Information Regarding the Issue 19 Renewal Levy on May 6, 2025

Factual Information About Issue 19 Renewal Levy

- The Brooklyn City Schools has placed **Issue 19, a renewal levy** that the Board has voted to place on the May 6, 2025, ballot for the public's consideration.
- If passed, Issue 19 would not raise taxes, as it would be a renewal of an issue first passed by voters in 2013 and since renewed in 2018.
- If passed, funds generated by Issue 19 are not to exceed 6 mills and will collect an estimated \$1,762,000 annually for the Brooklyn City Schools.
- If passed, funds generated from the levy would be used for services and operations of the district, including personnel, technology, performing and creative arts, and athletics.
- **4-Star Rating:** The District, for the second year in a row, received an Overall Rating of 4-Stars on the 2023-24 Ohio Department of Education State Report Card. This achievement signifies that we continue to "exceed state standards" as a school district!
- **High Graduation Rate:** A 95.5% 4-Year Graduation Rate and a 96.0% 5-Year Graduation Rate; with a combined graduation rate of 95.7 % for the 23-24 school year.
- **Early Literacy Gains:** Students in Kindergarten through third grade continue to make substantial gains in reading proficiency; over a 3-year period our students went from 59.5% to 76.8% in this early literacy component.
- **College Readiness:** 57% of our high school students earned a 3+ or higher on Advanced Placement Exams, earning them college credit prior to entering a 2 or 4-year university; 10.6% of our students participated in the dual enrollment College Credit Plus program, earning college credit while attending Brooklyn High School!
- The Brooklyn City Schools has **invested over \$3.4 million in capital improvements** projects throughout the district since 2020!
- Brooklyn's Early Childhood Preschool Program is a GOLD RATED program in the State of Ohio!
- The community can learn more factual information about the Brooklyn City Schools and its finances and programs by visiting www.bcshurricanes.org.

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