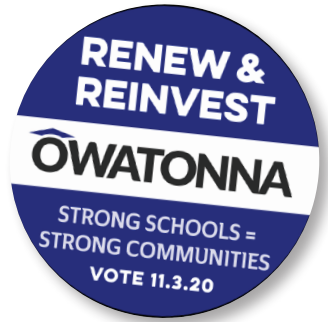


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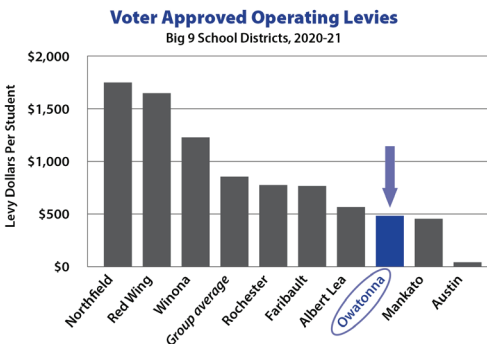


Owatonna Public Schools has two questions on the November 3 ballot:

Q1 to renew the existing operating levy that is about to expire.

Q2 to increase the operating levy in two phases—in 2022 and 2025.

1. Funds from the levy increase would be used to maintain:
 - ▶ quality programming and activities
 - ▶ appropriate class sizes
 - ▶ career-technical education programs
2. Because Q2 phases in the levy increase over time, the tax impact is phased in as well—with **no tax increase until 2022**.
3. The state will **match every three local dollars with one state dollar** through equalization aid—but only if voters renew the levy and reinvest in the district.
4. The School Board **unanimously approved this as a shared approach:** budget cuts on the district side with a request to voters to increase the operating levy on the community side.
5. If voters do not approve the levy increase, the district will face **millions in additional budget cuts** over the next three years, resulting in:
 - ▶ class size increases through teacher and staff layoffs
 - ▶ cuts to school and district support services
 - ▶ cuts to academics, activities, athletic and music programs



Owatonna Public Schools' voter-approved operating levy is in the bottom third of the Big 9 Schools—and lower than Faribault and Northfield. These levies are one way local communities support their schools and help pay for school operating costs.

Learn more: www.isd761.org/levy