

True cost of a school tax vote

Here are three scenarios showing what the owner of a \$300,000 house — or business — would have paid in property taxes to his school district. “Extra” is the amount the homeowner paid above what most school district officials would project.

Key: **Paid:** What you paid **Projected:** Bill most districts would project

No tax: No tax-rate increase

Bensenville Elementary District 2 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid		\$1,787	\$2,651	\$2,760	\$3,025	\$3,111	\$13,334	\$637
Projected		\$1,787	\$2,651	\$2,700	\$2,768	\$2,791	\$12,697	
No tax		\$1,787	\$1,852	\$1,885	\$1,933	\$1,949	\$9,407	

Marquardt Elementary District 15 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$2,684	\$3,394	\$3,754	\$4,092	\$13,924	\$857
Projected			\$2,684	\$3,394	\$3,481	\$3,509	\$13,067	
No tax			\$2,684	\$2,735	\$2,805	\$2,828	\$11,051	

Queen Bee District 16 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$2,880	\$3,387	\$3,740	\$4,129	\$14,136	\$888
Projected			\$2,880	\$3,387	\$3,476	\$3,506	\$13,248	
No tax			\$2,880	\$2,935	\$3,012	\$3,037	\$11,863	

Wheeling Township Elementary District 21* (Cook County)								
For homeowners								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$3,057	\$3,916	\$4,197		\$11,169	\$204
Projected			\$3,057	\$3,916	\$3,992		\$10,965	
No tax			\$3,057	\$3,331	\$3,396		\$9,784	

For businesses								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$7,002	\$8,951	\$9,597		\$25,551	\$467
Projected			\$7,002	\$8,951	\$9,130		\$25,084	
No tax			\$7,002	\$7,614	\$7,766		\$22,383	

Benjamin Elementary District 25 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid				\$2,611	\$3,027	\$3,191	\$8,830	\$143
Projected				\$2,611	\$3,027	\$3,049	\$8,687	
No tax				\$2,611	\$2,681	\$2,699	\$7,991	

Emmons Elementary District 33 (Lake County)**								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$1,912	\$2,378	\$2,782		\$7,072	\$187
Projected			\$1,912	\$2,455	\$2,518		\$6,885	
No tax			\$1,912	\$1,945	\$1,995		\$5,851	

West Chicago Elementary District 33 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$2,660	\$3,338	\$3,631	\$3,763	\$13,392	\$521
Projected			\$2,660	\$3,338	\$3,424	\$3,449	\$12,871	
No tax			\$2,660	\$2,709	\$2,779	\$2,799	\$10,947	

Glen Ellyn Elementary District 41 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid	\$2,223	\$2,831	\$3,056	\$3,206	\$3,421	\$3,718	\$18,455	\$1,320
Projected	\$2,223	\$2,831	\$2,933	\$2,987	\$3,066	\$3,095	\$17,135	
No tax	\$2,223	\$2,285	\$2,368	\$2,411	\$2,475	\$2,498	\$14,260	

Lombard Elementary District 44 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid				\$2,155	\$2,706	\$2,896	\$7,758	\$170
Projected				\$2,155	\$2,706	\$2,726	\$7,587	
No tax				\$2,155	\$2,211	\$2,227	\$6,594	

Prairie Grove District 46 (McHenry County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid		\$2,362	\$2,946	\$3,355	\$3,669		\$12,333	\$948
Projected		\$2,362	\$2,946	\$2,999	\$3,078		\$11,385	
No tax		\$2,362	\$2,447	\$2,490	\$2,556		\$9,854	

Mundelein Elementary District 75 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$2,374	\$2,929	\$3,378		\$8,680	\$371
Projected			\$2,374	\$2,929	\$3,007		\$8,309	
No tax			\$2,374	\$2,418	\$2,482		\$7,273	

Fremont Elementary District 79 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$2,082	\$2,317	\$2,546		\$6,946	\$168
Projected			\$2,082	\$2,317	\$2,378		\$6,778	
No tax			\$2,082	\$2,121	\$2,176		\$6,380	

Carol Stream District 93 (DuPage County)**								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid				\$2,344	\$2,780	\$3,446	\$8,570	-\$443
Projected				\$2,344	\$3,323	\$3,346	\$9,013	
No tax				\$2,344	\$2,403	\$2,420	\$7,167	

