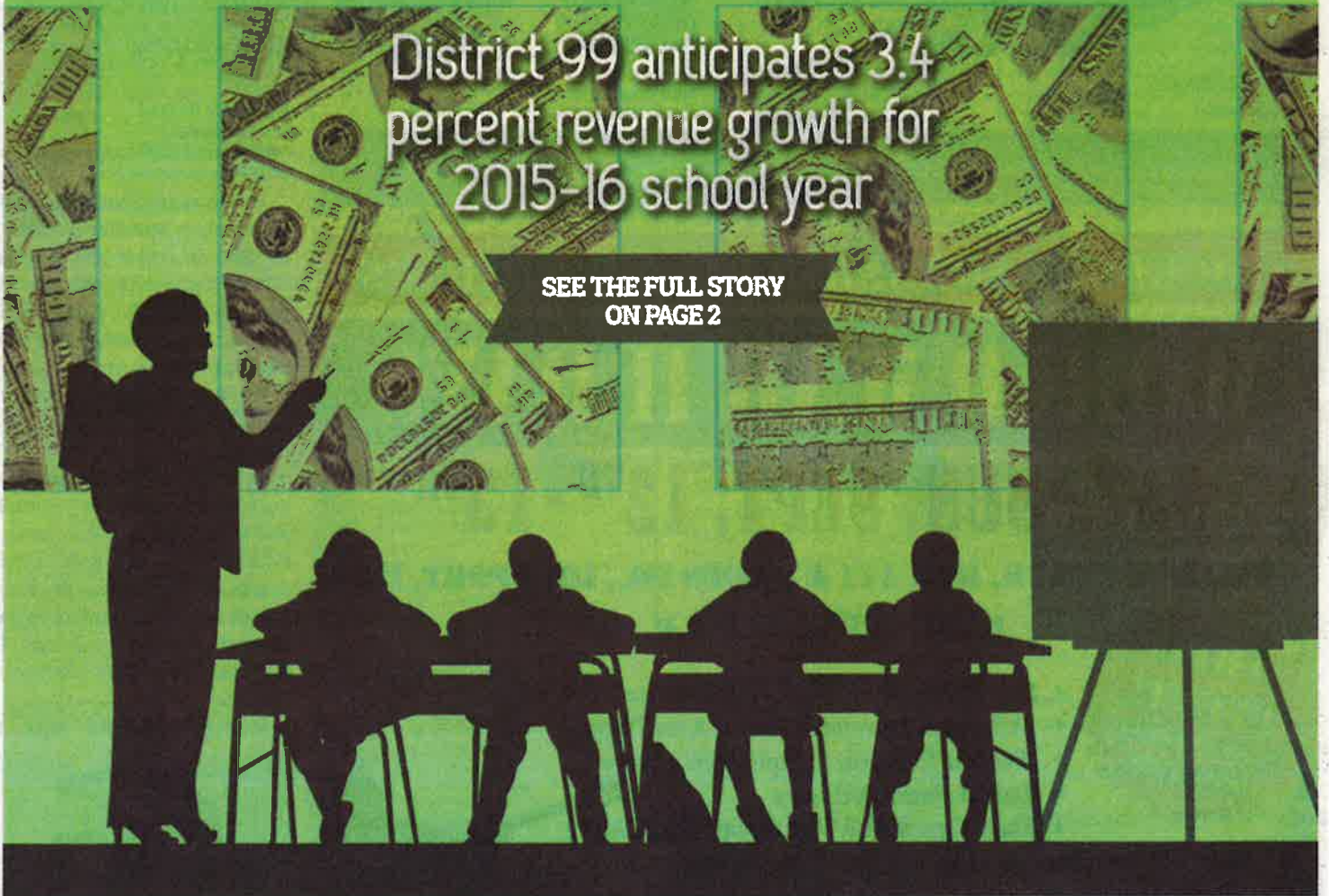


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The District 99 Board of Education approved a tentative budget for the 2015-16 school year at its Aug. 17 meeting, which will allow the required 30 public display period to occur before a scheduled public hearing for the budget Sept. 21.

The board is required to approve a final budget no later than the end of September.

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district will continue to try to add stability by strengthening revenues and reducing expenditures where it makes sense, as they brace for more potential negative fallout from the state.

"One positive thing with this budget is that it is balanced," Staehlin told the board at the meeting.

The district anticipates a 3.4 percent growth in revenue in 2015-16 and increases in expenditures in the areas of staff salaries and medical benefits. Expenditures for all funds are projected at \$82.8 million, which is a less than a 1 percent increase over last year's total of \$82.5 million. Anticipated revenue is \$85.8 million, which reflects a 3.4 percent increase over last year.

Property taxes, which account for the district's largest source of revenue, are projected at a 2.2 percent increase. Additional revenue sources include a new 1:1 Technology Device Fee for students added to support the new Chromebook device program implemented this year, as well as an increase of 15 cents for a Type A lunch for students.

The tentative budget will be on display at the district's Administrative Center, as well as on its website, www.csd99.org.