## **Bowling Green City Schools**

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Dear Members of the Bowling Green City Schools Community:

Bowling Green City Schools had a 0.75% income tax levy on the November 5, 2024 ballot to fund the day-to-day operations of the school district. Today, after the provisional votes were counted, it was determined the levy was defeated with 49.63% for the levy and 50.37% against the levy. Thank you to everyone who cast a vote on the issue.

As was stated during the weeks leading up to Election Day, the need for additional funding to continue district operations has not gone away based on this outcome of the election. In order to balance the district's budget, one of two actions must occur—increase revenue (passage of a levy) or reduce expenditures (major staffing and programing cuts).

The Bowling Green City Schools Board of Education will be reviewing the levy outcome in the coming weeks. I anticipate a levy request will be on the ballot in the spring of 2025. Along with the levy request, the Board of Education will approve a specific list of district reductions that will need to take place should the spring of 2025 levy request be unsuccessful. With the amount of funding needed to continue the current day-to-day operations of the district, I anticipate the list to be extensive. The positive to this situation is you, our community, will have the ultimate and final decision of how our school district will look moving into the 2025-2026 school year.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to either Treasurer Matt Feasel or myself to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ted Haselman Superintendent

Mr. Daniel Black High School Principal

Mrs. Alyssa Karaffa Conneaut Elementary Principal Mr. Zebulun Kellough Crim Elementary Principal

Middle School Principal Mr. Michel Bechstein Kenwood Elementary Principal

Mr. Eric Radabaugh

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