

Facts

- ✓ **The district has deficit spent the past two years due to inflationary PI Costs, Mandates, and Insufficient State & Federal Funding.**
- ✓ **We need these funds to catch-up with PI expenses – our revenue has failed to keep pace with inflationary increases.**
- ✓ **The additional 1.2 mills will allow us to continuously employ our School Resource Officer and cover needed PI Expenses.**
- ✓ **The additional levy amount would not begin until Jan., 2020 (our OSFC Bond Tax is scheduled to expire in 2024.)**
- ✓ **This is a 5-year PI levy.**
- ✓ **The state placed us in “Fiscal Watch” in Dec. 2017. Even with employee RIFs, cost reductions the 5-year forecast predicts our district depleting funds within two years.**
- ✓ **Ohio school funding has not kept up with inflation over the past 8 years. As a result, we need additional funds for the SRO position as well as permanent improvement costs.**

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOLS

2.8 mill renewal with 1.2 mill additional Permanent Improvement Levy Information



Northwestern School District is asking voters to consider passage of a 4.0 mill Permanent Improvement levy (2.8 mill renewal & 1.2 mill additional)

Election Day is November 6th

Polls are open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Why has the effective millage rate decreased?

The effective millage rate generally goes down because of increased property values throughout a school district. This means that the collection has a broader tax base so each individual pays less. The Ohio Dept. of Taxation annually adjust this based upon specified changes to the schools tax base, which generally realizes and increased adjustment.

The original millage of the current PI tax voted on in 1989 was 2.8 mills. It is currently at a much lower effective millage of only 1.47 mills for residential & agriculture - *half* the original effective millage! This PI levy has generated roughly \$240,000 annually. The additional millage will increase this by an Est. \$160,000 annually.

History of our Permanent Improvement Levy

- 1974 initial 2.0 mill levy
- 1979 renewal 1.9 mill levy
- 1984 renewal 1.9 mill levy
- 1989 renewal 1.9 mill plus additional .9 mill levy = (2.8 mills total)
- 1994 renewal 2.8 mill levy
- 1999 renewal 2.8 mill levy
- 2004 renewal 2.8 mill levy
- 2009 renewal 2.8 mill levy
- 2014 renewal 2.8 mill levy
- **2019 renewal of 2.8 mills with additional 1.2 mills = (4.0 mills total)**

Community PI Levy Information Discussion:

High School Library 6:00-7:00PM on Oct. 15th

Tax Examples:

The additional 1.2 mills on a \$100,000 home:

- $\$100,000 \times .35 \times .0012 = \underline{\$42 \text{ yearly (3.50 month)}}$
- For a \$200,000 home: **\$84 per year (\$7 month)**

Why should I vote for this Levy?

The current PI Levy ends Dec. 2019. Our community has a long history of supporting our schools and our schools have a long history of providing our children with the best education & opportunities in a frugal & efficient manner. Your support of this levy will continue this legacy.

Tax Impact Information:

Taxpayers can access how this levy will impact your home by going to the Wayne County Auditor's Website. Go to the tax tab, then levy tab and it will provide information about what you are currently paying for this and all levies as well as what you will pay for this 1.2 mill increase.

PASSING THIS 4.0 MIL LEVY (2.8 MILL RENEWAL & 1.2 MILL ADDITIONAL) WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDS TO MAINTAIN OUR FACILITIES, SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, SECURITY SYSTEMS, AND ALLOW FOR FUNDING OF OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER!

