



WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 5, 2024, LEVY/BOND REQUEST



WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS IS ON THE NOVEMBER 5 BALLOT WITH A 4.9-MILL OPERATING LEVY AND 1.66-MILL BOND ISSUE.

OPERATING LEVY

Operating Levy \$ = People & Programs

**4.9
MILLS**

Operating funds would allow the District to:



Maintain current instructional programming and services



Maintain support to meet the specialized learning needs of students



Continue attracting and retaining high-quality staff in a highly-competitive market

BOND ISSUE

Bond \$ = Buildings & Facilities

**1.66
MILLS**

Bond funds would pay for:



Renovations and additions at four schools that opened in the 1960s



Building infrastructure across the district that includes technology, safety and security updates



Improvements for performing arts spaces, high school stadium support spaces, parking lots and playgrounds

\$14^{**} per month per \$100,000 of appraised home value*

Home Value	Monthly**	Yearly**
\$100,000	\$14	\$172
\$200,000	\$29	\$343
\$300,000	\$43	\$515

* as determined by the county auditor
** rounded to nearest dollar



ON THE BALLOT

Franklin County

Issue #44 Westerville City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy (Additional)

Delaware County***

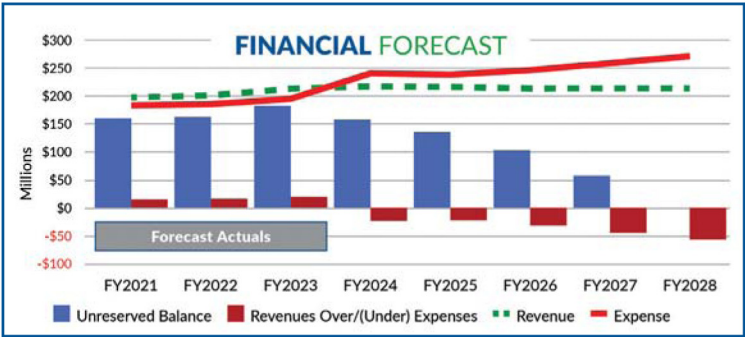
Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy Westerville City School District Franklin and Delaware Counties

*** Delaware County does not use issue numbers

ABOUT THE 4.9-MILL OPERATING LEVY

Westerville City Schools was projected to be on the ballot in 2023. However, District officials have been able to stretch available resources and delay the ballot request. Given expiring federal funds, cuts in state funding, and increased costs, the District must now request additional local funding.

The graph on the right shows the District's projected revenues and expenses according to its Five-year Financial Forecast.



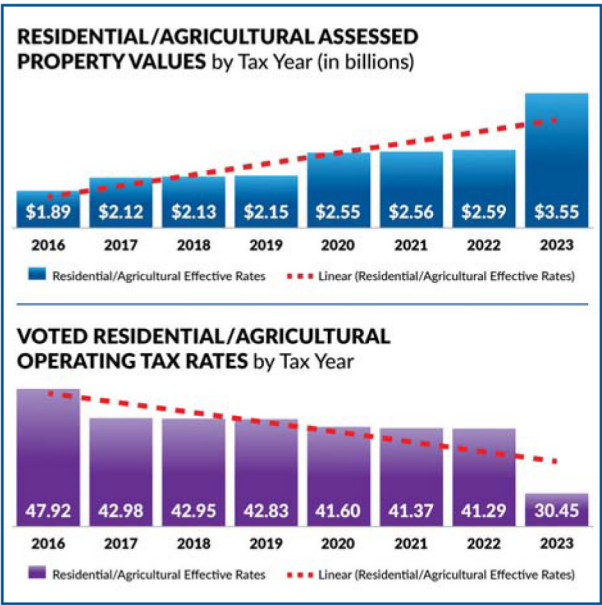
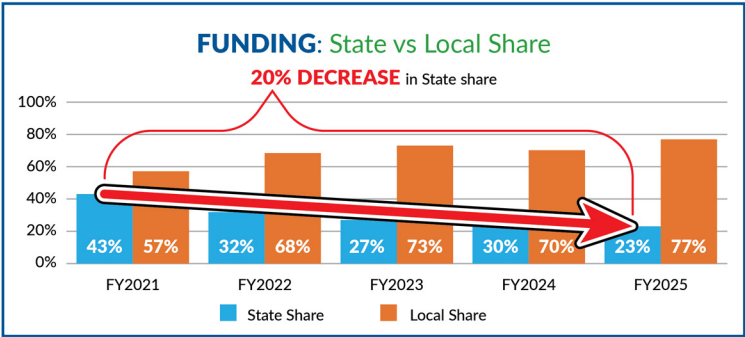
Funds from the November 5, 2024, levy will help ensure appropriate teaching and support staff levels, maintain individualized attention for students, and continue providing resources for our changing student population.

