

**Statement of Aids. Jim Bohl, Bob Donovan and
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We would like to express our appreciation to the hundreds of Milwaukee taxpayers who took time out of their evening to voice their concerns to the school board over the excessive tax levy increase proposal by Milwaukee Public Schools. We were amazed and inspired by this ultimate demonstration of democratic activism.

Unfortunately, despite the massive turnout, the final vote of the board did not reflect the overwhelming sentiment of overburdened taxpayers in this community. In the end, a 9% increase is still unacceptable.

We are more than willing to join with our elected MPS counterparts to push the state government to correct funding flaws that led to this problem in the first place. However, an unreasonable tax hike is not the solution. We are disappointed that the school board did not see it the same way.

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