

# Knob Noster Public Schools



## TAX RATE HEARING

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023**



**TAX YEAR 2023**

# KNOB NOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT



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# Notice of Public Hearing



The Board of Education of the Knob Noster R-VIII School District will hold a public hearing in the Knob Noster Elementary School Cafeteria located at 405 East Wimer Street, Knob Noster, MO 65336 at 5:40 p.m. on the 23rd day of August, 2023, at which time citizens may be heard regarding the property tax rate proposed to be set by the Knob Noster R-VIII School District for the 2023 tax year.

# Purpose



The purpose of this hearing is to review information concerning the assessed valuation of the school district, the proposed levy for 2023, and the revenues anticipated through the proposed levy.

Citizens may comment concerning the tax levy, which will be officially set by the Knob Noster Board of Education during open session of the meeting following the hearing.

\*These calculations may change if new assessment information is received.

# Definitions



- **Ad Valorem Tax** – Ad Valorem taxes are taxes that are based on the value of property. These are commonly known as property taxes.
- **Agricultural/Horticultural Land Grades** – Agricultural/Horticultural Land is divided into eight grades based on its productive use value. Grade 1 is the best land, grade 8 is the poorest. 12 CSR 30-4.010
- **Appraised Value** – The appraised value is an estimation of the true value in money of residential, commercial or utility property, or the productive or market value of agricultural property.
- **Assessed Value** – The assessed value is the portion of the true value in money on which taxes are based. In Missouri, the assessed value of property may not exceed 33.3 percent of its true value in money. For real property, residential property is assessed at 19 percent of its true value in money; agricultural/horticultural property is assessed at 12 percent of its productive or market value; and all other property is assessed at 32 percent of its true value in money. Most personal property is assessed at 33.3 percent of its true value in money.
- **Assessment Date or Tax Date** – January 1st of each year. Real property is assessed as of January 1st of each odd-numbered year. That same value will be used for the following even-numbered year, unless there has been new construction and improvement to the property. Personal property is assessed as of January 1st of each year.
- **Assessor** – The county official charged with determining the market value and classification of property for tax purposes.
- **Board of Equalization** – This board hears taxpayer complaints, reviews the assessments, and issues decisions either affirming or adjusting the assessments returned by the assessor. The City of St. Louis also has a Board of Merchants' and Manufacturers' Tax Equalization which performs the same equalization duties as the Board of Equalization for manufacturers' assessments. Any reference to the county Board of Equalization in this web page shall also encompass the City of St. Louis Board of Merchants' and Manufacturers' Tax Equalization.
- **Classification**– For property tax purposes, property is divided into three classes: (1) real property; (2) tangible personal property; and (3) intangible personal property. Real property is subclassified as (1) residential, (2) agricultural/horticultural, and (3) utility, industrial, commercial, railroad, and all other. Property must be assessed uniformly within its own class or subclass.
- **Improvements** – Improvements are buildings, additions to buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, wells and other permanently attached additions to land which, under the two year assessment cycle, may either increase or decrease the value of the property.
- **Intangible Personal Property** – Intangible personal property includes such things as stocks, bonds, notes, and patents.
- **Personal Property** – Tangible property that is not real property. This includes automobiles, trucks, farm implements, boats, office equipment, machinery and equipment.
- **Real Property** – Real property includes the land itself and all growing crops, buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures on the land. It also includes all rights and privileges belonging or related to the land.

<https://stc.mo.gov/definitions/>

# Publication



The Following Notice of Public Hearing and accompanying information pursuant to RSMO 67.110 was posted in various locations throughout the district in compliance with state statute and board policy.

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Estimated Assessed Valuation by Category	Prior Tax Year 2022 Fiscal Year 2023	Current Tax Year 2023 Fiscal Year 2024
Real Estate - Residential	\$42,553,824	\$45,236,537
Real Estate - Agricultural	\$4,817,415	\$4,933,120
Real Estate - Commercial	\$6,978,457	\$7,357,354
Real Estate - Total	\$54,249,696	\$57,527,011
Personal Property	\$20,187,704	\$20,901,413
Locally Assessed Railroad and Utilities - Real Property	\$115,668	\$41,668
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<b>Total Current Valuation</b>	<b>\$74,756,052</b>	<b>\$78,617,329</b>
New Construction (Included in Real Estate Above)		\$1,562,624
Revenue from New Construction (Estimated)		\$54,692
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Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment		0.0%