Without additional resources, District officials will need to re-engage the community for input. Facility projects would be delayed and officials would need to evaluate how to address an additional \$20.8 million operating revenue shortfall.

KNOW THE FACTS

In Ohio, the cost of education for public schools is a shared responsibility between the state and local community. Public schools are funded based on the local community's ability to pay in regards to property wealth and income as compared to other public school districts in the state.

The graph on the right shows that over the past four years, the state has reduced its share of funding for our schools by 20%. That leaves districts like ours to return to the ballot in order to maintain programs and services for students.



REDUCTION FACTOR

The Ohio Legislature approved House Bill 920 in 1976 to protect property owners from inflationary increases in property taxes. The law prevents revenue from growing on voted levies by reducing millage rates (tax rates) as property values increase. This is known as “reduction factors.” As seen on the graphs to the left, as property values increase (**top graph**), effective tax rates for a voted operating levy decreases (**bottom graph**) so that revenue remains relatively unchanged.

ABOUT THE 1.66-MILL BOND ISSUE

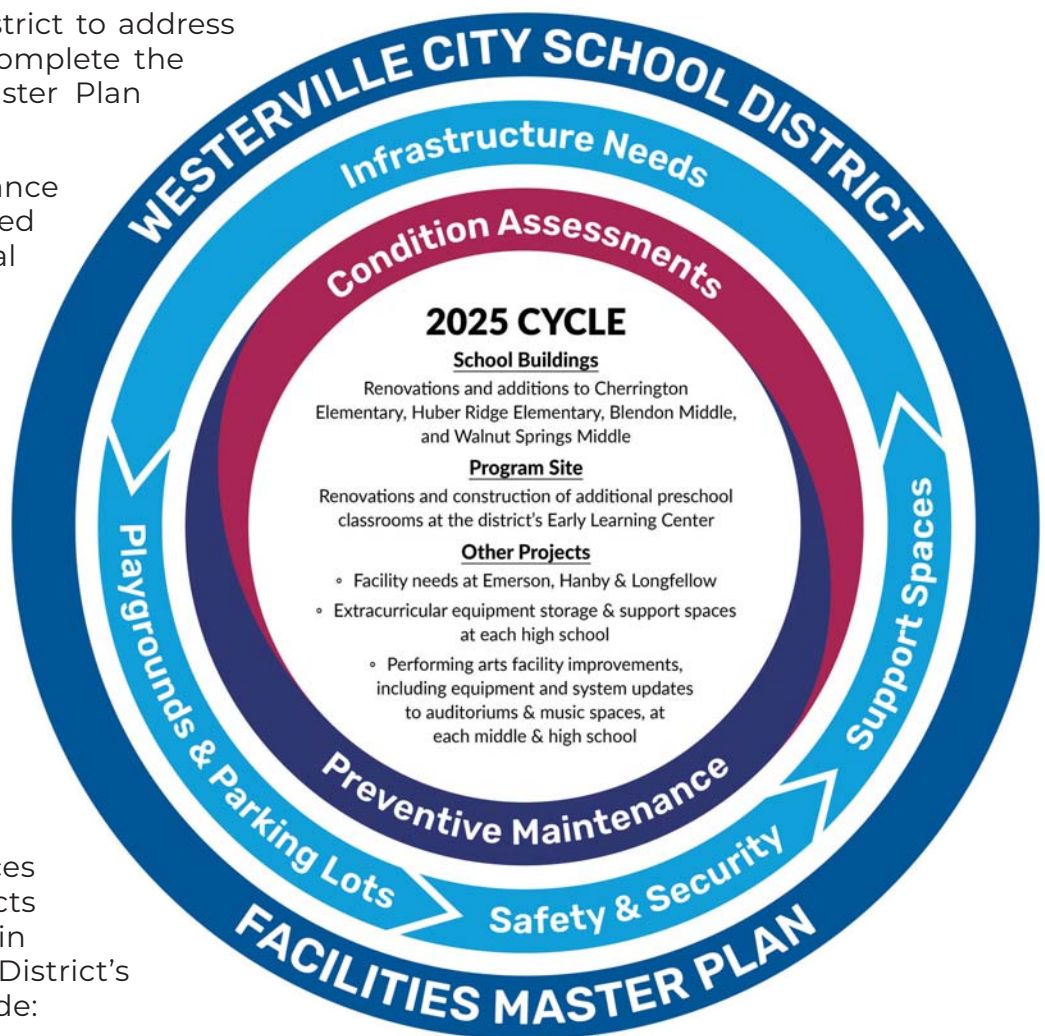
Bond funds will enable the District to address important facility needs and complete the next cycle of the Facilities Master Plan (see graphic on the right).

