



Parma School District #137

Striving for Excellence

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY 2023

INFORMATION & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long has Parma had a Supplemental Levy?

A Supplemental levy has been on the yearly books of Parma School District since 1978. Prior to 1978, we passed a levy in 1954 and 1955. Since 1978, the school district has had a levy pass on average by 76%. The levy (since 2007) is now ran on a 2-year basis. The 2023 levy renewal will be the 39th time the school district has run the levy.

What is the length of time the Supplemental Levy lasts?

The Supplemental levy is a two (2) year levy, good through June 30, 2025. This levy is a continuation of our current levy that ends June 30, 2023.

How does state funding affect the district and/or supplemental levy?

For fiscal year 2024, the state is funding the district based on average daily attendance (ADA). The district has to staff our buildings and classrooms based on 100% of students being at school. If students are sick and miss school or families go on vacation during the school year, then the average daily attendance drops, resulting in a loss of funds for the district. Parma's current ADA for 2022-23 school year is 94%. Going from being funded on enrollment to now being funded on ADA, we are losing on \$467,000. Had we been funded on enrollment, we would not have needed to run a levy, which was our hope.

What does the Supplemental levy cover?

The Supplemental levy helps Parma School District cover costs associated with the maintenance and operation of our school district. Majority of the funds from supplemental levy will be used to pay for staff that enhances the educational experiences for our students.

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math)Teacher at Elementary
- Music Teacher for Elementary
- Classified staff, above what state reimburses, includes additional custodians needed to keep buildings clean, Paraprofessionals/Educational Assistants, Secretaries, Grounds Crew and Bus Drivers.
- School Resource Officer
- Funding for technology

What is the amount of the Supplemental levy?

The levy rate is being ran on \$400,000/year for two years. The district has estimated, due to lack of funding on ADA, that the district will be short roughly \$417,000. We would be within the budget if funded on enrollment instead of ADA.

Will the Supplemental Levy effect my tax rate?

If all things are equal, we do not anticipate our tax levy rate to increase. Our current tax levy rate is .002769. However, with the passing of HB292 (see below), we anticipate a property tax relief in a range from \$350,000 - \$400,000, which would offset our supplemental levy. Therefore, the tax rate would actually decrease, which we are projecting to be at .002352.

How does HB292 (House Bill) Property Tax Relief affect my tax rate?

The property tax relief will be sent to the school districts to offset any bonds/levies the districts have. You, homeowners,

will see the tax relief through the tax rate. As mentioned above, the tax relief would offset our supplemental levy, therefore dropping the tax rate. If the district receives \$350,000 in property tax relief, the district will only collect on \$50,000 of the supplemental levy. However, we have to have the levy on the books in order to use the property tax relief for the purpose of dropping the tax rate.

When and where will the Informational Meeting be held?

We will have an informational meeting on **THURSDAY, MAY 4** at **6:00PM** at the High School Commons. Please join Stoney Winston, Superintendent, at the meeting to hear more on the supplemental levy and the impact to our district.

When and where do we vote?

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 is Election Day. Polls (per Canyon County Elections Office) will be open from 8:00AM– 8:00PM. Canyon County has established the poll location for the LDS Church in Parma (307 E. Andrews Ave).