Lake Zurich Unit District 95 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid		\$3,451	\$3,923	\$4,063	\$4,336		\$15,772	\$302
Projected		\$3,451	\$3,923	\$3,994	\$4,103		\$15,470	
No tax		\$3,451	\$3,573	\$3,638	\$3,737		\$14,400	

Aptakisic-Tripp Elementary District 102 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$2,320	\$2,755	\$2,943		\$8,018	\$117
Projected			\$2,320	\$2,755	\$2,826		\$7,901	
No tax			\$2,320	\$2,362	\$2,423		\$7,105	

Antioch-Lake Villa High School District 117 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$1,745	\$2,052	\$2,242		\$6,039	\$138
Projected			\$1,745	\$2,052	\$2,104		\$5,901	
No tax			\$1,745	\$1,778	\$1,822		\$5,345	

Adlai E. Stevenson District 125 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$1,366	\$1,740	\$1,961		\$5,067	\$26
Projected			\$1,366	\$1,814	\$1,861		\$5,041	
No tax			\$1,366	\$1,392	\$1,427		\$4,186	

Grayslake Community High School District 127 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$1,870	\$2,347	\$2,787		\$7,004	\$379
Projected			\$1,870	\$2,347	\$2,408		\$6,625	
No tax			\$1,870	\$1,905	\$1,954		\$5,729	

Libertyville-Vernon Hills High School District 128 (Lake County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid	\$1,626	\$2,030	\$2,295	\$2,467	\$2,657		\$11,075	\$978
Projected	\$1,626	\$2,030	\$2,103	\$2,140	\$2,197		\$10,097	
No tax	\$1,626	\$1,672	\$1,733	\$1,763	\$1,809		\$8,603	

Lisle Unit District 202 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid				\$3,025	\$3,546	\$3,628	\$10,199	\$63
Projected				\$3,025	\$3,546	\$3,565	\$10,136	
No tax				\$3,025	\$3,101	\$3,118	\$9,243	

Naperville Unit District 203 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid		\$3,722	\$4,385	\$4,739	\$5,127	\$5,344	\$23,318	\$1,541
Projected		\$3,722	\$4,385	\$4,466	\$4,583	\$4,620	\$21,777	
No tax		\$3,722	\$3,856	\$3,927	\$4,029	\$4,062	\$19,596	

Indian Prairie Unit District 204 (DuPage County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid	\$3,313	\$4,102	\$4,524	\$4,833	\$5,329	\$5,498	\$27,598	\$2,688
Projected	\$3,313	\$4,102	\$4,251	\$4,328	\$4,441	\$4,476	\$24,911	
No tax	\$3,313	\$3,407	\$3,531	\$3,595	\$3,689	\$3,718	\$21,253	

Burlington Central Unit District 301 (Kane County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid		\$4,132	\$4,588	\$4,997	\$5,488		\$19,205	\$1,023
Projected		\$4,132	\$4,588	\$4,670	\$4,792		\$18,182	
No tax		\$4,132	\$4,288	\$4,364	\$4,479		\$17,262	

St. Charles Unit District 303 (Kane County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid			\$3,383	\$3,672	\$4,016		\$11,071	\$247
Projected			\$3,383	\$3,672	\$3,768		\$10,824	
No tax			\$3,383	\$3,446	\$3,537		\$10,366	

Geneva Unit District 304 (Kane County)								
Tax bill	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Extra
Paid	\$3,599	\$3,998	\$4,415	\$4,857	\$5,162		\$22,030	\$1,741
Projected	\$3,599	\$3,998	\$4,143	\$4,219	\$4,330		\$20,289	
No tax	\$3,599	\$3,701	\$3,835	\$3,905	\$4,007		\$19,046	

Note: The Daily Herald calculated the tax bills starting the year before the voter-approved tax increase took effect. The calculation used actual data obtained from county property tax records. The home was worth \$300,000 the first year, and in our calculation, increased in value at the average rate of growth in the district. Other than those numbers provided by the county clerk's office, all figures are within roughly 1 percent of actual totals. At most, the discrepancy means a few dollars more or less on the tax bill of the average homeowner.

* Cook County assesses homes and businesses at different rates; an example of each is presented.

** Districts 33 and 93 collected less money than they were legally entitled to. In District 93, they collected less than even most school officials would have projected.

Source: Tax extension reports from the county clerk's office in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties.

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