



TROY
CITY SCHOOLS

.25% Earned Income Tax - November, 2020

What tax is on the ballot this November?

It is a .25% earned income tax.

- Only applies to W-2 compensation or self employment income.
- DOES NOT TAX retirement income, social security, etc.
- \$50,000 salary = \$2.40 per week.



Why is this tax needed?

We just lost \$1.7 million in state funding.

- Cuts occurred in 2019-20 and 2020-21 school year.
- Cuts were part of state budget cuts resulting from COVID-19.
- More state cuts are expected.



Didn't the Troy community pass a new school tax issue recently?

No. Troy City Schools has not asked for new money for 14 years, since 2006.



What has changed since 2006 that makes you ask for new money now?

- **Effective property tax rates fall over time.**
 - Our property tax for operations is at the lowest rate allowable by law (20 mill floor).
- **We have added services and options like:**
 - All day kindergarten
 - School nurses and counselors in every building
 - Additional elective choices
 - Additional instructional support
 - Smaller class sizes



What have you done to adjust to the state cuts?

We have cut costs by:

- Freezing salaries.
- Reducing positions through attrition, saving \$1.1 million.
 - 10 teaching, 4 classified, one administration.
- Reducing supply and material purchases, saving \$600,000.



How much are our taxes now?

Our school taxes are much lower than similar communities.

	<u>Working</u>	<u>Retired</u>	
Piqua City Schools			Other local income tax rates:
- 1.25% income tax	\$2,972.80	\$2,972.80	• Bradford - 1.75%
- 33.54 mills property tax			• Covington - 2%
Tipp City Schools			• Miami East - 1.75%*
- No income tax	\$2,923.20	\$2,923.20	• Newton - 1.75%
- 41.76 mills property tax			
Troy City Schools			
- 1.5% <u>earned</u> income tax	\$2,332.00	\$1,582.00	
- 22.60 mills property tax			

*earned income tax

*Assumptions: \$50,000 annual salary; \$200,000 home.





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School District	Total Property Tax Millage	Income tax converted to mills	Combined Effective Tax Millage
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NORTHMONT	54.65	0.00	54.65
HUBER HEIGHTS	50.55	0.00	50.55
PIQUA	33.54	16.01	49.55
MAD RIVER (STEBBINS)	48.26	0.00	48.26
NEWTON	26.60	21.53	48.13
COVINGTON	23.39	23.56	46.95
VANDALIA-BUTLER	45.65	0.00	45.65
BRADFORD	22.05	22.00	44.05
MILTON UNION	30.43	12.29	42.72
FAIRBORN	34.85	7.60	42.45
BETHEL	31.10	11.16	42.26
MIAMI EAST	26.60	15.37	41.97
TIPP CITY	41.76	0.00	41.76
MIAMISBURG	38.60	0.00	38.60
TROY	22.60	15.26	37.86
GREENVILLE	30.05	5.02	35.07
SIDNEY	31.77	0.00	31.77
XENIA	25.26	6.26	31.52

How do our current taxes compare?

Ours are very low even when compared to a larger group in our region.





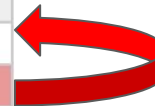
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How much will they increase if the levy passes?

A person making \$50,000 would pay an additional \$125 per year.

We would only move up one spot on this list.



Why is it so important this levy passes?

Approving this levy means we can continue the tradition of excellence that we have come to expect and maintain our position as the leading school district in our area.



What services are you referring to?

Passage of this levy allows us to maintain:

- All day kindergarten.
- Small class sizes.
- Transportation for high school and others within 1-2 miles.
- Access to technology and elective courses.
- Full time school counselors and nurses in every building.
- Low school fees and lunch prices.



What are other possible consequences if it fails?

Failure could mean that we:

- Institute pay-to-participate fees.
- Increase school fees and lunch prices.
- Have difficulty hiring and retaining good teachers.
- Reduce or eliminate co-curricular and extracurricular options.
- Move busing boundaries to the two mile limit and eliminate it for high school students.
- Cut additional positions.



Important Dates:

- October 5th - voter registration deadline
- October 6th - early voting begins
- October 31st - deadline to request an absentee ballot
- November 2nd - mail-in ballots must be postmarked
- November 3rd - election day

