

Frequently Asked Questions, Field Local School District's Levy, May 2018



Why 10.85 mill?

The goal of the district is to remain financially stable through the 2021-2022 school year. The 9.85 mill operating levy millage will raise enough money so that we will be able to maintain our current level of service for that time period. Approximately 70% of the district's money goes towards salaries and benefits. The state average is approximately 80%. Education is a people business. In order to provide a good quality education, we must be able to hire and retain good teachers and staff members. The 1.0 mill permanent improvement millage will be designated to replace the current main campus parking lot, proving that there are no capital repair emergencies. The estimate cost of this repair is 1.5 million dollars.

What happens if this levy fails?

If this levy fails, the district will be back on the ballot. After 27 years we are in a position where we must have additional resources. If we do not pass a levy in 2018, the district will be facing significant cuts, increased double digit millage and being placed in Fiscal Emergency by the state of Ohio.

Field has not had new operating money since 1991. In those 27 years, Field has been able to provide a good education and keep the district up to date. All costs increase. The cost of providing a good education has certainly increased over 27 years. That is why we need additional resources at this time.

What does this levy cost?

Per \$100,000 home: \$380 a year or \$1.04 a day (estimated).

How much revenue will an 10.85 mill levy provide?

The amount of revenue brought in with one mill as certified by the County Auditor is \$405,293.00. The total amount for the general fund (operating) at 9.85 mill would be \$3,992,136.00 a year. The total amount for permanent improvement at 1.0 mill is \$405,293.00

Why don't we merge with another local school district to save tax dollars?

The Board of Education and residents of both districts would have to agree to a merger. Few districts have extra space so it is unlikely you would close a building. While you might be able to eliminate a handful of positions, increased transportation costs could easily offset or exceed those savings. Merging two districts does not mean the new district would not need additional levies.

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Will busing come back?

No, to restore full busing it would cost the district an additional \$300,000 per year.

Will the parking lot be fixed?

Provided there are no capital repair emergencies, this 1.0 mill is designated to replace the current main campus lot which has been estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 million.

What is our "Product"?

Our product is the future. We educate today's young people to be the leaders, employers, and employees of tomorrow. Providing our students with every opportunity to succeed benefits not only them, it benefits all of us.

Does the district receive additional money from the construction of new homes?

Yes. For example: The current levy request of 9.85 mill on a \$100,000 market value house would collect \$345.00 per year. If one hundred homes with a market value of \$100,000.00 each were built, the district would receive only approximately \$34,475.00 per year.

Currently the total operating millage the district collects before our current millage request is 25.39 effective mills. So those same one hundred new homes would currently bring in approximately \$88,865.00. This would account for less than half a percent of our yearly operating budget.