



RENEWAL LEVY: MARCH 19, 2024

NOT A NEW TAX

1 What will the renewal levy cost taxpayers?

The renewal levy is not a new tax and will not increase taxes.

2 When was the levy originally passed?

The renewal levy was originally passed by voters in 2013 for a period of five years for 1.5 mills. This levy will generate \$297,000 per year for the district.

3 What is a renewal levy?

A renewal levy is a levy previously approved by voters that is placed on the ballot to renew the levy for a specified period of time. The terms and monetary amount remain the same as it was originally voted on.

4 What happens if it passes?

If the levy passes, no additional taxes are collected. The passage of the renewal levy, which would go into effect in 2024, allows the district to repair and maintain what we have and to extend the life of our facilities as best we can. The district has maximized the PI funds over the years, repairing parking lots, roofs, windows, lighting, water and sewer lines and more.

Should the renewal levy be approved by voters, the district plans to make the following updates and more in order to continue to maintain our buildings:

- Sewer and Water Line Replacement (LHS)
- Visitor Bleacher Replacement
- Interior Door Leversets (LHS & Budd)
- Steam Trap Replacements (Budd & McMullen)
- Parking Lot Repavement (LHS & McMullen)
- Fieldhouse Ceiling Replacement
- Roof Restoration (Budd & McMullen)
- Window Replacement (Budd)
- Window Blind Assemblies (LHS & McMullen)
- Sidewalk Repairs (LHS)
- Masonry Repairs (Budd)
- Tile and Abatement of Kitchen, First and Second Floors (McMullen)
- Bus Garage Maintenance

5 What happens if it does not pass?

If the levy does not pass in March, it will be placed on the ballot again in November 2024.

6 How long will the renewal levy be in effect?

The levy was voted in for a period of five years and would be renewed for an additional five-year period.

7 Property taxes are rising in our county. Why does the district need to renew this levy if they will be getting more money?

Property taxes are rising in our community, and while we are receiving additional dollars from the property value increase, property value and property taxes do not rise at the same percentage. If your home was valued at \$100,000 and has been reappraised at a 35% increase, your home value is now \$135,000. The taxable value of your home (or assessed value) is 35% of its total property value. So, with the reappraisal, your home's taxable value is \$47,250.

We have been able to maintain a tax rate at the 20 mill floor, whereas in other districts where the collection rate is above 20 mills Ohio House Bill 920 would have reduced the millage to collect the levies at the same dollar amount. Therefore, in total, \$970,973 is projected to be the additional funding collected by our district due to the property tax value increase. The renewal of this permanent improvement levy has been an important source of revenue in maintaining our aging facilities, and we project the costs of maintenance and repairs to continue to increase as our buildings continue to age.

8 What is the 20-mill floor?

In Ohio's property tax system, there's something called the "20 mill floor." This means that, no matter what, every school district collects at least 20 mills in property tax. A mill is just a fancy word for a tax rate.

9 What is the purpose of the renewal levy?

The purpose of the renewal levy is to maintain the current level of permanent improvement funds. The renewal levy is not a new tax and will raise \$297,000 annually for the purposes of maintenance and repairs to our facilities.

10 What has the district done to reduce maintenance costs?

The district requests multiple bids on maintenance projects to ensure that it is receiving the best value in a cost-effective manner.

11 We just renewed a levy. Why do we need to renew another so soon?

The levy renewed in November is the district's only active operating levy, which are funds collected to maintain the operating expenses of the district: salaries and benefits, implement and maintain initiatives in safety and security, mental health, extra-curricular activities and academic programming. The renewal levy proposed for March can only be used to maintain our current facilities or pay for transportation. The operating levy was just renewed for a 10-year period, so it would not be up for renewal again until 2033.

