

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL PI LEVY INFORMATION

Please Support Our Schools!

(2.8 mill renewal with 1.2 mill additional PI Levy)



Northwestern School District is asking voters to consider passage of a 4.0 mill Permanent Improvement levy over 5 years (2.8 mill renewal & 1.2 mill additional)

Why should I vote for this Levy?

- Passing this 4.0 Mill Levy (2.8 mill renewal & 1.2 mill new) will provide the **necessary funds** to maintain, repair, and/or replace our HVAC systems, security systems, aging roofs, systems, facilities, and equipment.
- PI (Permanent Improvement) Funds can only be used for tangible items with a life expectancy of 5+ years.
- The current PI Levy ends Dec. 2019 and has not been increased since 1989, yet PI items have continued to increase over these past 30 years.
- The district will spend more than \$845,198 for two projects alone this summer (\$582,181 for a major HVAC Project at the HS this summer as well as \$263,017 replacing a major section of the MS Roof that has been leaking). These are in addition to other system and maintenance needs. The district simply cannot keep up with the facility needs without this additional PI funding.
- 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.
- 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.

Tax Impact Information:

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

- $\$100,000 \times .35 \times .0012/12 = \underline{\$3.50 \text{ per month}}$

- For a \$200,000 home: **\$7.00 per month**

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 PI Levy and all levies, as well as what you will pay for this 1.2 mill increase.

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 6:00PM on April 15th**
- **This is immediately prior to the Board of Education Meeting.**
- **Superintendent, Treasurer, Administrators, Board of Education Members will be present to discuss the PI Levy, District Needs, and answer any questions.**

Election Day is Tuesday May 7th, 2019

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