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CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

Table with 3 columns: District Name (Mahomet Seymour CUSD #3), District Number (09-010-0030-26), County (Champaign/Platt). Includes signature of Mark Sheldon, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK.

Amount of Levy

Table listing various levy categories and amounts: Educational (\$6,002,500), Operations & Maintenance (\$1,225,000), Transportation (\$490,000), Working Cash (\$122,500), Municipal Retirement (\$325,000), Social Security (\$425,000), Fire Prevention & Safety (\$122,500), Tort Immunity (\$650,000), Special Education (\$98,000), Leasing (\$), Other (\$122,500), Total Levy (\$9,583,000).

* Includes Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security, and Specified Repair Purposes

See explanation on reverse side.

Note Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law

We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 6,002,500 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
the sum of 1,225,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
the sum of 490,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes, and
the sum of 122,500 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
the sum of 325,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
the sum of 425,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes, and
the sum of 122,500 dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and
the sum of 650,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes, and
the sum of 98,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes, and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes, and
the sum of 122,500 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Technology; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for
on the taxable property of our school district for the year 2007

Signed this 17th day of December 20 07

Handwritten signatures of school board members, including the President and Clerk/Secretary.

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them. The county clerk shall extend the tax for bonds and interest as set forth in the certified copy of the resolution, each year during the life of the bond issue. Therefore to avoid a possible duplication of tax levies, the school board should not include a levy for bonds and interest in the district's annual tax levy.

Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full 7

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year 2007 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on 2007

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year is \$

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

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Mark Sheldon
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AND EFFECTING
TAX LEVY FOR 2007

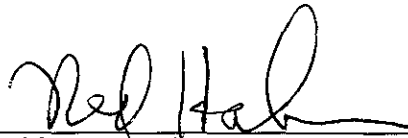
WHEREAS, Mahomet-Seymour Community School District No. 3, Champaign County, Illinois has ascertained and determined and does hereby ascertain and determine that the sum of \$6,002,500 must be raised for educational purposes; the sum of \$1,225,000 must be raised for operations and maintenance purposes; the sum of \$490,000 be raised for transportation purposes; the sum of \$122,500 must be raised for working cash purposes; the sum of \$325,000 must be raised for municipal retirement purposes; the sum of \$425,000 must be raised for social security purposes; the sum of \$122,500 must be raised for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, handicapped accessibility and school security; the sum of \$650,000 must be raised for tort immunity purposes; the sum of \$98,000 must be raised for special education purposes; and the sum of \$122,500 must be raised for technology lease/purchase purposes.

WHEREAS, all provisions of the Truth-in-Taxation Act have been complied with in anticipation of the adoption of the tax levy, hereinafter made.

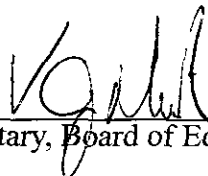
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED accordingly that the amounts contained in the first recital above are hereby levied for the purposes set forth in connection with each of said amounts for the year 2007 and certified and returned forthwith to the County Clerks of Champaign and Piatt Counties, Illinois, and that the President and Secretary of this Board shall duly certify said tax levy in the form and manner as prescribed by statute and in substantially the form attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of this Board shall execute and file with such Certificate of Tax Levy a certificate that all provisions of the Truth-in-Taxation Act have been complied with.

APPROVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mahomet-Seymour Community School District No. 3, Champaign County, Illinois, this 17th day of December, 2007.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Shoebox from 1

ing to Groves. The shacks have hard, dirt floors, and often, the families just sleep on that.

"We saw one family with a mattress on the floor, but most sleep on anything they find that can be used to sleep on. They find things in the garbage and the like," she said.

Groves said it is heartbreaking to witness others in such dire need of the basic fundamental comforts - comforts that most Mahomet area families take for granted - that are not available to these kids and their families.

"It is really awful for them," Groves said. "You think about things like if it rains and they are sleeping, they can get wet because of the holes in their roof. They have no plumbing, no indoor running water and no electricity."

She said that the church mission helped to raise funds for the Loredo church.

"The church was just a frame of blocks; no windows that could be closed. It was just open," she said.

The daycare kids are affected, despite their tender ages.

"A couple of my 5-year-olds' eyes just teared-up. I showed the kids slides of the area and asked them to help with the shoeboxes. They really want to help," Groves said.

When Roberts learned that Groves was going to include the daycare kids in assembling the shoeboxes, she was grateful to the teacher for the invaluable lesson they would be learning about giving to others.

