

**BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOLS
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**2025 OPERATING LEVY
OR
BUDGET REDUCTIONS**



On May 6, 2025 Our Community
Will Answer a Question:

How do you want your school
district to look?

The Following Operating Levy Was
On the Ballot Last November:

0.75% Traditional Income Tax for
a Continuing Period of Time




Outcome of November 2024 Operating Levy:

For the levy: 7,174


Against the levy: 7,282

The levy failed by 108 votes.



As a Result of the Outcome of the November 2024 Operating Levy:

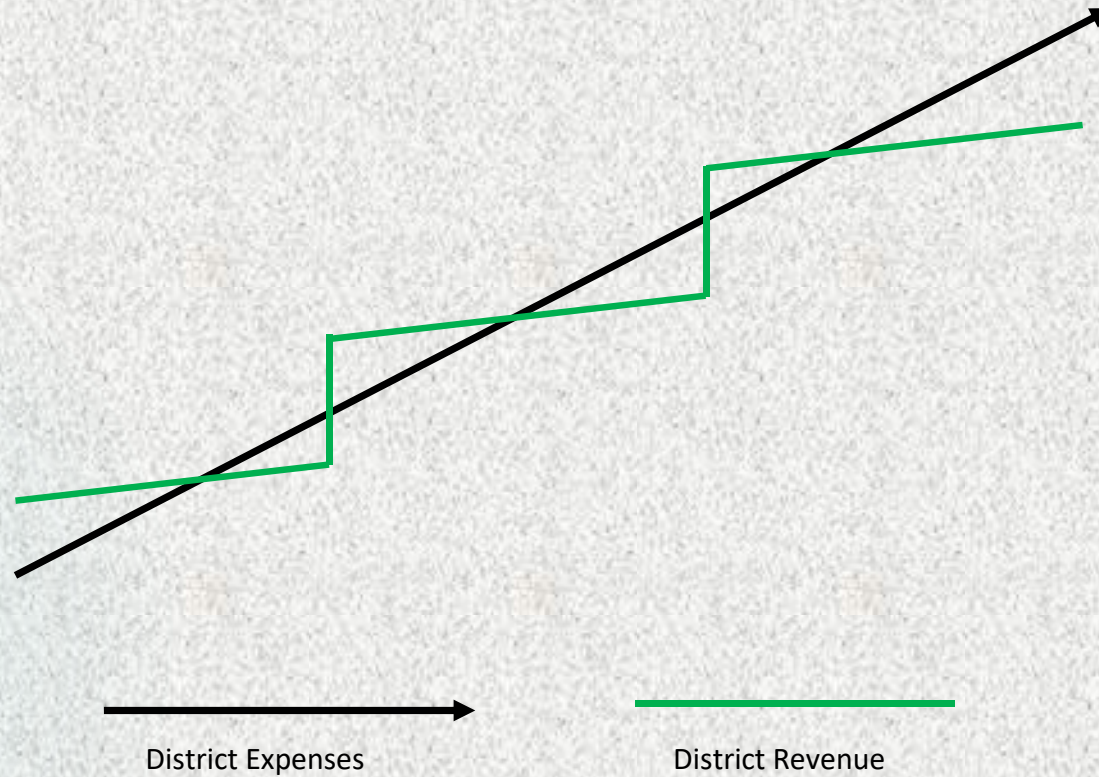
If the district is to continue providing the same services and experiences to students, the need for additional operating funding did not go away with the failure of this operating levy.