Most preventative maintenance and routine repairs are identified through the District's annual facility condition assessment and are funded by the District's capital funds. However, depending on their scope and scale, some require additional funding through a bond issue request.

NO NEW MILLAGE BOND REQUEST

The 1.66-mill bond portion of the levy will generate \$140 million and would be structured so it does not increase property tax millage.

Bond funds, along with resources transferred into a Capital Projects Fund, will support \$170 million in facility projects outlined in the District's Facility Master Plan. They include:



MODERNIZING LEARNING SPACES

- Renovations and additions at four buildings that opened in the 1960s: **Cherrington Elementary, Huber Ridge Elementary, Blendon Middle School and Walnut Springs Middle School**



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

- Support technology needed for a 1-to-1 learning environment
- Enhance safety and security equipment district-wide



IMPROVEMENTS TO STUDENT SPACES DISTRICT-WIDE

- Updates to performing arts spaces at all high schools and middle schools
- Renovations and additions of high school stadium support spaces
- Parking lot and playground updates

ABOUT THE NOV. 2024 COMBINED LEVY/BOND REQUEST

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS LEVY/BOND REQUEST

Scan the QR code for more information or visit www.wcsoh.org/levy



COMMUNITY FORUMS

District leaders are sharing information and answering questions about the November 5 levy/bond request at the following community forums:

OCT. 8

Blendon Middle School
223 S. Otterbein Ave.

OCT. 17

Early Learning Center
936 Eastwind Dr.

Forums start at 6 p.m.



OHIO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Senior citizens and disabled residents are encouraged to check with their county auditor to see if they qualify for Ohio's Homestead Exemption to reduce their taxes.



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5

Any registered voter who lives within the Westerville City School District attendance area can vote on the November 5 ballot levy/bond request.

DETERMINE WHERE YOU VOTE



FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENTS

vote.franklincountyohio.gov/Search



DELAWARE COUNTY RESIDENTS

lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/delaware/pollfinder.aspx



IMPACT CHART FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT MEASURE



Acad. Enrich. Ctr.
Alcott
Annehurst
Cherrington
Early Learning Ctr.
Emerson
Fouse
Hanby
Hawthorne
Huber Ridge
Longfellow
Mark Twain
McVay
Minerva France
Pointview
Robert Frost
Whittier
Wilder
Blendon MS
Genoa MS
Heritage MS
Minerva Park MS
Walnut Springs MS
Central HS
North HS
South HS

MEET FEDERAL PROGRAM NEEDS & REQUIREMENTS

[illegible]

IMPROVE DISTRICTWIDE SAFETY & SECURITY

[illegible]

ADDRESS MECHANICAL & INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

[illegible]

UPGRADE LEARNING SPACES

Renovate/Create/Add Classroom Spaces and/or Provide Specialized Learning Spaces				X					X								X			X				
Modernize Learning Spaces				X					X								X			X				
Update Performing Arts Spaces, Equipment, and Infrastructure for Theater/Music Programs																	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

MEET CURRENT PROGRAM/SERVICE LEVEL NEEDS

[illegible]



Westerville City School District
936 Eastwind Drive, Suite 200
Westerville, OH 43081

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS **NOVEMBER 5, 2024** **LEVY/BOND REQUEST** IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Si aad u akhrido
warqaddan oo
af-Soomaali ah
fadlan ku dhufo
HALKAN



Para leer esta
carta en español
haga clic AQUÍ

Additional information available at www.WCSOH.org/LEVY

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: WHERE YOU BELONG | www.WCSOH.org | www.WCSOH.org/LEVY

