



Parma School District #137

Striving for Excellence

COSSA LEVY 2023

INFORMATION & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COSSA (Canyon Owyhee School Service Agency) is a cooperative serving the school districts of Homedale, Marsing, Notus, Parma and Wilder. COSSA started in 1969 to enable the rural school districts to pool resources to provide enhanced programs and services that are not feasible at a district level. COSSA provides Career-Technical (CTE) Programs, Alternative Jr/Sr High School, and Special Education to the member schools. COSSA, on average, services over 500 students that are eligible for special education services, and over 250 students that participate in CTE programs. CTE programs include Auto Technician, Construction Trades, Culinary Arts, Diesel Technician, Health Professions (CNA and EMT), Law Enforcement, Pre-Engineering, and Welding.

How long has Parma had a COSSA Levy?

A COSSA levy has been on the books of Parma School District since 1983. The first levy was approved on 11/15/1983 by 90% of the voters. The levy lasts for 10 years. The 2023 levy renewal will be the 5th time the COSSA levy has been on the ballot for our Parma patrons. The levy has been approved (on average) by 90% of the voters.

What is the length of time the COSSA Levy lasts?

The COSSA levy is a 10 year levy. If approved, the next COSSA levy election would be in 2033.

What does the COSSA levy cover?

The COSSA levy helps Parma School District cover costs associated with the operation of COSSA and our students that participate in COSSA programs.

What is the amount of the COSSA levy?

The COSSA levy rate cannot exceed one-tenth of one percent (.1%) of market value on an annual basis.

How many Parma students have gone through the COSSA programs?

From 2017 to current school year, Parma has had anywhere from 35 students to 86 students enrolled for COSSA CTE courses. We have had 10-38 students enrolled in COSSA Summer School, 22-40 students enrolled in COSSA Academy, and 94-179 students enrolled in Special Education.

Will the COSSA Levy effect my tax rate?

The COSSA Levy tax rate is based on Market Value. If all things are equal, we do not anticipate our tax levy rate to increase. Our current tax levy rate is .002769.

When and where will the Townhall Meetings be held?

We have scheduled two Townhall Meetings to provide information on COSSA and the COSSA levy on February 28 and March 9. The February 28 meeting will be at the Parma High School Commons at 6:00 p.m. The March 9 meeting will be at Sterry Presbyterian Church in Roswell at 6:00 p.m.

When and where do we vote?

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 is Election Day. Polls (per Canyon County Elections Office) will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to look up your polling location through the Canyon County Elections Office Voter Lookup Tool.