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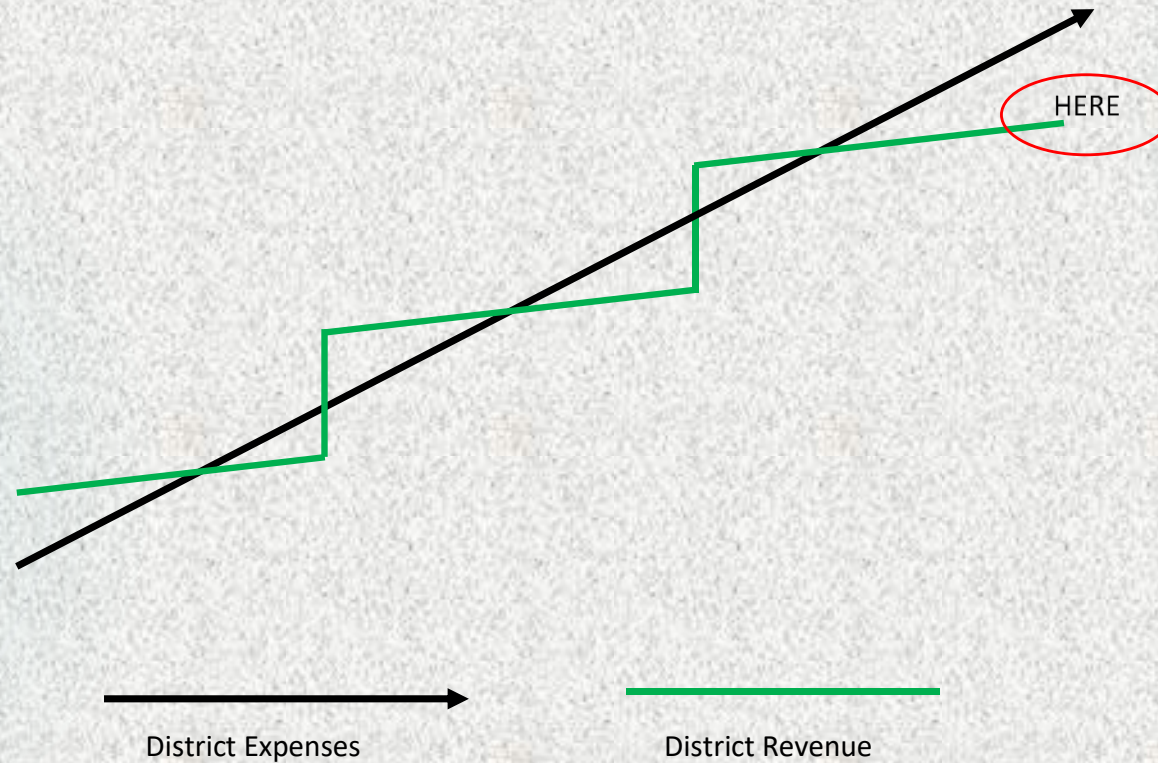
The district must work to balance
the budget and eliminate deficit
spending.

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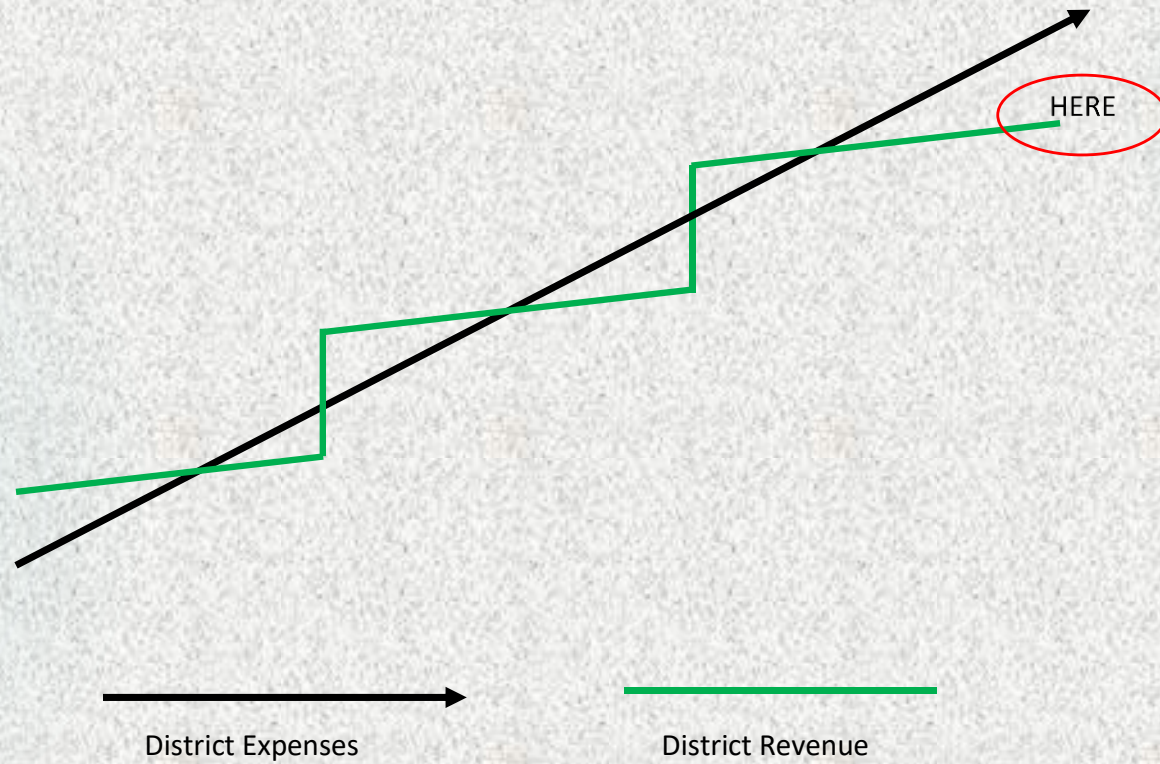
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Where is BGCS currently in this cycle?



