



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the November 8 Levy

## How much will it cost me?

- The 6.7 mill November operating levy is **3.2 mills (32 percent) lower** than last May's request, and will generate \$10.95 million per year for five years. It will cost **\$205.19 per \$100,000 of appraised property value annually, which equates to \$3.99 a week or \$0.57/day.**

## Why does the district need the money?

- The rising costs of doing business, which were fueled in part by enrollment growth, combined with a lack of additional funding over eight years, created a **deficit of \$5.7 million at the end of the 2010-11 school year.** As a result of the recent state funding cuts, this deficit will only increase without additional revenue.
- **Our funding forecast if the levy does not pass:**
  - \$ 8.3 million operating deficit in 2011-12 school year
  - \$ 10.0 million operating deficit in 2012-13 school year

## How has the district tightened its belt?

- School officials announced **\$5 million in permanent reductions** in February, and another **\$7 million in cost-saving measures** in June. These savings will be realized over the course of the next three years.
- **All school district employees**—teachers, administrators and classified staff—**agreed to a 2 percent wage reduction** effective this school year. Employees have also agreed to pay a greater share of health insurance premiums and copays.

## How will the levy funds be used?

- Proceeds will help **maintain existing educational programs and services:** teachers, textbooks and technology. They will not be used to reinstate programs and services that were previously cut.

## What's at stake?

**Excellent schools! If the levy doesn't pass, the district will be forced to make additional cuts.** These include:

- The **elimination of bus service** for *all* high school students, **including parochial and private high school students,** AND for any middle school student living within a two-mile radius of their school building, effective January 2012
- **Eliminating the K-Plus Program** for struggling kindergarten students, effective 2012-13 school year
- **Eliminating 25 intervention tutors at all elementary buildings,** effective January 2012
- **Reducing the district's Gifted Program** to state minimums, effective in the 2012-13 school year, by eliminating the gifted program coordinator position and two gifted teaching positions
- **Eliminating the Chinese language offering** at BHS and Main, effective 2012-13 school year
- **Eliminating librarians** at elementary and middle schools, effective 2012-13 school year
- **Eliminating 15 support staff positions,** including 5 custodians, 5 teacher assistants and 5 lunch monitors
- **Eliminating Central Office positions** including the gifted program coordinator, two curriculum supervisors, a school psychology intern, and a secretary, and reducing the contracts of the Central Office receptionist and the district's Intervention/Prevention Coordinator position to part time .
- Pay-to-play fees would also increase further.

**For more information,** please visit the district Web site at **[www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us](http://www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us)**.

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