

# Methacton School District

## Legal Expenditure Presentation

# Legal Expenses Paid Year to Date

Category Total	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	Total
General Legal	\$ 106,758.12	\$ 66,031.55	\$ 191,930.20	\$ 57,818.05	\$ 422,537.92
Assessments	\$ 11,975.18	\$ 46,605.00	\$ 34,790.84	\$ 174,757.65	\$ 268,128.67
Assessments - Appraisals	\$ 7,568.64	\$ 42,202.66	\$ 57,800.00	\$ 253,383.07	\$ 360,954.37
Negot - MAO	\$ 3,495.00	\$ 112.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,607.50
Negot - MEA	\$ 147,560.40	\$ 14,100.02	\$ 17,450.10	\$ 51,466.28	\$ 230,576.80
Negot - MESPA	\$ 27,855.00	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 12,338.74	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 52,568.74
Negot - Teamsters	\$ 17,248.40	\$ -	\$ 9,960.30	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 30,133.70
Negot - Confidentials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Negot - Contractual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Right To Know	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 54,166.79	\$ 210,875.31	\$ 621,142.68	\$ 887,759.78
Special Education	\$ 108,802.02	\$ 103,156.84	\$ 50,815.10	\$ 67,719.22	\$ 330,493.18
Construction Projects	\$ 60.00	\$ 24,117.69	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 11,524.50	\$ 36,794.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 432,897.76</b>	<b>\$ 359,718.05</b>	<b>\$ 587,052.59</b>	<b>\$ 1,243,886.45</b>	<b>\$ 2,623,554.85</b>

2020-2021 amounts are YTD based on invoices paid through 04/30/2021.

Increase in costs from 2017-2018 to 2020-2021 Expenditures:

Right to Know – 39,338% Increase

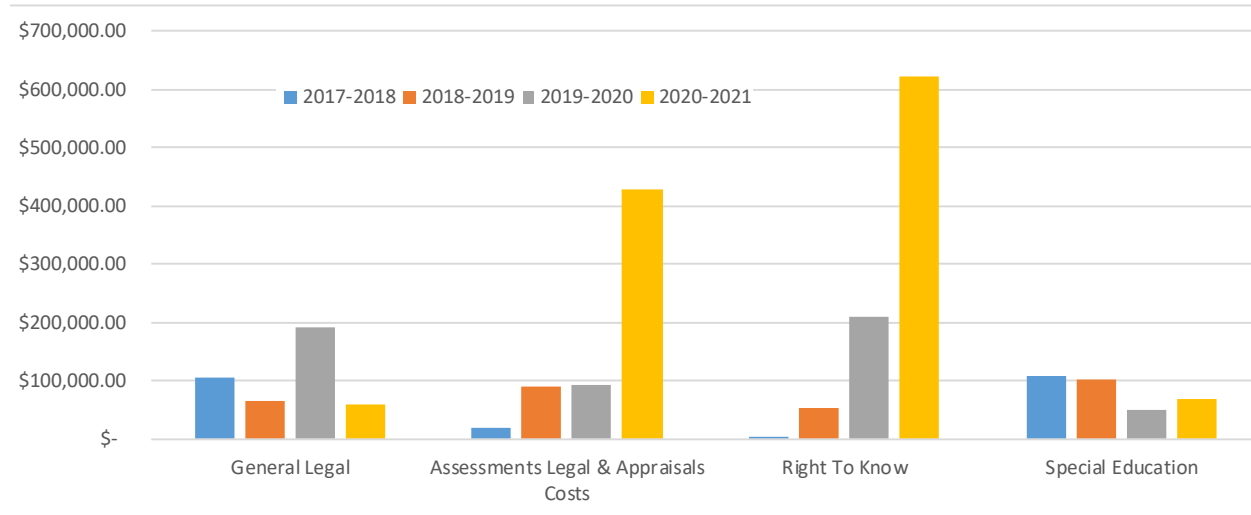
General Legal – 46% Reduction

Special Education – 38% Reduction

# Standard Anticipated Legal Categories

Category Total	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
General Legal	\$ 106,758.12	\$ 66,031.55	\$ 191,930.20	\$ 57,818.05
Assessments Legal & Appraisals Costs	\$ 19,543.82	\$ 88,807.66	\$ 92,590.84	\$ 428,140.72
Right To Know	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 54,166.79	\$ 210,875.31	\$ 621,142.68
Special Education	\$ 108,802.02	\$ 103,156.84	\$ 50,815.10	\$ 67,719.22

