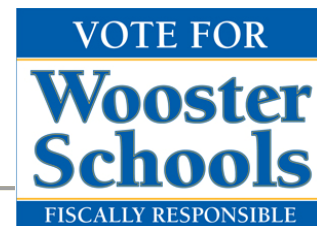


May 4 Levy FAQ



Q. Why is the school district asking the community to pass another levy?

A. Asking the community to pass another levy is not something that we like to do, but school districts face legislated, structural funding disadvantages that leave us with little choice. Many people are unaware that since 1976 the law (House Bill 920) in Ohio essentially does not allow local taxes for school districts to grow, even though property values may increase with inflation. Yet at the same time, the schools do incur inflationary increases in costs for expenses like energy, personnel and transportation. An Ohio school district has no way to meet these costs but to raise additional funds by passing an operating levy.

Q. I keep hearing that the district has a REVENUE problem. What does that mean?

A. Because of state law (House Bill 920) and the way schools are funded, the district's revenues do not increase with inflation. Coupled with the recent economic downturn, the district is operating with LESS revenue than it had for fiscal year 2006.

Q. How long has it been since the last levy was passed?

A. The last levy issue was passed in 2004 for 6.5 mills. Historically, the district passed new levies every four (4) years to maintain operations. Due to the district's financial responsibility, it has been a record six (6) years since the last levy was passed in 2004.

Q. What has the school district done to tighten its financial belt?

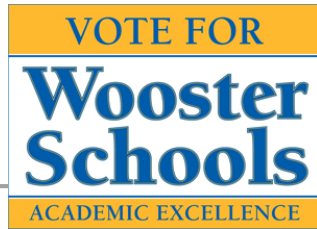
A. Since 2000, the district made \$6 million in permanent budget reductions. These reductions include the closure of Layton Elementary, the elimination of 95 positions throughout the District, reductions to bussing services (elementary = 1 mile walk area, middle school = 2 mile walk area, high school = 2.5 mile walk area) and the creation of pay-to-participate for extra-curricular activities.

Q. How much will the levy cost each homeowner?

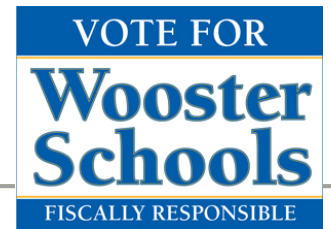
A. The levy cost to a homeowner of a \$100,000 home would be an additional \$16.60 per month.

Q. How well is the school district doing academically?

A. The school district boasts two National Blue Ribbon Schools in Parkview and Kean Elementary Schools. The district also includes a 2009 U.S. News and World Report Silver Rated High School.



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Q. How will the funds for this levy issue be used?

A. The 6.5 mills will be used to pay for general operating expenses that include such things as classroom supplies, 21st century curriculum and programming, textbooks, fuel, utilities, insurance, wages and benefits for school employees.

Q. What about the large number of administrators at Central Office? When will reductions be made in this area?

A. Administrative staffing at Central Office has been reduced by five administrators since 2004. In fact, district administrative staffing is lower today than it was in 1998. Staffing for 2011 will equal just 8.5 positions to include: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Director of Business/Community Affairs, Director of Pupil Services, Pupil Services Coordinator, Director of Technology, and Director of Alternative Education.

Q. Why is it important to pass the levy now?

A. Good public schools are essential to attract and retain good companies with good jobs, which is why the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce has endorsed our May 4 levy request. With a vibrant economic base in Wooster, it will ultimately lessen the burden on homeowners.