

# SAU #71 MEMO 6

To: Goshen-Lempster School Community

From: Michele Munson, Superintendent SAU #71

February 19, 2010

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of you who came to the Budget Hearing. I do hope that the School Board and the administrative team were able to answer your questions and explain the reasons for our 4.97 % increase in the budget. One important clarification since MEMO #5 is that the impact on taxes that was originally included used incomplete data and did not correctly reflect the impact of the school budget increase of \$180,418.08. Here is how the calculations on the various articles should be calculated. *(This information is an approximation.)*

## Article 4 - School Budget Portion on the Tax Rate Budget Increase = \$180,418.08

Apportionment Formula (.39 Goshen .61 Lempster)

Goshen's Portion of the School Budget Increase = \$71,310.00

Current tax base of \$80,994,505 the increase to the Goshen Tax Rate will be (approximately)

$\$71310/\$80,994,505 = \$ 0.88/\$1000$  If you have a \$150,000 house in Goshen the increase will be approximately \$132.00

Lempster's Portion of the School Budget Increase = \$109,108.00

Current tax base of \$171,814,931 the increase to the Lempster tax rate will be (approximately)

$\$109,108/\$171,814,931 = \$ 0.64/\$1000$ . If you have a \$150,000 house in Lempster, the increase will be approximately \$96.00

## Article 5 - Teacher Contract – Increase for 2010-2011 - \$7,905.00

Goshen's Portion of the Increase = \$3124

Current tax base of \$80,994,505 the increase to the Goshen Tax Rate will be (approximately)

$\$3124/\$80,994,505 = \$ 0.04/\$1000$  If you had a \$150,000 house, the increase will be approximately \$6.00

Lempster's Portion Increase = \$4781

Current tax base of \$171,814,931 the increase to the Lempster tax rate will be (approximately)

$\$4781/\$171,814,931 = \$ 0.03/\$1000$  If you had a \$150,000 house, the increase will be approximately \$4.50

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**Article 6 (Amended) - Emergency Generator - \$30,000**

**Goshen's Portion of the Increase = \$**

Current tax base of \$80,994,505 the increase to the Goshen Tax Rate will be (approximately)

$\$ 11,700 / \$80,994,505 = \$ 0.15 / \$1000$  If you had a \$150,000 house your increase would be approximately

**\$ 22.50**

**Lempster's Portion Increase = \$**

Current tax base of \$171,814,931 the increase to the Lempster tax rate will be (approximately)

$\$ 18,300 / \$171,814,931 = \$ 0.11 / \$1000$  - If you had a \$150,000 house, your increase would be approximately

**\$ 16.50**

**Article 7 - Special Education Capital Reserve Fund = \$5,000**

**Goshen's Portion of the Increase = \$1982**

Current tax base of \$80,994,505 the increase to the Goshen Tax Rate will be (approximately)

$\$1982 / \$80,994,505 = \$ 0.03 / \$1000$  - If you have a \$150,000 house, your increase will be approximately \$4.50

**Lempster's Portion Increase = \$3018**

Current tax base of \$171,814,931 the increase to the Lempster tax rate will be (approximately)

$\$3018 / \$171,814,931 = \$ 0.02 / \$1000$  - If you have a \$150,000 house, your increase will be approximately

**\$3.00**

**It is important for our school system to pass these articles. If you have questions about this budget, please contact me.**

**PRINCIPAL SEARCH** - Our wonderful search committee (Staff members – Ms. Goodwin, Ms. Tirrell, Mr. Beer, Mr. Lawton, Ms. Howard, Ms. Wilcox, Ms. Dennis, Ms. Chadwick, and Community members – Ms. Fagga, Ms. Cullinane, Ms. Towne, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Scranton, and I) have finished the first round in our principal search. After many evenings, they selected 4 finalists from our initial list of 12 candidates.

We are looking for additional staff and community members to join the committee for a second round with the finalists (Ms. Deborah Connell, Ms. Carol Foley, Mr. David Crandall, and Mr. Ralph Peterson). If you can join us on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.(for question and process development) **and** Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from approx. 5:00 to 8:30 (for interviews), please contact me 863-2420 x124 and leave a message with your phone number by March 4, 2010.