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Bloomington – October 24, 2023: We here at the Monroe County Republican Party like to do our homework. In doing so, we were able to do the math regarding how much money has been collected by the Monroe County Community School Corporation via Monroe County property taxes. In 2022 MCCSC collected \$46,844,018 while in 2023 they collected \$60,859,196; a 29.9% increase. This is just local property tax funding, not including the funding that the district receives from the state. It is important to note that education spending went up in both 2021 and 2023 for the state as well. Have you seen a 29.9% increase in the quality of education within the district? Teacher salaries have not gone up nearly 29%, but that is what they always say they will do with more taxpayer money. Have you seen \$14,015,178 worth of program improvements?

In the last few years, you *have* seen the corporation cut Hoosier Hills programs and spend almost \$3,000,000 buying the old Herald Times building. At the same time, students are losing out on family time at the end of the day, because they can't figure out bus schedules. Meanwhile, the children in the district missed nearly two (2) whole years of critical in-person education. An education gap that has only gotten wider since the funding increased 29.9%.

This begs the question, what are they spending this extra 29.9% on? This is a question for MCCSC to answer, all we know is that they aren't spending this money where it counts, on the students and teachers. MCCSC recklessly puts out rhetoric saying that if you vote no on the referendum, teachers will lose money and programs will be cut. It is not the taxpayer's fault that MCCSC cannot figure out how to properly spend money. Our advice is, follow the money and call their bluff.

This year, they are asking for a 9.3% increase from 2023, totaling \$67,145,375. Is it worth it? You get to decide this on November 7th or at Early Voting. Don't fall for their rhetoric. Vote NO on MCCSC's reckless spending, vote NO on the Referendum.

Year	Amount of Property Tax Revenue Received
2024 (requested)	\$67,145,375
2023	\$60,859,196
2022	\$46,844,018

Source: Gateway Indiana

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