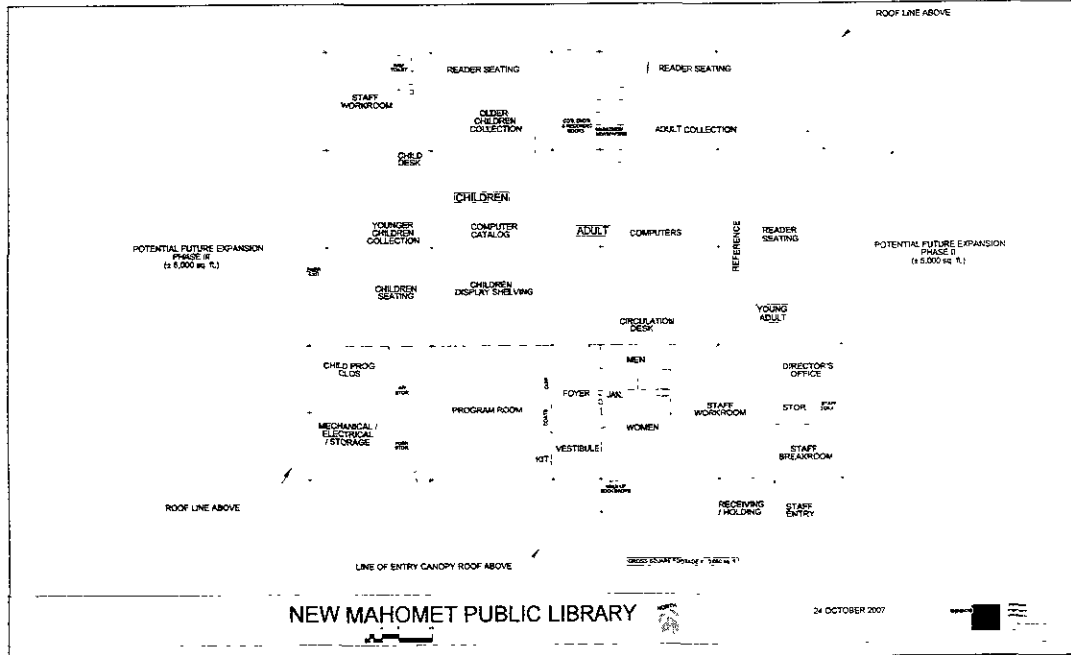
"My son Ryan is now at Sangamon in first grade. He came to me and said that he thought that it would be neat for him to help assemble the boxes, too," Roberts said.

Four-year-old Nate McFall put a toy in a box after expertly examining it for a moment or two.

"This box is really pretty," he said.

Schoolmate Kara Kinnamon nodded at Nate and made her own observation.

"These Christmas surprises are for everyone," she said.



Proposed Revised Plan: Building of 13,060 square feet on one level

Library from 1

making the total 17 cents, which is about half of the 33 cents requested in April.

"It would, of course, be wonderful to have an 18,000-24,000-square-foot building, we know that the community is not been willing to allow that," Holmes said. "So, in conversation and a feasibility study, are trying to match what the community is willing to do."

The advantage of the Hunt Ridge location, Holmes added, is that there will be room for future expansion, which would be used to increase the library's collection.

"We have received an indication from different people in the community that once the voting community is behind this and it is approved, that they would be more willing to give toward a library facility," Holmes said. "Saying it is one thing, and actually having people ante up to give to the library is a different thing. I understand that, but I think there would be a strong possibility of people giving when they see that yes, we are moving together as a community on this."

Restaurant from 1

business in Mahomet," Rittenhouse said.

Although the Gardunos will continue to work in Bement every day except for Monday and on Saturday nights, they have a large staff in Mahomet. Donna's nephew, Abel Garduno, runs the front, and Alex's friend of 25 years, George Espitia, is the kitchen manager.

The menu for Mahomet Square is larger than that for Grandma's Cafe, including more dinner items such as BBQ ribs and several fish dishes. Mahomet residents will be able to enjoy Grandma's biggest sellers, though, including Grandma's favorite omelette with bacon, ham, tomatoes, onions, choice of cheese and sausage gravy on top and fried chicken.

Marge Forbes, who had dinner

with her girlfriends Thelma Labhart, Virginia Huff and Norma Hitchins at the Mahomet Square Family Restaurant Nov. 29, was happy with the selection. While Forbes and Huff enjoyed salads, Labhart ordered a bowl of broccoli soup and a slice of pie, and Hitchins ate a French dip.

Huff said that when Esmeralda's closed, there was not a very good selection of restaurants in town. She hopes that the Mahomet Square Family Restaurant is successful so she and her friends have a place to enjoy a sit-down meal.

"This is the type of restaurant the town needs," Labhart said.

The restaurant is open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. The Gardunos hope to keep it open until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, depending on how busy it stays.



MARY DUVALL serves dinner to a group of girlfriends dining together Nov. 29.

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC NOTICE (BEFORE THE HEARING) Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increases for Mahomet-Seymour Community Unit School District #3.

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Mahomet-Seymour Community Unit School District #3 for 2007 will be held on December 17, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the MECC Board Conference Room.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Keith Oates, Superintendent of Schools, 101 N. Division, Mahomet, IL. 61853, telephone number (217) 586-4995.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2006 were \$8,824,475.

The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2007 are \$9,583,000, an 8.6% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public buildings commission leases for 2006 were \$1,760,174.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2007 are \$1,847,346. This represents a 5.0% increase over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2006 were \$10,584,648. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2007 are \$11,430,346. This represents an 8.0% increase over the previous year.



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