



*January 11, 2021*

# **Mt. Lebanon School District**

*2021–2022 Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution*

# Preliminary Budget Steps

Why the board has to do this?

- ▶ To comply with PA School Code, Act 1 of 2006 and Act 25 of 2011

What are the options?

- ▶ Preliminary Budget Adoption
- ▶ Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution

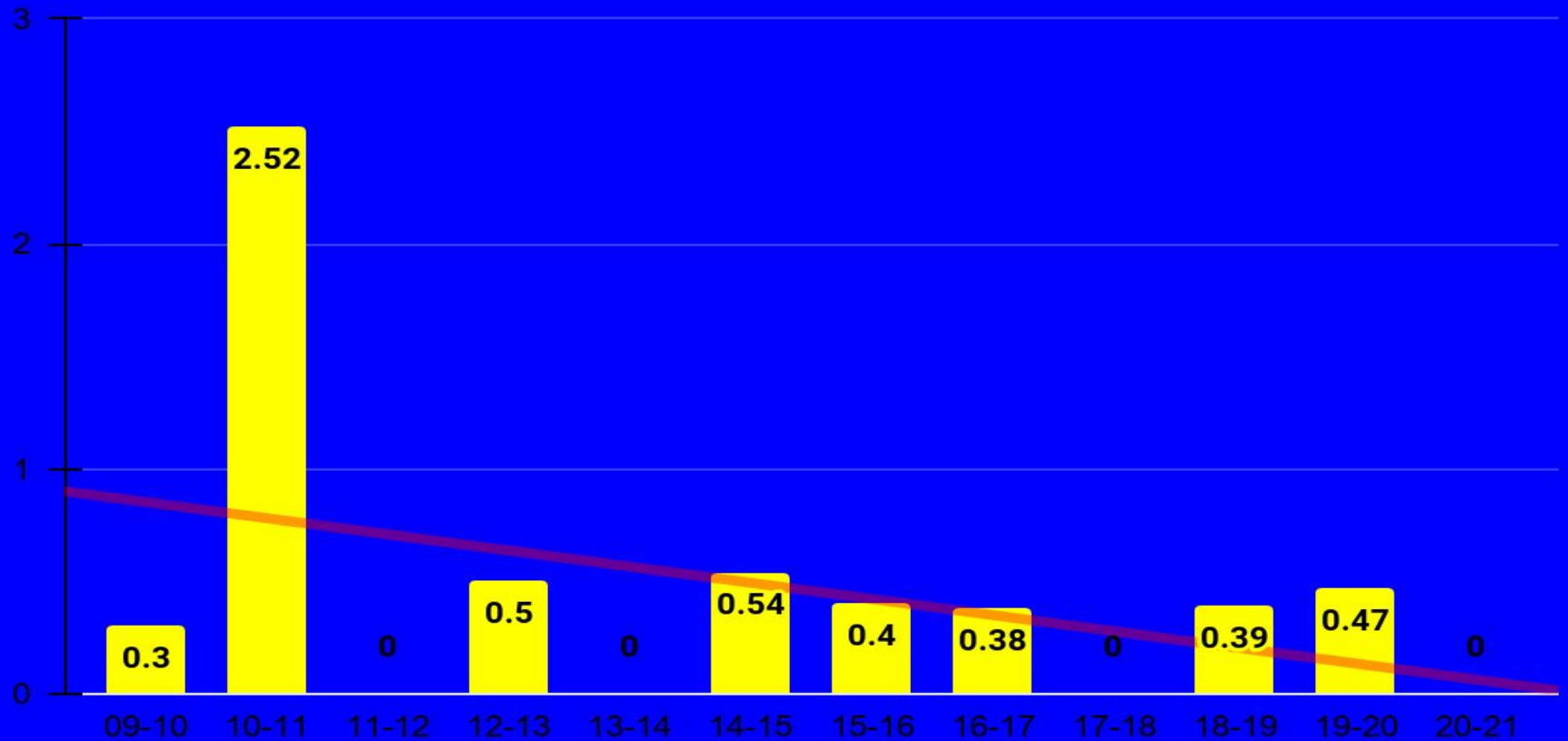
# Act 1

- ▶ Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006
- ▶ Establishes the Act 1 Index – used to determine the maximum tax increase for a School District
- ▶ Eases financial burden of homeownership by reducing taxes with gaming revenue (Homestead/Farmstead)
- ▶ Establishes process for raising taxes above the Index through referendum exceptions and referendum voting

# Accelerated Budget Opt-Out

- ▶ Allows the District to follow normal budget process detailed in School Code
- ▶ The resolution states that the District does NOT intend to exceed the Act 1 Index
- ▶ Must be adopted 110 days before Primary Election on May 18, 2021

# Millage Increase Average .50 mills or 1.23%



# Possible Millage Increase

Index 3.5%

Millage Equivalent – 0.8676

Dollar Equivalent – \$2,330,588

Referendum Exceptions

Millage Equivalent – 0.0683

Exception – \$183,460

Total Possible Increase – 3.64%

Total Millage Equivalent – 0.9359

Total Dollar Equivalent – \$2,514,048

# Timeline for Final Budget

- ▶ March 8, 2021 – Board Discussion and Review Budget
- ▶ March 10, 2021 – Budget Forum
- ▶ March 15, 2021 – Continued Board Discussion and Review
- ▶ April 12, 2021 – Continued Board Discussion and Review
- ▶ April 19, 2021 – Adoption of Proposed Final Budget
- ▶ May 10, 2021 – Continued Board Discussion and Review
- ▶ May 24, 2021 – Adoption of Final Budget