

STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOLS CONTINUOUS OPERATING LEVY - QUESTION & ANSWER



DID STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE TO PLACE A 7-MILL OPERATING LEVY ON THE MAY 5, 2026 BALLOT?

Yes, at the February 3 Special Meeting, a resolution was passed to place a 7-mill operating levy on the ballot.

WHAT IS A MILL?

- A mill is the unit of value for expressing the rate of property taxes in Ohio.
- One mill is equal to one-tenth of a percent or one-tenth of a cent (0.1 cents) in cash terms. Millage is the factor applied to the assessed value of property to generate tax revenue.

HOW MUCH WILL IT BRING INTO THE DISTRICT?

This levy would bring in approximately \$5,438,944 annually.

WHAT IS THE COST TO HOMEOWNERS?

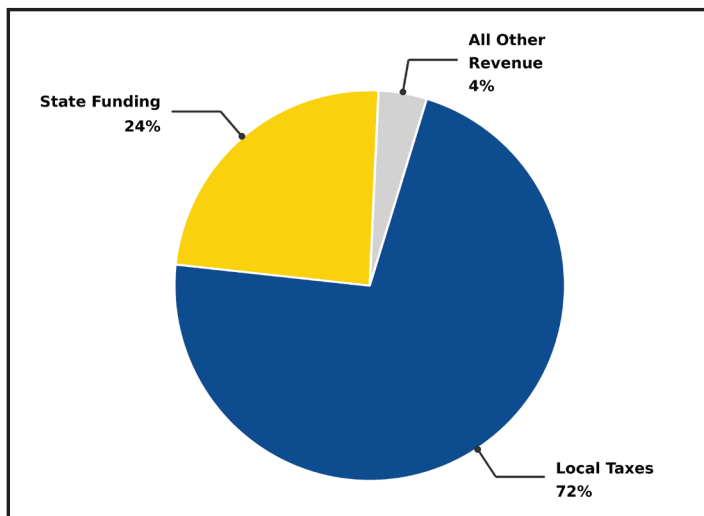
The levy will cost homeowners \$245 per \$100,000 of their property's assessed value per year.

IF APPROVED, WHEN WILL COLLECTIONS START FOR THE 7-MILL LEVY?

January 2027

HOW MUCH OF THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET COMES FROM RESIDENTIAL TAXES?

Approximately **72%** of the district's budget is funded by local property taxes.



GENERAL FUND CURRENT YEAR REVENUE BY SOURCE

- Local Sources: 72%
- State Sources: 24%
- All Other Sources: 4%

MY TAXES JUST WENT UP BECAUSE OF THE RECENT REAPPRAISALS. HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL MONEY DID THE DISTRICT RECEIVE FROM REAPPRAISALS, AND WHY DOES THE DISTRICT NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

During the reappraisal period the District can receive additional funding on inside (fixed mills) millage. This millage is not subject

to HB920 and increases with property values. Streetsboro collects **5.1 inside mills** on a total of 10 inside mills that are collected by Streetsboro taxing authorities (City, County and School). This led to an increase of \$920,000 in revenue collections last year. However, outside millage is not subjected to increases like inside millage and that is where the largest portion of revenue for the school district is collected. District costs continue to rise each year.

WHY IS THIS A FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LEVY?

An operating levy is used for day-to-day operational expenses and can be for a set period or continuing. A five year levy allows the community, if passed, to decide if they want to renew it every five years.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME RESIDENTS APPROVED NEW MONEY?

In 2019, residents approved a 9-mill levy.

WHAT SPECIFIC EXPENSES WILL THIS LEVY FUND?

This levy will help fund essential operating costs, including salaries and benefits for teachers and staff, curriculum materials, classroom technology, resources that support student achievement, and SRO/safety costs. It also covers day-to-day operational expenses such as utilities, transportation, and maintenance to keep schools running efficiently.

CAN SENIOR CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS ON FIXED INCOMES RECEIVE TAX RELIEF?

Homestead Exemption is one way to receive tax relief for senior citizens on fixed income. Please see the FAQ at the following link: <https://ohiosenate.gov/news/the-democratic-standard/state-of-ohio-homestead-exemptions-faqs>

To apply, please follow the link to the Portage County Website: <https://www.portagecounty-oh.gov/treasurers-office/pages/tax-reduction-programs>

HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You can register to vote online using this link: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING BEGIN?

Early in-person voting will begin April 7. Absentee Voting by Mail will also begin April 7.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEVY?

You can always email bhaines@scsrockets.org and we will do our best to respond in a timely fashion. The community is welcome to attend the district's Board meetings and Finance Committee meetings. Meeting dates are posted at: www.scsrockets.org.