Wayne School District

Voted Local Levy Proposal Vote Tuesday, November 3, 2015





The Need

Our priority is student success. Every student in the district needs every opportunity to be successful, and it is our responsibility to provide the necessary resources and support to ensure our students' success.

Our school district relies heavily on state and federal funding so that our students meet the state requirements for graduation. We must provide a solid foundation to empower them to pursue opportunities after graduation.

Our state funding is based, in part, on student enrollment. Since 2010, total enrollment has dropped by over 80 students or 15% of our student population. Declining enrollment and funding decreases require us to be more creative with our staffing. We have

worked to minimize the impact, but this year we were unable to replace a business teacher at the high school and an administrator at the middle school. Critical additional technology support has also been postponed. Other instructional needs include new textbooks/E-texts, stronger fine arts programs and instructional supplies.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (M&O) EXPENDITURES (FY15 estimate, not final)

Instruction
Transportation
School admin, secretaries, and media
Custodial, maint, & utilities
Board, district office support
Technology
Miscellaneous

"If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow." John Dewey



The Solution

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can choose to change the world." Nelson Mandela

The Voted Local Levy:

- A Voted Local Levy is a state-supported program providing an additional source of annual revenue for the school district.
- Funds can only be used for Maintenance and Operations (M&O). i.e., teaching and support services but not construction or facilities.

What will the money "buy" for the school district?

Based on current needs, it will be used to replace the business teacher at the high school, and an administrator at the middle school. We also plan to restructure and support staff assignments and schedules to ensure quality instruction in all curricular and support programs. It is important to note that the funds can be used for any of these purposes or others at the discretion of the school board.

State Guarantee Program:

Additionally, the state provides a Voted Local Levy Guarantee Program to *incentivize communities to support their local school districts.* The state guarantee amount is based on the approved rate and our number of WPU's (basically student enrollment).

Currently Wayne School District is only one of five districts in the state that is not assessing a voted local levy and taking advantage of this additional state funding.

The Tax Impact

The Voted Local Levy rate proposed by the school board is .000748, which is below the state average of .001080 and well below the state cap of .00200.

CALCULATE MY IMPACT

For a primary residence the property valuation is reduced by 45%. So your calculation is: Assessed property value x .55 x .000748 = approx increase in tax.

For a business or secondary residence your calculation is: Assessed property value x .000748 = approx increase in tax.

On a \$150,000 fair value primary residence the approximate increase would be <u>\$61.71 per year</u>. For a business or secondary residence of the same value the approximate increase would be <u>\$112.20 per year</u>.

The school district anticipates

raising an additional <u>\$222,251 in</u> <u>local tax revenue</u> if the Voted Local Levy is passed.

The state guarantee program is estimated to provide an additional <u>\$109,238 of state</u> revenue to our school district.