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What are the options?

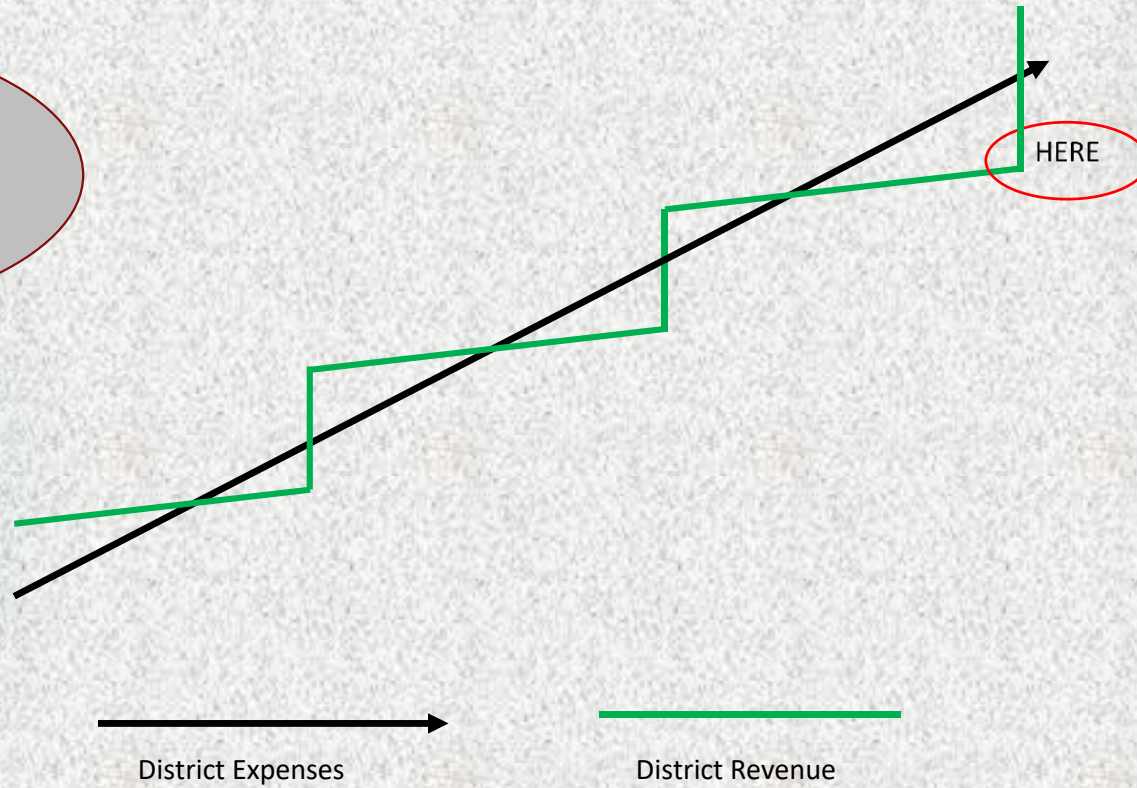


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What are the options?

