

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL PI LEVY INFORMATION

HUSKY PROUD!



Northwestern School District is asking voters to consider passage of a single 4.0 mill Permanent Improvement levy over 5 years (2.8 mill renewal with 1.2 mill additional) The district is asking only for a 1.2 mill increase over the present, expiring 2.8 Mill PI amount

FACTS:

- ✓ Our current PI Levy expires this Dec., 2019.
- ✓ This would be our first PI increase in 30 years. 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 in the 30 years.
- ✓ Age of buildings:
 - HS 24 years old with 16 years old addition (Built in 1995)
 - MS 62 years old with 16 years old addition (Built in 1957)
 - ES 16 years old (Built in 2003)
- ✓ We must continue to invest in needed repairs for our buildings. Many replacements and repairs require updating to new building codes and standards.
- ✓ The section of our 62 year-old Middle School roof we are replacing was last serviced in 1994 (25 years). It is well beyond the expected life. With leaks and potential for mold, it is a must to replace. Current building code requirements add to replacement expenses.
- ✓ We need these funds to catch-up with PI needs and 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 (also, our OSFC Bond Tax expires in 2024)
- ✓ Our buildings are aging and it costs more to maintain our buildings NOW (in 2019) than at the stagnant 1989 PI funded amount.
- ✓ PI (Permanent Improvement) Funds can only be used for tangible items with a life expectancy of 5+ years.

Our PI levy generates \$240,000 annually. The additional millage would increase PI by the

needed \$160,000.

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 PI Levy increased to 2.8 mills
(increased after 15 years of initial levy amount)
- 2019 expiring 2.8 mill + 1.2 mills additional over the expiring 2.8 mills
= increase PI Levy to 4.0 mills total
(our schools are asking for 1.2 mill increase after 30 years)

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)

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

“We prepare our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities!”

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**
- **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.**

Price Comparisons 1989 Vs 2019:

We all know that anything 62 years old needs upgrading and renewing, as do things 24 years old, and even 16 years old. Their mechanical components require repairs, replacements, upgrades and they cost more dollars each ensuing year.

As we all also know, a home, vehicle, tractor, farm equipment, etc. can run for decades. However, every year there are increasing expenses, more costly overhauls, new tires, batteries, (and in a school's case requirements and regulations). They still run, but lose efficiency, require more dollars and time to keep going. School buildings are no different.

	<u>1989</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cost of First Class Stamp	.22	.55
Cost Gal. of Gas	.095	2.55 (as of 3/28/2019)
Pick-up Trucks:		
Base 4X4 (Chevy C-1500)	\$11,846	\$28,300 (4X4 addit. cost)
Base 4X4 Pick-up (Ford F-150)	\$12,040	\$28,155 (4X4 addit. cost)
Base 4X4 Pick-up (Dodge 150)	\$12,773	\$28,155 (4X4 addit. cost)
Northwestern PI Levy:	2.8 Mills	4 Mills (as proposed)
	\$240,000	\$400,000 (as proposed)

Most prices have more than doubled over the past 30 years.

Northwestern is asking voters to consider only the increase needed to maintain our facilities.