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County Distributes \$13 Million From New Income Tax to Public Schools, Services

Multnomah County will distribute this week \$13 million in revenue from the temporary County income tax to public school districts and the public safety, healthcare and senior service programs supported by the voter-approved measure.

The distribution is the first such payment issued to County schools and services and reflects tax payments made by Multnomah County residents as of Dec. 31 for the three-year income tax that was created by passage of Ballot Measure 26-48 last May. The County will continue to make monthly transfers of tax collections to school districts and service providers. The tax is expected to generate about \$128 million each year for the next three years.

“This is the first installment of this much-needed investment that Multnomah County voters have committed to provide for our schools and basic services,” said County Chair Diane Linn. “We are pleased that this measure is making an immediate impact,” Linn said.

The 1.25 percent tax on the Oregon taxable income of Multnomah County residents isn’t due until April 15, but about 10,000 taxpayers took advantage of the ability to deduct County tax payments made by December 31 from 2003 federal and state taxable income. Payments made by April 15 still can be deducted for the 2004 tax year.

Payments to the eight Multnomah County school districts, as well as Victory Middle School and Sauvie Island School, are based on the state’s per-pupil funding formula. The following is a list of recipients of the County income tax and the amount of the January distribution.

Centennial School District, \$561,990; **Corbett School District**, \$54,600; **David Douglas School District**, \$833,300; **Gresham Barlow School District**, \$943,410; **Parkrose School District**, \$332,280; **Portland Public School District**, \$4.5 million; **Reynolds School District**, \$938,210; **Riverdale School District**, \$40,820; **Victory Middle School**, \$10,400; **Sauvie Island School**, \$7,150.

In addition, Multnomah County transferred \$3.9 million to its public safety, senior services and other health and human services agencies that administer programs supported by the tax. For more background, visit www.multcotax.org.

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