MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MERTON TOWNSHIP
VILLAGES OF MERTON, LISBON, AND HARTLAND

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 – INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER
ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION 7:00 P.M.

I. Call Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing to Order, Dean Dobbertin, Board President
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Election of Chairperson
IV. Budget Hearing
   A. Financial Report and Budget Presentation
   B. Hearing on Budget
      1. Adoption of Proposed Expenditures:
         Fund 10 - $ 13,049,332.00
         Fund 21 - $ 40,000.00
         Fund 27 - $ 1,983,146.00
         Fund 38 - $ 57,188.00
         Fund 39 - $ 0.00
         Fund 41 - $ 100,000.00
         Fund 46 - $ 0.00
         Fund 50 - $ 401,489.00
         Fund 80 - $ 0.00

VII. Annual Meeting
   A. Reading/Dispensing of Annual Meeting Minutes for 2025
   B. District Administrator's Report "State of the District" Message
   C. Approval of Salaries for School Board Members (currently $1200.00 annually)
   D. Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy
      It is recommended that the annual levy be established at:
      $ 6,526,790 General Fund (Fund 10)
      $ 57,188 Non Referendum Debt Service (Fund 38)
      $ 0 Referendum Debt Service (Fund 39)
      $ 100,000 Capital Expansion (Fund 41)
      $ 0 Community Service (Fund 80) FOR A TOTAL LEVY OF:

      $ 6,683,978
   E. Establish date and time for 2027 Annual Meeting
   F. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes for 2026

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education will be present at the Budget Hearing and a majority of the Board of Education may be present at the Annual Meeting scheduled for September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Merton Intermediate School Little Theater. This constitutes a quorum of the Merton Community School District Board of Education. The Merton Community School District Board of Education will not take any formal action at the Annual Meeting.

Notice of Budget Hearing
(Section 65.90(4))

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Merton Community School District that the budget hearing will be held at the Merton Intermediate School on the 8th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 PM. The summary of the budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office at N68W28460 Sussex Road.
Dated this 22nd day of July, 2026.

Amanda Wise, District Clerk

Notice for Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Merton Community School District, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held in the Intermediate School Little Theater on the 8th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Amanda Wise, District Clerk

NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION & LEGAL PUBLICATION

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 Budget Publication Summary

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)

FUND TYPE / DESCRIPTION	2024-2025 AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT	2025-2026 WDF ACTUALS TO DATE	2025-2026 UNAUDITED	2026-2027 BUDGET
Beginning Fund Balance (Function 930000)	$4,292,588.50	$4,219,397.86	$4,219,397.86	$4,219,397.86
Ending Fund Balance	**$4,219,397.86**	**$4,563,702.17**	**$4,563,702.17**	**$4,563,702.17**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers-In (Source 100)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	$5,946,503.94	$6,319,934.45	$6,319,934.45	$6,370,018.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	$829,394.99	$770,228.00	$770,228.00	$802,100.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	$445.55	$390.00	$390.00	$800.00
State Sources (Source 600)	$5,200,541.75	$5,448,176.81	$5,448,176.81	$5,200,322.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	$89,852.10	$12,111.00	$12,111.00	$24,000.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	$39,012.27	$73,740.15	$73,740.15	$21,632.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**$12,105,750.60**	**$12,624,580.41**	**$12,624,580.41**	**$12,418,872.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Instruction (Function 100 000)	$5,323,915.41	$5,596,943.34	$5,611,934.11	$6,194,450.42
Support Services (Function 200 000)	$4,193,664.94	$4,113,981.72	$4,177,897.48	$3,768,216.49
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	$2,661,360.89	$2,445,617.95	$2,445,617.95	$2,853,716.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**$12,178,941.24**	**$12,156,543.01**	**$12,235,449.54**	**$12,816,382.91**

SPECIAL & SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS SUMMARY

FUND NAME / ITEM	2024-2025 AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT	2025-2026 WDF ACTUALS TO DATE	2025-2026 UNAUDITED	2026-2027 BUDGET
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND				
Beginning Fund Balance	$55,279.94	$60,180.72	$60,180.72	$83,655.61
Ending Fund Balance	$60,180.72	$117,871.28	$117,871.28	$97,155.61
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	$1,580,459.03	$1,803,533.81	$1,803,533.04	$2,175,926.00
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	$1,575,558.25	$1,745,843.25	$1,745,843.25	$1,604,233.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Beginning Fund Balance	$58,330.78	$59,114.18	$59,114.18	$59,114.18
Ending Fund Balance	$59,114.18	$61,404.10	$61,404.18	$59,114.18
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	$57,188.00	$57,188.00	$57,188.00	$57,188.00
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	$56,404.60	$54,898.08	$54,898.00	$57,188.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
Beginning Fund Balance	$1,406,621.25	$1,871,769.42	$1,871,769.42	$1,987,460.97
Ending Fund Balance	$1,871,769.42	$1,987,460.97	$1,987,460.97	$2,087,460.97
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	$465,148.17	$115,691.55	$115,691.55	$100,000.00
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND				
Beginning Fund Balance	$54,236.37	$21,405.17	$45,314.10	$45,314.10
Ending Fund Balance	$21,405.17	$45,314.10	$69,223.71	$45,314.10
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	$423,499.83	$412,336.61	$412,336.61	$401,489.00
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	$456,331.03	$388,427.68	$388,427.00	$401,489.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE & PACKAGE / COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS				
Beginning / Ending Balance & Total Activity	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & PROPERTY TAX LEVY SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	2024-2025 AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT	2025-2026 WDF ACTUALS TO DATE	2025-2026 UNAUDITED	2026-2027 BUDGET
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- (all non-fiduciary Funds)	$14,267,235.12	$14,345,712.02	$14,424,617.79	$14,879,292.91
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	$1,142,222.18	$968,686.49	$0.00	$0.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	**$13,125,012.94**	**$13,377,025.53**	**$14,424,617.79**	**$14,879,292.91**
Total Fund % Change From Prior Year	--	*1.92%*	*7.83%*	*3.15%*
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY BY FUND (FROM SFS)				

DESCRIPTION	2024-2025 AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT	2025-2026 WDF ACTUALS TO DATE	2025-2026 UNAUDITED	2026-2027 BUDGET
General Fund Operating Levy (10 R 000000 211)	$5,481,517.00	$5,866,779.00	$5,866,779.00	$0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Levy (38 R 000000 211)	$57,188.00	$57,188.00	$57,188.00	$0.00
Capital Expansion Fund Levy (41 R 000000 211)	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$0.00
Referendum Approved Debt / Community Service Levy	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	**$5,638,705.00**	**$6,023,967.00**	**$6,023,967.00**	**$0.00**
Total Levy % Change From Prior Year	--	*6.83%*	*0.00%*	*-100.00%*