



PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY

FAST FACTS

- Our aging facilities require funding for maintenance and improvements.
- This levy provides a separate fund from educational monies to support those needs.
- Anticipated state funding of 42% to support replacing the elementary schools and renovating the middle school is delayed.
- Immediate needs include maintaining roofs, parking lots, HVAC and busses.

ESTIMATED COST

- 4 mills
- \$140 per year or \$11.67 per month*

*based on \$100,000 home value

Q&A

1. Why is the district asking for additional funding?

To support maintenance and repairs today, we use educational funds. This means we're using funds for educational resources like technology, textbooks, teacher's salaries, etc. for building maintenance and repairs. As our buildings get older, those costs increase and are now about a million dollars each year. To ensure our students continue to get the education they deserve, we need a separate fund to support the needs of our aging facilities.

2. Why can't we wait for state funding?

We plan to wait for state funding to address our biggest needs – a new elementary school and renovations at the middle school. In the meantime, there are issues we need to address to keep our facilities safe and functioning effectively. As we make decisions about what to repair, we will always consider the long-term implications and adjust renovation and new construction plans accordingly.

3. How is the district considering the increasing cost for residents?

As we think about the increasing costs of running the district, we work to consider all funding options and to act as good stewards of the funds provided by our community. The reasons we feel the permanent improvement levy is the best option for our community include:

- Unlike district educational funding, monies provided through the permanent improvement levy can be applied toward the building of the new elementary school and renovations at the middle school. This means that the request for funds would be lower when we prepare to address those needs.
- Using a property tax rather than an income tax saves our residents money because 53% of the funding comes from local businesses.
- Additionally, the levy for the high school will be paid off in 2025. The 5.3 mills residents are currently paying will come off at that time, saving a homeowner with a \$100,000 home \$185.50 per year.

4. How do our taxes compare to other local districts?

A median homeowner in our district pays 3.22% of their family income on property taxes for schools. This is slightly lower than the average in Licking County.

Questions?

If you have questions or would like to discuss the levy, please contact Superintendent Trevor Thomas at tthomas@heath.k12.oh.us or Treasurer Karl Zarins at kzarins@heath.k12.oh.us. Both can also be reached via phone at the District Office (740) 238 – 7110.