**The Following Tax Rates are Proposed for Tax Year 2023**

Fund	Prior Tax Year 2022 Fiscal Year 2023	Current Tax Year 2023 Fiscal Year 2024	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Proposed
10- Incidental – General Operations Fund	\$3.4000	\$3.4000	\$2,672,989
20 – Special Revenue – Teacher Fund	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0
30 - Debt Service Fund	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0
40 - Capital Projects Fund	\$0.0499	\$0.0441	\$34,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.4499</b>	<b>\$3.4441</b>	<b>\$2,707,659</b>

The assessed valuation included in this public notice has been certified by the County Clerks and is subject to adjustment pending appeals before the Board of Equalization and Missouri State Tax Commission. Tax rates are subject to change as new information is received. The proposed tax rates are for application per \$100 of assessed valuation. Questions may be directed to Dr. Jerrod Wheeler: 660-563-3186 or jwheeler@knobnoster.k12.mo.us.

Knob Noster Public Schools Board of Education  
 401 East Wimer Street  
 Knob Noster, MO 65336  
 Posted: August 16, 2023

# Assessed Valuation Snapshot



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# Proposed Tax Levy for 2022



<b>Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Levy Amount</b>
1. General Fund (Operations)	\$ 3.4000
2. Special Revenue Fund	\$ 0.0000
3. Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.0000
4. Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.0441
Total All Funds	\$ 3.4441

# Unique Levy Details for 2022



- The proposed levy is up slightly from the final adjusted levy from last year and remains 5 cents below the voter approved maximum levy of \$3.50.
- For the third year in a row, the Levy proposal includes a small portion (4.41 cents) to be placed in Fund 4.
- This is being done to take advantage of an additional pool of LARRU money which is only accessible by districts that place a levy in Fund 4.
- This will complement the District's recent and current efforts to accumulate surplus funds in Fund 4.

# Tax Levy History

Year	Fund 1 General	Fund 2 Special	Fund 3 Debt Service	Fund 4 Capital	Total Levy
2023-2024	\$3.4000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0441	\$3.4441
2022-2023	\$3.4000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0499	\$3.4499
2021-2022	\$3.4000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0183	\$3.4183
2020-2021	\$3.4000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0092	\$3.4092
2019-2020	\$3.2057	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0100	\$3.2157
2018-2020	\$3.1566	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0100	\$3.1666
2017-2018	\$3.1439	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0010	\$3.1539
2016-2017	\$3.1237	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$3.1237
2015-2016	\$3.3025	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$3.3025
2014-2015	\$3.5000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$3.5000
2013-2014	\$3.5000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$3.5000
2012-2013	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2011-2012	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2010-2011	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2009-2010	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2008-2009	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2007-2008	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2006-2007	\$2.7500	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2005-2006	\$1.5800	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2004-2005	\$1.5800	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500
2003-2004	\$1.5800	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$2.7500

# Assessed Valuation History

Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Increase / Decrease From Prior	Percent Growth	Total Levy	Local Revenue Generated
2023-2024	\$78,428,424	\$3,672,372	4.91%	\$3.4441	\$2,701,153
2022-2023	\$74,756,052	\$3,027,164	4.22%	\$3.4499	\$2,579,009
2021-2022	\$71,728,888	\$5,015,733	7.52%	\$3.4183	\$2,345,810
2020-2021	\$66,713,155	\$2,087,044	3.23%	\$3.4792	\$2,306,496
2019-2020	\$64,626,111	\$1,195,327	1.88%	\$3.2157	\$2,078,182
2018-2020	\$63,430,784	\$2,065,522	3.37%	\$3.1666	\$1,966,645
2017-2018	\$61,365,262	\$689,165	1.14%	\$3.1539	\$1,935,399
2016-2017	\$60,676,097	\$318,120	0.53%	\$3.1512	\$1,974,656
2015-2016	\$60,357,977	\$798,875	1.34%	\$3.3025	\$1,953,322
2014-2015	\$59,559,102	\$1,310,990	2.25%	\$3.5000	\$1,917,656
2013-2014	\$58,248,112	\$3,332,163	6.07%	\$3.5000	\$1,715,792
2012-2013	\$54,915,949	- \$431,630	-0.78%	\$2.7500	\$1,400,572
2011-2012	\$55,347,579	- \$482,953	-0.87%	\$2.7500	\$1,389,112
2010-2011	\$55,830,532	\$723,613	1.31%	\$2.7500	\$1,385,674
2009-2010	\$55,106,919	\$1,193,860	2.21%	\$2.7500	\$1,357,325
2008-2009	\$53,913,059	\$3,914,458	7.83%	\$2.7500	\$1,312,818
2007-2008	\$49,998,601	\$2,953,057	6.28%	\$2.7500	\$1,211,762
2006-2007	\$47,045,544	\$2,169,108	4.83%	\$2.7500	\$1,153,936
2005-2006	\$44,876,436	\$4,680,272	11.64%	\$2.7500	\$1,113,581
2004-2005	\$40,196,164	\$649,434	1.64%	\$2.7500	\$1,003,095
2003-2004	\$39,546,730	\$1,978,392	5.27%	\$2.7500	\$969,212
2002-2003	\$37,568,338	\$559,478	1.50%	\$2.7500	\$954,951