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 432,897.76</b>	<b>\$ 359,718.05</b>	<b>\$ 587,052.59</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,585.95</b>
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# Impact to Property Owners

The total amount of Budgeted RE Taxes levied for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year was \$75,373,323.72. Legal Costs YTD (4/30/21) total \$1,235,585.95, which at the current run rate will total an estimated \$1,647,477.93. This amounts to 2.19% of the RE Taxes Budgeted for in 2020-2021. 2.19% of the current millage rate of 30.8534 equates to 0.6744 Mils.

The Impact to the Property owners is in the chart below.

Value*	Assessment	2020-2021 Mils	Right to Know			All Other Legal			Total Legal		
			Costs as % of RE Taxes	Associated Mils	RE Taxes for RTK Legal	Costs as % of RE Taxes	Associated Mils	RE Taxes for All Other Legal	Costs as % of RE Taxes	Associated Mils	RE Taxes for Legal
\$100,000.00	\$46,948.36	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$15.92	1.09%	0.3354	\$15.75	2.19%	0.6744	\$31.66
\$150,000.00	\$70,422.54	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$23.87	1.09%	0.3354	\$23.62	2.19%	0.6744	\$47.49
\$200,000.00	\$93,896.71	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$31.83	1.09%	0.3354	\$31.49	2.19%	0.6744	\$63.32
\$250,000.00	\$117,370.89	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$39.79	1.09%	0.3354	\$39.37	2.19%	0.6744	\$79.15
\$300,000.00	\$140,845.07	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$47.75	1.09%	0.3354	\$47.24	2.19%	0.6744	\$94.99
\$500,000.00	\$234,741.78	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$79.58	1.09%	0.3354	\$78.73	2.19%	0.6744	\$158.31
\$750,000.00	\$352,112.68	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$119.37	1.09%	0.3354	\$118.10	2.19%	0.6744	\$237.46
\$1,000,000.00	\$469,483.57	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$159.15	1.09%	0.3354	\$157.46	2.19%	0.6744	\$316.62
\$1,500,000.00	\$704,225.35	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$238.73	1.09%	0.3354	\$236.20	2.19%	0.6744	\$474.93
\$2,000,000.00	\$938,967.14	30.8534	1.10%	0.339	\$318.31	1.09%	0.3354	\$314.93	2.19%	0.6744	\$633.24

# General Right to Know Information

## 1. Example of RTK Request

- a. Typical request seek specific information or items, documents, contracts, or listings of items.
- b. Some non-standard requests have 30+ search terms or items within a single request requiring significant additional scrutiny and at times legal support.
  - i. As an example of a non-standard request:–

The district for a period between August 10, 2020 and November 30, 2020 spent a total of \$335,975.28 on Right to Know requests from 1 person. That costs included \$189,195.16 of internal (district staff) costs and \$166,780.12 of external (legal fees) associated with 29 separated RTK requests containing 886 individual search terms with an average of 30.6 items per request and \$22,248.46 per week expenses on RTK from 1 person.

## 2. Posting RTK Requests and related cost information on the district web site.

Date of request

Name of requester

Type(s) of record(s) requested

Number of subparts (if applicable)

Estimated cost to process (once completed)

# Top Requestor Information (7/1 – 4/30)

## ❑ Top 5 requestors by number of request (Total RTK Requests: 134):

1. Requestor #1 – 72
2. Requestor #2 – 22
3. Requestor #3 – 14
4. Requestor #4 – 11
5. Requestor #5 – 3

## ❑ Top 5 requestors by cost of request (Total Cost of RTK Request Billed To Date: \$867,051.60):

1. Requestor #1 – \$725,055.68
2. Requestor #2 – \$45,460.54
3. Requestor #3 – \$38,292.01
4. Requestor #4 – \$9,154.17
5. Requestor #5 – \$4,930.20