One Option: Increase Revenue

Pass Levy

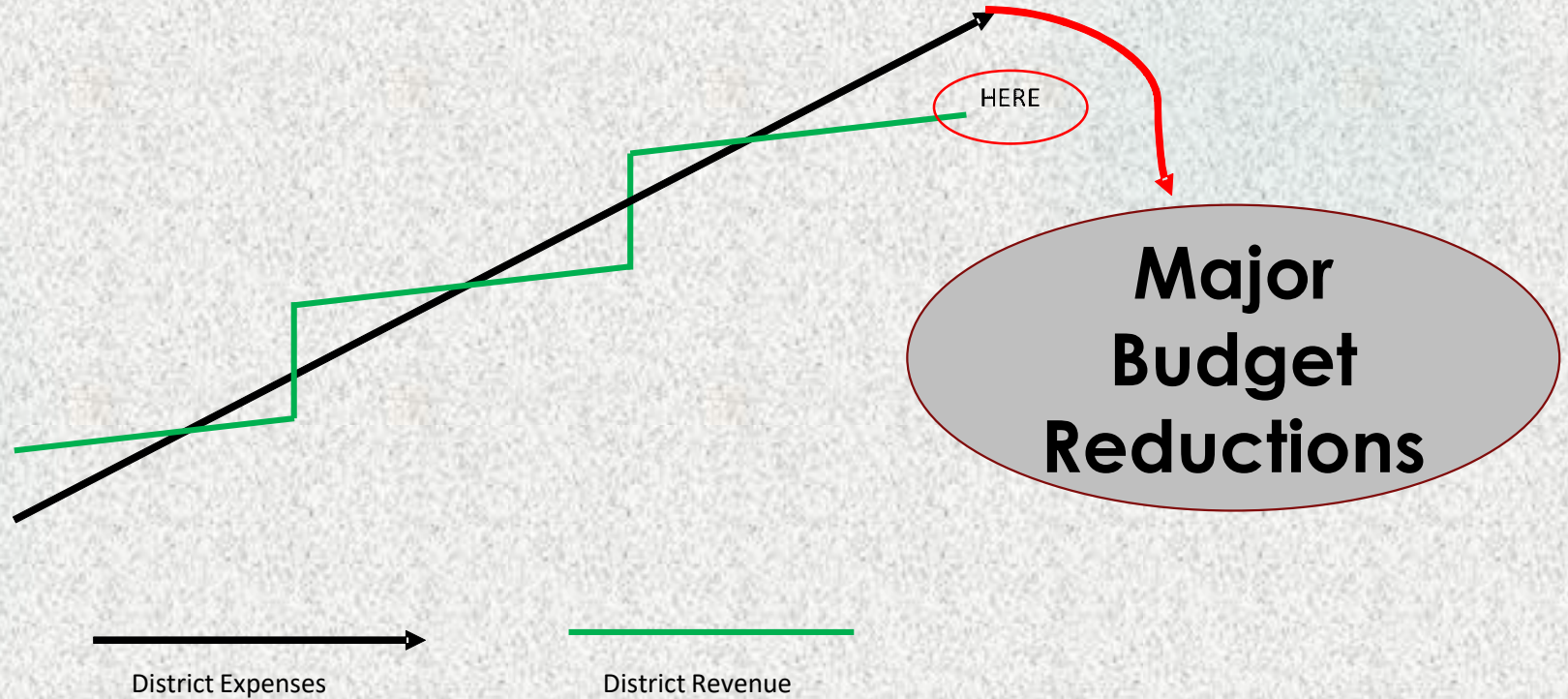


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What are the options?

One Option: Decrease Operating Expenditures



The Plan To Maintain a Balanced Budget

Increase Operating Revenue Option:

The Board of Education voted to place the
following operating levy on the May 6,
2025 ballot:

0.75% Traditional Income Tax for
a Five (5) Year Period of Time

The Plan To Maintain a Balanced Budget

Decrease Operating Expenditures Option:

The district must reduce expenditures by approximately \$2,600,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Tonight the Board of Education will vote to approve a plan to reduce expenditures by approximately \$2,600,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year IF THE MAY 6, 2025 LEVY IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

What Are Operating Expenditures?