# Impact Aid Eligibility



Fortunately, the Knob Noster Public School District's local effort is enhanced by Federal Impact Aid pursuant to our educational services provided to the military-connected families of Whiteman Air Force Base. The purpose of the Federal Impact Aid Program is to replace local tax revenues that are lost as a result of the presence of federal property – in our case, Whiteman AFB.

For 2022-2023, the district anticipates \$6.5 Million in Impact Aid to supplement tax revenues of \$2.6 Million.

# Impact Aide Revenue By Fund

Year	Fund 1	Fund 2	Fund 3	Fund 4	Total
2023-2024	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0.0	\$1,316,000	\$7,316,000
2022-2023	\$4,980,874	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,698,289	\$7,679,163
2021-2022	\$2,736,582	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3,976,525	\$6,713,107
2020-2021	\$5,500,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,700,000	\$7,200,000
2019-2020	\$4,010,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,700,000	\$6,710,000
2018-2020	\$3,679,882	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5,216,812	\$8,896,694
2017-2018	\$3,305,427	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,002,554	\$5,307,981
2016-2017	\$640,439	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,602,628	\$3,289,883
2015-2016	\$4,245,304	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$530,036	\$4,775,341
2014-2015	\$3,583,081	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,363,794	\$4,946,875
2013-2014	\$2,310,059	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,515,525	\$3,825,585
2012-2013	\$2,793,275	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,023,121	\$3,816,396
2011-2012	\$2,812,936	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,506,014	\$4,318,950
2010-2011	\$5,509,534	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,092,389	\$6,601,923
2009-2010	\$3,701,376	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,500,000	\$5,201,376
2008-2009	\$4,413,229	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,115,903	\$5,529,132
2007-2008	\$2,401,640	\$1,500,000	\$0.0	\$2,614,118	\$6,515,758
2006-2007	\$4,194,312	\$1,000,000	\$0.0	\$1,301,020	\$6,495,332
2005-2006	\$1,774,607	\$3,602,991	\$0.0	\$1,154,264	\$6,531,862
2004-2005	\$1,526,420	\$3,082,370	\$0.0	\$1,000,000	\$5,608,790
2003-2004	\$1,594,052	\$3,231,799	\$0.0	\$1,000,000	\$5,825,851
2002-2003	\$1,246,611	\$2,530,998	\$0.0	\$1,000,000	\$4,777,609
2001-2002	\$1,710,000	\$1,441,500	\$0.0	\$1,700,000	\$4,851,500

# Reserve Balances By Fund

Year	Fund 1	Fund 2	Fund 3	Fund 4	Total
2023-2024	\$7,200,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$13,248,139	\$20,448,139*
2022-2023	\$7,500,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$18,259,094	\$25,759,094*
2021-2022	\$7,000,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$17,625,300	\$24,625,300*
2020-2021	\$7,000,000	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$15,612,985	\$22,612,985
2019-2020	\$6,954,856	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$11,091,143	\$18,045,999
2018-2019	\$6,042,949	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$9,368,525	\$15,411,479
2017-2018	\$5,755,795	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5,588,037	\$11,343,832
2016-2017	\$6,011,799	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$4,010,627	\$10,006,616
2015-2016	\$9,562,247	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,637,446	\$11,199,703
2014-2015	\$8,175,405	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,545,321	\$9,720,727
2013-2014	\$6,336,602	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,197,187	\$7,533,789
2012-2013	\$6,405,491	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$487,698	\$6,893,189
2011-2012	\$7,529,576	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,311,705	\$8,841,282
2010-2011	\$8,419,387	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$258,388	\$8,677,775
2009-2010	\$6,494,742	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$11,634	\$6,506,376
2008-2009	\$7,539,459	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,554,695	\$9,095,546
2007-2008	\$8,474,235	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3,643,299	\$12,117,534
2006-2007	\$9,189,945	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,903,316	\$11,093,262
2005-2006	\$8,175,495	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$968,894	\$9,144,388
2004-2005	\$6,260,322	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$864,629	\$7,124,951
2003-2004	\$5,294,942	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$482,699	\$5,777,641
2002-2003	\$3,120,572	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$324,634	\$3,445,206
2001-2002	\$2,050,389	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$581,661	\$2,632,050

# Ensuring Transparency



The proposed increased levy for 2022 continues to be in a strong position to protect the district's eligibility for (b)(2) Heavily Impacted Impact Aid.

