

NOV 2ND LEVY INFORMATION

SHAWNEE LOCAL SCHOOLS



THE FACTS OF THE UPCOMING RENEWAL LEVY

The Shawnee Local School District is pursuing the renewal of an emergency operating levy in the upcoming election on November 2, 2021. Here are the key points of the renewal levy:



SUPPORTS VITAL SERVICES



DOES NOT RAISE TAXES



GENERATES \$2.88M ANNUALLY

First passed in the 1990s, this emergency levy helps fund day-to-day operational expenses such as utilities, bus fuel, and classroom supplies. **We don't want these vital services to go away!** Passage of the levy will provide Shawnee Local Schools with \$2,880,000 per year to maintain these current expenses and continue providing for the students and staff of our district. An emergency levy is a "fixed sum" which means it will not increase the tax bill as the appraisal on your home or business increases; it is a fixed dollar amount. We are only asking for what is needed.



WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

This screenshot shows an example ballot for the upcoming election. Ballot language can oftentimes be intimidating and confusing for voters. If clarification is needed, please reach out to the district office or visit our website below.

**Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)
Shawnee Local School District
Allen and Auglaize Counties**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Shawnee Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$2,880,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 5.997 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.5997 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

For the Tax Levy

Against the Tax Levy

HOW MUCH IS IT?



- The levy will generate \$2,880,00 per year over the next 10 years for our district.
- The levy is for a 5.99-mill property tax.
- The vote is for the RENEWAL of the emergency levy, meaning... **taxes will not be raised** as a result of the levy passing. Passage of the levy means the continuation of the already existing taxes.
- Taxes are fixed, meaning they will not increase as home valuation increases.

For more information on the tax issue, visit the district website at LimaShawnee.com



WHAT ABOUT THE LEVY THAT PASSED IN MAY?

We are extremely grateful to our community for supporting Shawnee Local Schools! The passage of the operating levy in May 2021 enables us to continue delivering the high level of education that Shawnee students deserve and our community expects. The upcoming renewal levy will support vital services such as day-to-day operational expenses. We thank you for your continued support!



PASSAGE IN MAY HAS LED TO...

Add'l Mental Health Assistance
For Students and Staff

***Innovative Technologies**
Beyond 1-to-1 Technology

STEAM Opportunities
Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

***Collaborative Learning Environments**
Makerspaces, Outdoor Learning Labs, Flexible Seating

Enhanced Instruction
High Quality Professional Development for Staff

*These items are in progress and have not been fully implemented yet.



WILL THIS ADDRESS OUR FACILITIES?

No, this tax levy will be used strictly for emergency operating expenses, not improvements to our facilities.

- A Community Advisory Team has been created to consider the future of our school facilities, including possible construction or renovation.
- An additional tax or bond issue would be voted on at the appropriate time to address our facilities.

TRANSPARENCY ABOUT OUR UPCOMING LEVY CONSIDERATIONS

Using the information available right now, it is our intention to move forward with the following elections:

- MAY 2021: Passed Operating Levy ✓
- **NOV 2021: Renew Existing Operating Levy**
- MAY or NOV 2022: Potential Facilities Bond Issue



HOW CAN I VOTE EARLY?

IN PERSON AT THE ALLEN CO. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Beginning Tuesday, October 5th, registered voters may cast their ballot in-person at the Allen County Board of Elections, located at:

**204 N. Main Street
Lima, OH 45801**

The Board is typically open from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on weekdays with extended hours closer to Election Day on November 2nd.

ABSENTEE BY MAIL WITH A PAPER BALLOT

The Allen County Board of Elections will mail your ballot to your home if you complete an absentee request application. Download and complete an **ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION** (www.allen.boe.ohio.gov/absentee-voting). Mail the application to the Board of Elections.

Thirty days prior to the Election (around October 5th), your OFFICIAL BALLOT will be mailed to your address. Complete the ballot and return it to the Board of Elections either by mail or at the secure dropbox.

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