TUA NEWS RELEASE

TAXPAYERS UNITED OF AMERICA

205 W. Randolph Street • Suite 1305 • Chicago, IL 60606

• www.taxpayersunited.org • E-mail: info@taxpayersunited.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 19, 2021

Contact: Jim Tobin (773) 354-2076 (312) 427-5128

TAXPAYERS SAY **VOTE NO!** ON APRIL 6, 2021 LEMONT-BROMBEREK SCHOOL DIST. 113A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

<u>Taxpayers United of America (TUA) is working with local taxpayers to defeat a property-tax-increase referendum placed on the April 6, 2021 ballot by Lemont-Bromberek School Dist.</u> 111A.

"This property-tax-increase referendum, if passed, would increase property taxes \$96.57 for DuPage County and \$84.56 for Cook County per \$100,000 of home value," said Jim Tobin, economist and TUA president.

"The Illinois unemployment rate is 7.6% and climbing, and, yet, the district wants to raise taxes during a pandemic."

"Current enrollment does not warrant reopening Central School."

"25% of state spending is used to pay pensions of retired government employees. Taxpayers need to know this. That's where a lot of taxpayer dollars are going. Saying that tax dollars go to 'the children' is a myth and a scam."

"We have released our study of School Dist. 113A top pensions. Here are the top two pensions:"

"Thomas Cusack retired at age 62, and received an annual pension in 2020 of \$172,023. His pension payments to date total \$2,011,837."

"Thomas Reiter retired at the young age of 55, and has done very well for himself. Reiter received an annual pension in 2020 of \$141,674. His pension payments to date total a whopping \$2,154,837."

"It's time school districts come clean with their constituents. While taxpayers are struggling to pay their bills during this pandemic, government school teachers are raking in huge salaries and lavish, gold-plated pensions, at taxpayer expense."