**It is HIGHLY PROBABLY that the district will remain eligible for (b)(2) funds, without interruption and without any loss of revenue through the use of “additional factors” as provided for in the Impact Aid law.**

**However, it is HIGHLY LIKELY that the district will choose to approach voters in April 2024 to increase the tax levy to support construction of the proposed KNHS Campus (Phase II).**

District	Total Tax Rate	Rank	% to Knob Noster Tax Rate
Wellington Napoleon	\$5.7232	1	165.89%
Harrisonville	\$5.4772	2	158.76%
Chilhowee	\$5.4329	3	157.48%
Warrensburg	\$5.2504	4	152.19%
Excelsior Springs	\$5.2262	5	151.49%
Lexington	\$5.2080	6	150.96%
Oak Grove	\$5.1582	7	149.52%
Santa Fe	\$4.9896	8	144.63%
Carrollton	\$4.9607	9	143.79%
Grain Valley	\$4.9271	10	142.82%
Clinton	\$4.9134	11	142.42%
Leeton	\$4.8359	12	140.18%
Kingsville	\$4.8162	13	139.60%
Johnson Co R-VII	\$4.8018	14	139.19%
Odessa	\$4.7185	15	136.77%
Montrose	\$4.6321	16	134.27%
Pleasant Hill	\$4.5971	17	133.25%
Holden	\$4.5900	18	133.05%
Lafayette Co	\$4.5639	19	132.29%
Concordia	\$4.5320	20	131.37%
Richmond	\$4.4135	21	127.93%
Pettis Co R-V	\$4.1563	22	120.48%
Davis	\$4.1262	23	119.60%
Sedalia	\$4.0628	24	117.77%
Shawnee	\$4.0164	25	116.42%
Green Ridge	\$3.9488	26	114.46%
La Monte	\$3.8868	27	112.66%
Smithton	\$3.6258	28	105.10%
Warsaw	\$3.5500	29	102.90%
Calhoun	\$3.4660	30	100.47%
<b>Knob Noster</b>	<b>\$3.4499</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Henry Co R-I	\$3.2500	32	94.21%
Leesville	\$2.9736	33	86.19%
Pettis Co R-XII	\$2.7900	34	80.87%

# Unrestricted Reserve History

Year	Percent
2023-2024	35.00%
2022-2023	34.62%
2021-2022	34.81%
2020-2021	35.00%
2019-2020	35.00%
2018-2020	34.88%
2017-2018	35.05%
2016-2017	37.84%
2015-2016	65.09%
2014-2015	58.50%
2013-2014	45.68%
2012-2013	45.52%
2011-2012	53.02%
2010-2011	59.88%
2009-2010	42.96%
2008-2009	48.88%
2007-2008	56.82%
2006-2007	64.58%
2005-2006	60.38%
2004-2005	49.10%
2003-2004	44.81%
2002-2003	23.92%
2001-2002	23.60%

This percent represents the Total Expenditures for the year in Fund 1 (General Fund) and Fund 2 (Teachers' Fund) divided by the Ending Fund Balances in Fund 1. This calculation creates the "Unrestricted Reserve" percentage.

# Financial Forecast & Factors



In conjunction with this proposed tax rate, Impact Aid, and other anticipated revenue receipts, the district should expect healthy reserve funds near four month's reserve (35%) for Fiscal Year 24.

The proposed budget also calls for reserve funds of \$14.7 million in Fund 40, which includes nearly \$6 million in expenditures for FY 23 in support of Phase I of the KNHS Innovation Campus.

The approved budget is anticipated to operate as a planned deficit budget due to capitol expenditures.

The budget has estimated reasonably foreseeable changes in revenues and expenditures due to the anticipated recession.

# Take Away and Talking Points



1. Assessed Valuation is up & total local revenue is up.
2. Impact Aid funding is stable. (trend over time)
3. The Knob Noster School District Tax Levy is among the lowest in Johnson and all surrounding counties. It is approximately 35% lower than the average of the region.
4. The Local Tax Levy is a key factor in protecting (b)(2) Impact Aid and must meet the minimum requirement.
5. The Knob Noster School District continues to achieve academic excellence for our students, employees and community based on a variety of metrics!
6. The district continues to compete well at the regional, state, and national levels as demonstrated by various local, state, and national awards, recognitions, and success stories.

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Our Mission Is Student Success!

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