

**D200 Seeks 2.5% Tax Hike, Despite \$123 Million Stash
Join the Property Tax Revolt!**

It's official. OPRF D200 covered up the 10.8% increase in its "cash and investments", a growing stash which we now know rose by \$12 million from \$111,406,711 in FY2011, to \$ 123,485,166 in FY2012.

D200 hid the increase to its stash because it can't justify, not even to the most credulous OPRF booster, the 2.5% property tax hike it plans to enact on December 20. BOE members aren't jumping the corrupt and luxurious D200 ship in record numbers for nothing.

D200 first disclosed its stash increase on or about November 19, by posting its 2012 Comprehensive Financial Report (CFR). It did so only after we accused D200 in previous WJ articles and BOE meeting speeches of withholding the CFR to hide the growth in its stash since FY2011. D200 was supposed to publish the 2012 CFR almost 5 months ago, on June 30.

D200 steadily increases its stash: 1) from the ongoing, full, 2006 phase-in of its 2002 Referendum, a 2.95% property tax levy ostensibly swelling the "education fund", and 2) by near-annual additional December levies swelling other "funds." The 10.8% stash increase is 6.4Xs greater than inflation (*i.e.*, than FY2012 CPI: 1.7%).

It's no coincidence D200 first dropped "Community" from OPRF's Organizational Chart in its 2006 CFR. D200 made "Community" irrelevant and itself independent when it phased in the full 2002 Referendum rate.

Reasonable people must wonder how a school hoarding 11% more wealth than last year has the gall to increase our taxes 2.5%. Do D200's CFO Cheryl Witham, Superintendent Steve Isoye and their willing accomplice, the D200 BOE, have no shame? Why should they, with about a quarter million each in compensation and Isoye's non-performance based, uncapped, five-year contractual gravy train, which could exceed \$1.3 million?

Will D200's greed and avarice incite a Property Tax Revolt?

Only if D200 taxpayers unite and obtain an injunction against D200's unconscionable new levies before D200 passes them on December 20.

Please come forward if you can obtain a legally-enforceable court order to stop D200's ruinous new levies.

Please also come forward immediately if you'll run for one of the four open BOE seats on a platform to repeal and refund D200's 2002, 2.95%-property-tax-increase Referendum, which is the source of D200's ever-increasing stash and power. Only a BOE majority is empowered to repeal and refund the 2002 referendum. So repeal and refund will happen only if at least four incorruptible people run on that platform and are elected together on April 9, 2013.

If any less than four new, reliable candidates committed to repeal and refund are elected, then we can all count on paying annual property tax increases henceforth. Such increases will ensure the present rate of increase in D200's stash, which is slated to be worth almost \$0.5 billion in another 20 years, by 2031.

It's our money. But not for long, unless we all fight back now!

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