

LEVY FACT SHEET

What is the Maple Schools Renewal Levy?

- Maple Heights City Schools' levy on the May 2nd ballot is a renewal of a levy passed in 2012, which expires at the end of the 2017. The levy is for the same amount of money as before, an annual amount of \$6,708,732. This renewal is a ten-year operating levy and **IT WILL NOT RAISE TAXES.**
- This levy is responsible for 15.25% of the school district's operational funds.
- The money from this levy allows for the continuation of operating funds for educational opportunities, salaries and benefits, utilities, repairs and maintenance of buildings and buses, instructional supplies and equipment.
- This operating levy is designed to preserve our community's state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities, championship extra-curricular activities; increased efforts to customize learning for all students, and our work to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and leaders.
- Maple Heights City Schools educates 3,700 students in Maple Heights.

What improvements have the schools made since 2012?

- Expanded education options for students through online virtual classes and the Educational and Career Advancement Center (ECAC).
- Enrollment has increased steadily over the last few years, showing that families have more trust in our schools.
- Our preschool program is a coveted 5-Star Step Up to Quality Program.
- Increased opportunities for students to use technology for customized learning.
- Milkovich Middle School is a SOAR (Students on Academic Rise) High Progress school as recognized by the Ohio Department of Education.
- Additional Career Tech Programs including Criminology.

What has already been done to save money in the district?

- All administrators, teachers, and support staff took a 3-year wage freeze from 2013-2015. A healthcare insurance committee has overseen our health insurance program and has allowed us to keep these costs under control. We have increased employee contributions to the healthcare program as part of this effort.

How will levy renewal funds be used?

This will continue improvements across the school district. Those improvements include:

- Increasing classroom computers and technology
- Providing transportation for students
- Upholding acceptable teacher/student ratios
- Providing staff training to improve teacher and student learning
- Maintaining award-winning extracurricular programs and sports
- Preparing students for jobs, college and life

What happens without this levy renewal?

- If this fails, all 3,700 students will be impacted. The schools will be forced to cut \$6.7 million annually from the budget.
- Those cuts could include teachers, staff, and programs that impact our students.

Election Day on May 2nd. Early voting begins April 4th.