and Softball

Homewood Baseball and Softball has two travel teams forming for summer play.

The Homewood Hawks is the travel baseball team, and the Homewood Heat is the softball travel team. Both are open to players in the organization's recreation leagues.

Teams are formed under the 8U, 10U, and 12U age brackets based on participant interest.

Visit the Facebook page for Homewood Baseball and Softball for information on tryouts.

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