



Westerville City Schools

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Vision

Our vision is
to be the benchmark
of educational
excellence.

Mission

Our mission is
to prepare students
to contribute
to the competitive
and changing world
in which we live.

Values

Respect
Inclusiveness
Community
Communication
Collaboration
Innovation
Nurturing
Trust
Accountability

Westerville City Schools Proposes Cutting 120+ Teaching/Staff Positions, Raising Fees if November Ballot Issue Fails

Westerville, OH — The Westerville City Schools Board of Education placed a 0.75% earned income tax issue on the November 4, 2025 ballot. If the tax issue does not pass, the District will be required to reduce general fund expenses by approximately \$20 million annually, resulting in cuts to over **124 teaching and other positions**, while **raising fees** and **reducing transportation, extracurriculars, and learning opportunities**.

District leadership presented a list of proposed reductions and fee increases at the September 22 Board meeting and a resolution was passed.

The proposed staff and service reductions and fee increases include:

Pay-to-Participate Fee Increase

- **Middle School:** \$350 per sport / \$25 per club or activity
- **High School:** \$500 per sport / \$50 per club or activity
- **Removing family cap** on all sports and clubs

Transportation

- Reduction of at least **14 bus routes**, resulting in:
 - Expanded non-transportation zones, with fewer students eligible for busing
 - Increased distance between bus stops
 - Longer ride times for some students

Administrative Positions

- Elimination of up to **10 building-level and district-level positions**

Elementary School Positions

- Elimination of up to **44 positions**, including:
 - Art, Music, and Physical Education teachers
 - Library Media Specialists
 - Potential reduction of time in elementary student day

Elementary Magnet Programs

- Elimination of up to **20 positions** through program re-evaluation and/or consolidation
- Fewer Magnet seats available
- Evaluate locations for maximum efficiency
 - Reduce positions based on program changes

Middle School Positions

- Elimination of up to **31 positions**, including:
 - Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies teachers

- Electives: music, art, and world languages may be eliminated
- Potential reduction of the student day to avoid large study hall sections

High School Positions

- Elimination of up to **19 positions**, including:
 - Math, English, Science, and Social Studies teachers
 - Electives
 - Library Media Specialists
 - Reduction of Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit Plus (CCP) offerings
 - Phase-out of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

Support Positions

- Additional reductions in the following areas:
 - Gifted Services
 - Specialized Learning Programs
 - Curriculum & Instruction
 - Student Services
 - Technology Support
 - HR and Fiscal Support
 - Custodial & Maintenance

Other Items for Consideration

- Elimination of Summer School
- Elimination of Field Trips
- Elimination of All-Day Kindergarten
- Reductions in contracted services and overtime
- Increased student fees
- Increased facility rental fees

“Our school district has already reduced more than \$9.1 million in expenses over the past year following the failure of last November’s ballot issue,” said Superintendent Angie Hamberg. “We have reached the point where additional cuts will directly affect the classroom learning environments and extra-curricular opportunities our students experience and families expect.”

“November’s ballot issue is not about bells and whistles. This is clearly about maintaining the high quality of education residents have come to expect of Westerville City Schools. For years, the state has shifted more and more of the responsibility for funding schools onto local communities,” said School Board President Kristy Meyer. “Despite our community’s efforts to advocate for adequate state funding, our revenues are still falling short. We don’t want to make these reductions, but without new revenue they are unavoidable.”

For more information, visit www.wcsoh.org/ballotissue.