

Madison Local School District

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RENEWAL LEVY INFORMATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well! It is the intent of this correspondence to provide you with factual information as Madison Schools will have a renewal levy on the ballot this November. I ask that you please take a few moments to review the information.

The renewal levy is just that, a renewal of a tax that is already in place. The passage of the levy will not increase your taxes, nor will it increase revenue received by the school district. It will allow us to maintain the funds that we already receive over the next five years.

The issue that will be on the ballot on November 3rd is a combination of two passed property tax levies for school district operations combined into one ballot issue. By combining the two levies into one, it does not increase taxes, nor does it increase the district's revenue. It simply reduces being on the ballot in consecutive years to doing so just once every five years for renewal.

The levy in total equals 14.4 mills, which generates approximately \$4.7 million in revenue for the district and pays for employee salaries and benefits, educational and extracurricular programs, school transportation/busing, utilities, building and grounds maintenance, technology resources, supplies, and other expenses.

As a result of the district's current financial condition, even if the levy passes, the district will be required to cut expenditures by at least \$300,000 this spring in preparation for the 2027-28 school year.

If the levy fails, the district will be required to cut an additional \$1 million in expenses this spring, totaling \$1.3 million in cuts. This would be on top of the \$3.1 million in cuts made prior to this school year, including the closure of Mifflin Elementary School, implementing a Pay-to-Participate Fee in our Athletic Programs, and cutting 37.5 administrative, teaching, and non-teaching staff positions. Among other expenditure reductions, the district has cut a total of 79 staff positions over the past six years in an attempt to do more with less.

Speaking of doing more with less, I am proud to report that the district received a 4-star rating on its Local Report Card received from the state. The 4-star rating indicates that Madison exceeded the state standard on state tests and other measures for the 2025-26 school year. Additionally, the High School Career-Tech Program received a 5-star rating on their report card for the 2025-26 school year, indicating that our Career-Tech Program significantly exceeded the state standard on state tests and other measures.

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If the levy fails, the following measures will have to be implemented. Please know that these measures are not idle threats to the community, but, unfortunately, will absolutely have to be implemented if the levy fails:

- **Elimination of 16.5 administrative, teaching, and non-teaching staff positions**
- **Increased Class Sizes in All Buildings**
- **Reduction of Course Options and Scheduling Flexibility at the Middle School and the High School**
- **Elimination of a Career-Technical Program**
- **An Increase of \$25 for All Athletic Pay-to-Participate Fees**
- **Implementation of a \$25 Pay-to-Participate Fee for All Clubs at the Middle School and High School**
- **Student Usage Charge and Fee Increases for Technology, Paper and Other Consumable Items**
- **Elimination of All Clubs that don't Meet Participation Thresholds**
- **Administration Fee (to offset costs absorbed by the district) of \$25,000 Assessed to the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center – Likely to Result in Tuition Increases at the Early Childhood Learning Center**
- **Administration Fee (to offset costs absorbed by the district) of \$25,000 Assessed to the Madison Adult Career Center – Likely to Result in Tuition Increases at the Adult Career Center**

Thank you for taking the time to review this information, and I hope you have a blessed day!

In Ram Pride,

Rob Peterson, Superintendent

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