

Facts

- ✓ **Age of buildings:**
 - HS 1995 (addition added 2003)
 - MS 1957 (addition added 2003)
 - ES 2003
- ✓ **We must continue to invest in needed repairs for our buildings. Many updates require updating to new building codes and standards.**
- ✓ **The section of Middle School roof we are replacing was last serviced in 1994 (25 years). With leaks and potential for mold, it is a must to replace. Current building code requirements add to replacement expenses.**
- ✓ **The district has deficit spent the past two years due to inflation, increased mandates, and insufficient state & federal funding.**
- ✓ **We need these funds to catch-up with PI expenses – our PI revenue has failed to keep pace with our PI inflationary increases.**
- ✓ **This is a 5-year PI levy 1/2020-12/2024. (our OSFC Bond Tax will expire in 2024)**
- ✓ **Our buildings are aging and it costs more to maintain our buildings than at the stagnant 1989 PI funding amount.**

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 May 7th

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

Our PI levy generates \$240,000 annually. The additional millage will increase PI by the needed \$160,000 annually – restricted to PI purchases only.

PI Fiscal Year Expenditures:

1989	\$ 62,366
1994	\$205,241
1999	\$426,646
2004	\$465,500
2009	\$254,860
2014	\$293,235
2019	\$378,504
2020	\$845,198

Necessary Major upcoming PI Expenditures:

- \$582,181 High School HVAC Updates
- \$263,017 Middle School Major Roof Replacement
- \$ 90,000 annual School Bus Purchase

(these items are well beyond their life expectancies)

History of our Permanent Improvement Levy

- 1974 initial 2.0 mill PI levy
- 1989 increased PI Levy to 2.8 mills
- **2019 renewal of 2.8 mills with proposed additional 1.2 mills = increase PI Levy to 4.0 mills total**

Northwestern is an EXCELLENT School District!

- We prepare our students academically
- We prepare our students socially
- We prepare our students emotionally
- We prepare our students for future careers
- Our students compete and excel regionally, state-wide, and nationally

Tax Examples:

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

- \$100,000 X .35 X .0012 = **\$42 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.

It has been 30 years since we have increased our PI Levy amount. We cannot maintain our buildings & facilities with 1989 revenue – it is insufficient.

It is like purchasing a 2019 vehicle on a 1989 salary (30 years later). The costs are significantly higher and unaffordable unless you receive a raise along the way.

This will be our first PI raise in 30 years.

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 the levy impact by accessing the Wayne County Auditor’s Website. Go to “tax” tab, then “levy” tab. Information on your current cost for all levies – also what you will pay for this 1.2 mill increase.

*Community PI Levy Information & Discussion:
High School Library 6:00PM on April 22nd*