

SCC Board does not increase property tax levy

**(KLZA)-- The Southeast Community College Board of Governors voted to reverse course after months of public pressure at SCC- Milford campus on Tuesday. They're keeping the tax levy flat heading into their final year of property tax collection.**

**SCC administrators will need to chart a new course on the path to possible, away from a planned levy increase.**

**They'll need to steer toward a projected budget \$9 million lighter, born from the vote to keep the Levy at 7.37 cents instead of raising it to 8.5 cents.**

**SCC president Paul Illich said the action will require some cuts, and likely pause some construction projects, cutting equipment, technology, operating maintenance. Some budget re-structuring will be required.**

**Beginning next year Nebraska Community Colleges will see the equivalent of a 7.5 cent levy to be paid out of a state fund, the funding will grow by just 3.5% a year unless enrollment numbers soar. But with the old property tax model, SCC could rely on a more than 5% increase every year.**

**Some on the SCC Board of Governors told channel 10-11 News in Lincoln that they feared reprisal from state government which spurred the 10-1 vote in favor of keeping the levy the same.**

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