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**HEDC Endorses School and Library Levies**

Hudson Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) trustees voted to endorse Hudson Issues 4 and 17, the Hudson CSD and Hudson Library levies respectively, at their April 1st meeting.

"We stand behind our schools," said HEDC president Jill Bacon Madden. "Maintaining an excellent, well-funded school district is an important issue that affects the entire community. Our schools contribute to economic development and the vitality and quality of life in Hudson. We believe that passage of Issue 4, the 4.9-mill Hudson City School District operating levy, is crucial not just to the financial stability and success of our schools, but to the financial stability and success of our community."

"Like school systems nationwide, libraries are also facing drastic cuts in state and federal funding, and Hudson is no exception. The Hudson Library and Historical Society is integral to our community. Library use and circulation have grown considerably and continue to rise. More than 29,000 people attended enrichment programs – ranging from childhood literacy and tutoring to PSAT/SAT/ACT prep courses to entrepreneurial workshops and lectures for adults. Passage of Issue 17 will allow our library to maintain the current level of service for the next 5 years," she added.

HEDC strongly urges Hudson residents to vote on May 3rd and to vote YES on Issues 4 and 17.

The Hudson Economic Development Corporation promotes economic development in Hudson through educational and charitable activities. For more information, visit [www.hudsonedc.com](http://www.hudsonedc.com).

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