General operating expenses of the school district includes:

- Bus Fuel
- Classroom supplies
- Facilities maintenance
- Personnel costs
- Textbooks
- Technology
- Transportation
- Utilities

What Operating Expenditures Were Reduced for This School Year?

Positions Eliminated Current School Year (2024-2025)

Savings: \$421,693.55

- CA/Treasurer's Office Staff
- Elementary Intervention Specialist
- High School English Teacher
- Para Professionals (7)

What Other Ways Were Operating Expenditures Reduced?

Bowling Green City Schools have applied for and received almost \$2,000,000 in grant opportunities to offset district expenses last fiscal year!

Positions and Programs Eliminated for Next School Year (2025-2026) Should the May 6, 2025 Levy Not Pass. Estimated Savings: \$2,600,000


(Staffing Reductions)

- Assistant Mechanic
- Athletic Director
- Athletic Secretary
- Bus drivers-Seven (7) drivers
(Additional fuel savings)
- Crossing Guards
- Custodians (2)
- District Communication Director
- Human Resources Generalist
- Inventory Control/Courier Position
- Nurses (3)
- Performing Arts Center Manager
- Student Wellness Coordinator
- Teachers
 - District wide music
 - Elementary (4)
 - High School English
 - Middle School Business Education
 - Gifted

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(Program Eliminations & Reductions)


- Extra-curricular activities (Athletics, the arts—music & drama, clubs, yearbook, National Honor Society, etc.)
 - All athletic and non-athletic supplemental contracts eliminated
(Required to have LPDC Chairperson, LPDC Member, and Mentor Advisor)
- District Gifted program
- District elementary orchestra program and reduced secondary music course options



Positions and Programs Eliminated for Next
School Year (2025-2026) Should the May 6, 2025
Levy Not Pass. Estimated Savings: \$2,600,000

(Program Eliminations & Reductions, cont.)

- Contracted district mental health therapists & case managers
- No field trips or alternative educational opportunities district wide including fifth grade camp
- All buildings will be shut down at the end of the school day to outside entities to save on utilities and personnel costs (Girl/Boy Scouts, rec athletics, etc.)



Positions and Programs Eliminated for Next School Year (2025-2026) Should the May 6, 2025 Levy Not Pass. Estimated Savings: \$2,600,000

(Transportation Reductions)

District transportation will be limited to the following:

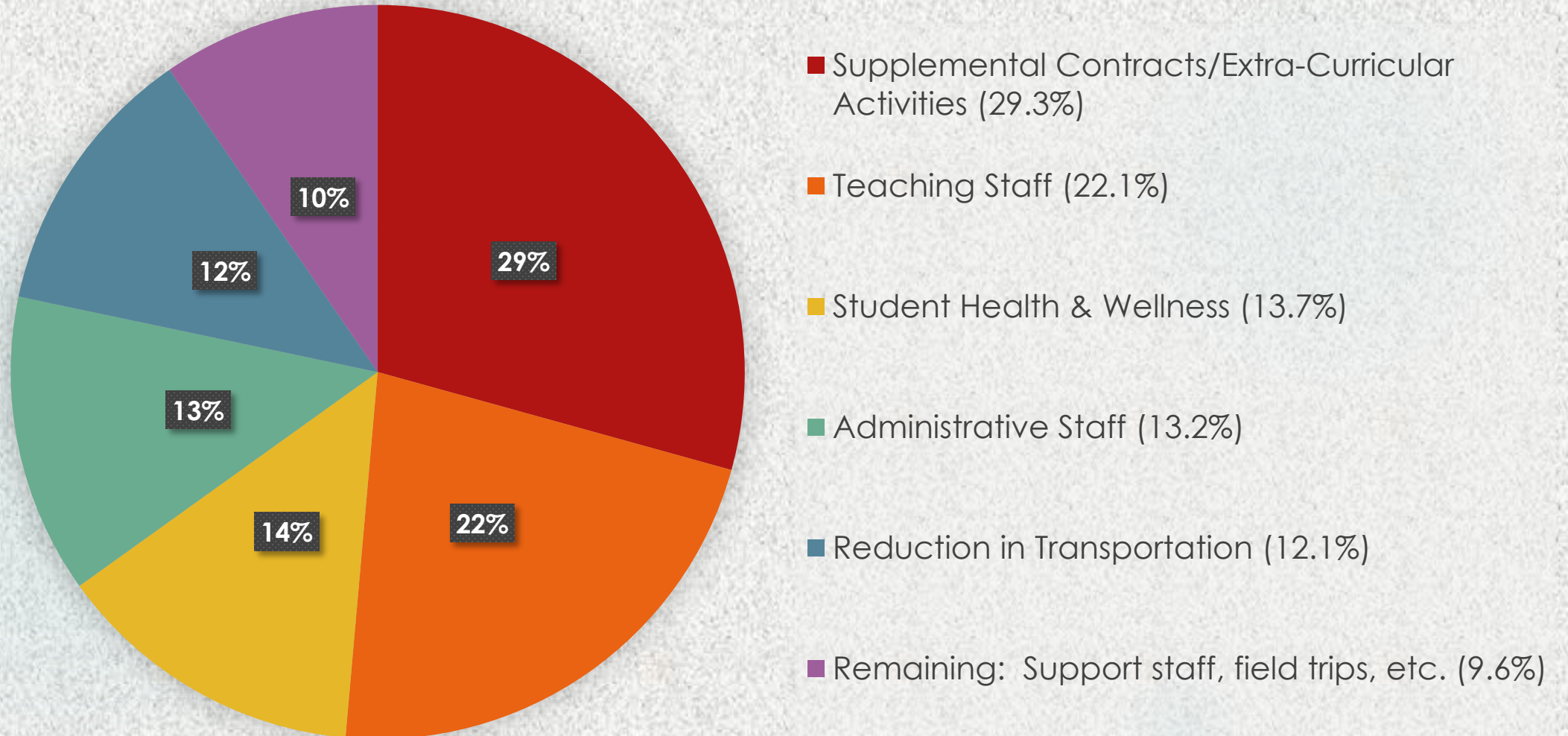
- Only transport students in grades PK-8 who reside more than 2.0 miles from school (no transportation within a 2.0 mile radius of schools, both public and private/parochial)
- No high school student transportation provided except as required by law (Penta Career Center students: school-to-school only. i.e.: no home pickup or drop off)

Positions and Programs Eliminated for Next School Year (2025-2026) Should the May 6, 2025 Levy Not Pass. Estimated Savings: \$2,600,000

(Transportation Reductions, cont.)

- With the reduced number of bus drivers, the size of each route will be significantly larger resulting in a substantial increase to student travel time on bus to and from school (up to 1.5 hours)
- Due to middle school students being transported with elementary students, the middle school day start and end time will move to 8:20 a.m.—3:02 p.m.

Percentages of Eliminations By Category





Back to the Community Question:

How do you want your school
district to look?

How Do You Want Your School District to Look?:

A passage of the levy will result in maintaining Bowling Green City Schools as we have come to know and includes:

The district's Board of Education and administrative team will continue to regularly monitor our expenditures to be fiscally responsible and continue "living within our means," the district will continue to take advantage of any grant opportunities to offset district expenses (the district has applied for and received almost \$2,000,000 last fiscal year), all current student programs will remain in place, and current student transportation will remain in place. BGCS students will continue to receive a quality education and have the opportunities and experiences they deserve and have become accustomed to.

How Do You Want Your School District to Look?:

A defeat of the levy will result in the implementation of the Board of Education's reduction plan as outlined in previous slides beginning next school year (2025-2026 school year).

Why is the Board of Education Approving the Reduction Plan Now?:

The reduction plan is being Board approved ahead of the levy...

- To balance the budget should the May 6, 2025 levy be unsuccessful.
- So everyone, community and staff, understands what is at stake.
- So the community can ultimately make the decision on how our schools will look.



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VOTE ON MAY 6, 2025