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Berwyn SD 100 Misleads Voters On Huge Property Tax Increase

BERWYN—Berwyn School Dist. 100 is understating the impact on taxpayers of its property tax increase referenda. This is bureaucratic trickery intended to dupe Berwyn voters into approving the two property tax increase referenda on the March 18, 2014 ballot, according to Jim Tobin, Berwyn resident and President of Taxpayers United of America (TUA).

“The proposed property tax increase for the an average home value of [\\$216,200](#) would be nearly \$1,200 if these 2 referenda were passed. This would be the largest property tax increase in Illinois,” added Tobin.

“Dist. 100 already spends [\\$16,631 per student](#), higher than the [national average of \\$15,171](#). Throwing more money at the government schools is not the solution. There is no correlation between school spending and student achievement.”

“How many times are we told, ‘this is for the children’, and yet the only outcome that improves is the wealth of the government school bureaucrats who continually ask us to take a pay cut so they can get a pay increase?”

“Illinois’ property taxes are the [second highest in the nation](#). It is unconscionable that Berwyn homeowners are being asked to pay more than \$1,200 dollars a year in additional property taxes.”

“80% of Dist. 100 spending is for salaries and benefits of these government employees, who enjoy higher than average wages, premium health care coverage, nearly iron-clad job security, and lavish, gold-plated pensions.”

Here’s where property tax increases go...

Stanley Fields, SD 100 superintendent gets an annual salary of \$204,740. Jane Bagus, SD 100 coordinator enjoys a cushy annual salary of \$139,294.

And here’s what government school retirees get paid not to work...

Thomas M. Martinaro, who retired at age 56, receives an annual pension of \$136,795, and over a normal lifetime will collect estimated total pension payments of \$4,240,137. Raymond Hack, retired at age 59 and receives an annual pension of \$106,892. His estimated lifetime payout is a cool \$2,530,854.

“Workers in the private sector have seen their company pensions vanish, and will on [average get only \\$14,800](#) a year in Social Security benefits.”

“Unemployment is still on the rise with a local rate of 9.9% in 2013. Berwyn taxpayers are entitled to keep more of their hard-earned dollars.”

“Dist. 100 teachers and administrators, and their families, will be out in force to pass these two referenda this March 18. I urge all Berwyn voters to tell their families and neighbors about these two property tax increase referenda and to [vote ‘NO’ on March 18.](#)”

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