

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
100 NORTH SENATE AVENUE
IGC-N, ROOM N1058
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF)
PROPOSED LANGUAGE AND ESTIMATED)
RATE CERTIFICATION FOR A BALLOT) No. 19-019-REF
QUESTION REGARDING DANVILLE)
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS)**

**FINDINGS AND FINAL DETERMINATION ON PROPOSED QUESTION SUBMITTED
JULY 11, 2019**

1. Danville Community Schools (“Corporation”) proposes to issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance the Preservation, Renovation, Efficiency, Safety & Security Project which consists of renovations of and improvements to existing school facilities including Danville Community High School, including academic, agricultural and fine arts areas, Danville Community Middle School, North Elementary School, and South Elementary School, including site work, maintenance improvements and purchase of equipment and technology, which is estimated to cost not more than \$53,000,000 and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by a maximum of \$0.6845 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
2. Under Indiana law, the voters in the area served by the Corporation will vote in a referendum to approve or deny borrowing for the project and raise property taxes to support it.
3. Indiana law governs the format and wording of the ballot question for the referendum. Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6(c).
4. Under Indiana law, “the following question shall be submitted to the eligible voters at the election”:

“Shall _____ (insert the name of the political subdivision) issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance _____ (insert a brief description of the controlled project), which is estimated to cost not more than _____ (insert the total cost of the project) and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by _____ (insert increase in tax rate as determined by the department of local government finance)?”

Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6(c) (emphasis added).

5. The ballot question then must contain three parts:

- a brief description of the project;
 - the estimated total project cost; and
 - the estimated tax rate increase for the project.
6. The law requires the Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”) to determine the estimate of the tax rate increase.
 7. The law also requires the Department to either approve the ballot language or recommend that it be modified to ensure that the description of the controlled project is accurate and not biased.
 8. On July 11, 2019, the Department received the Corporation’s proposed question from the Hendricks County Election Board. The document containing the proposed question is incorporated by reference into this Order.

Determination of Tax Rate Increase

9. The Department estimates the tax rate increase in reliance on the Corporation’s proposed debt from the project, assessed valuation of the property in the area served by the Corporation, an amortization schedule submitted by the Corporation, and estimated miscellaneous revenues. Based on this information, the Department certifies a rate of \$0.6845 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Accuracy and Bias

10. The Department must review the language of the public question to evaluate whether the description of the controlled project is accurate and is not biased against either a vote in favor of or a vote against the controlled project. The Department concludes that the description of the controlled project is not biased against either a vote in favor of or a vote against the controlled project.

Final Determination

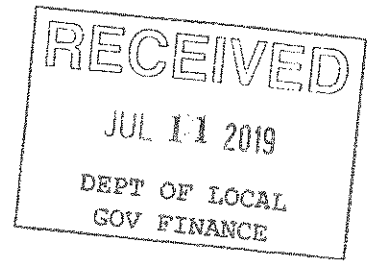
WHEREFORE, based on the above findings and applicable law, the Department finds that the proposed language is in compliance with 6-1.1-20-3.6(c) and approves the language as proposed. The Department certifies a rate of \$0.6845 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2019.

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE


Wesley R. Bennett, Commissioner
Department of Local Government Finance

(Primary officer of County Election Board sends proposed public question to DLGF for approval or modification)



July 5, 2019

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Re: DLGF Review of The Local Public Question – Danville Community School Corporation

Dear Commissioner:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6, I, on behalf of the Hendricks County Election Board, request that the following question be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Local Government Finance in order to determine whether the description of the controlled project is accurate and is not biased against either a vote in favor of the controlled project or a vote against the controlled project:

“Shall Danville Community School Corporation issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance the Preservation, Renovation, Efficiency, Safety & Security Project which consists of renovations of and improvements to existing school facilities including Danville Community High School, including academic, agricultural and fine arts areas, Danville Community Middle School, North Elementary School, and South Elementary School, including site work, maintenance improvements and purchase of equipment and technology, which is estimated to cost not more than \$53,000,000 and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by a maximum of \$0.6845 per \$100 of assessed valuation?”

Please provide any recommendations to the Hendricks County Election Board at the address listed below as soon as possible. In order to appear on the November 5, 2019 ballot, the Hendricks County Auditor must certify the final question to the Hendricks County Election Board by July 31, 2019.

c/o Debbie Haskins, Hendricks County Clerk
County Election Board
355 South Washington Street, Suite 120
Danville, Indiana 46122-1798
dhoskins@co.hendricks.in.us

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

HENDRICKS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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