



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

November 4th Ballot Information



What's on the Ballot?

- ✓ **0.75% Earned Income Tax**
- ✗ **NOT A PROPERTY TAX**

Applies ONLY to:

- Wages
- Self-employment income

Does NOT apply to:

- Retirement income
- Pensions
- Social Security
- Investment income



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**
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*** NOTE: The postcard mailed to residents in July contained a typo. The cost of the earned income tax would be 0.75% per \$1 or 75 cents per \$100 of earned income. ***



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FACTS AT-A-GLANCE



Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the benchmark of educational excellence.

Our Mission Statement

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

Our Schools

26

Total number of school/program sites

15

Elementary Schools
Includes two Magnet Program sites for Art, Math, Science, & World Cultures

5

Middle Schools

3

High Schools

2

Alternative Learning Sites
Includes Longfellow and the Academic Enrichment Center

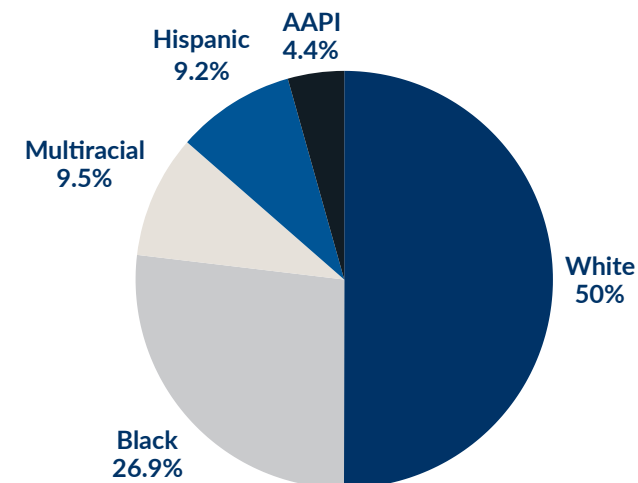
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Preschool/Early Learning Center

Our Students

Enrollment **14,600**

Our Student Diversity



Economically Disadvantaged: **43.7%**

Our Budget \$229 Million

22 total van routes driving over 300,000 miles annually

96 total bus routes driving over **1.4 million** miles annually

Over **1.7 million** lunches served annually



Dear Westerville Community,

As you may know, the Westerville City Schools Board of Education has placed a **0.75% earned income ballot issue** on the November 4, 2025 ballot. This request is not about growing programs, services, and staff—it's about maintaining our schools.

If this ballot issue does not pass, the District will need to reduce expenses by approximately **\$20 million each year**. Here are the potential reductions and fee increases approved by the Board:

- **Higher Student Fees** – Pay-to-Participate fees would rise to \$350 per sport at middle school and \$500 per sport at high school, with no family cap. Clubs and activities would also see fee increases of \$25/\$50. Other student fees would also be adjusted.
- **Reduced Transportation** – At least 14 bus routes could be cut.
- **Administration** - The District already reduced 7% of administrator staff this year. Potential reductions include an additional 12%. This means less support for students, parents, and staff.
- **Fewer Teachers and Staff/Larger Class Sizes** – Up to 124 teaching and support positions across all grade levels could be eliminated, reducing access to art, music, physical education, and world languages. These potential reductions total 10%.
- **Program Reductions** – Elementary magnet programs could be consolidated, middle and high school electives reduced, Advanced Placement courses and College Credit Plus programs reduced, and the International Baccalaureate program phased out.
- **Support Programs** - Additional reductions could take place in the gifted services program, specialized learning programs, student services, technology support, Human Resources and Fiscal support, and maintenance staff.
- **Elimination of Key Services** – Summer school, all-day kindergarten, and field trips could be eliminated. Increases in student fees and facility rental fees would also affect the community.

We have already made more than **\$9.1 million in cuts**, including administrators, teachers, and other support staff over the past year, and we are now at the point where further reductions will more directly impact students' experiences. Strong schools benefit everyone. They help maintain property values, attract businesses, and prepare the next generation of leaders, workers, and neighbors.

For more details, please visit www.wcsoh.org/ballotissue.

Sincerely,

Angie S Hamberg
Angie Hamberg
Superintendent



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Why Now?

It's about maintaining what we have—not growing programs.

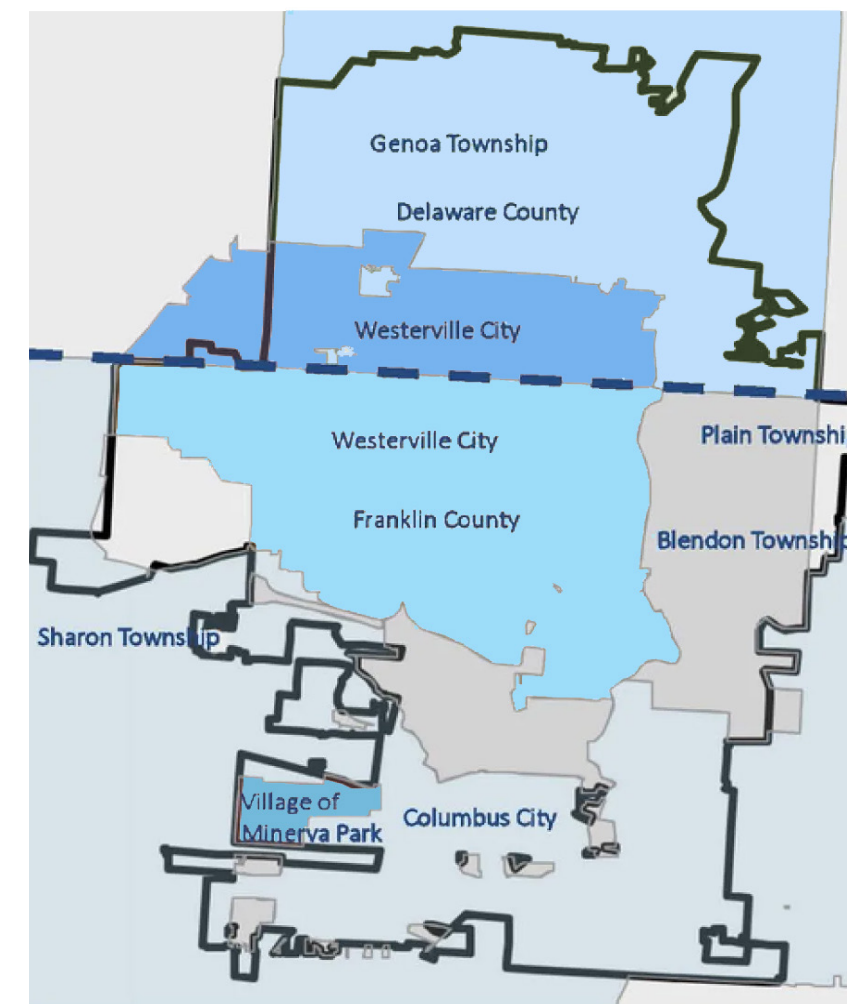
Westerville City Schools has stretched the last levy for six years and cut millions of dollars from the budget. The Board of Education unanimously approved this measure to maintain our excellent educational programs and to continue supporting our students and addressing their needs—to avoid additional cuts.

Fiscal Impact

- **Prevents** against further budget cuts and staffing reductions
- **Generates** approximately \$24 million annually
- **Maintains** financial stability while avoiding property tax increases

Who does this impact?

Residents living within the District's boundaries who have earned income.



WHAT THIS SUPPORTS

Funds will help preserve essential services in every school building:



Keep
Smaller
Class Sizes



Specialized
Learning
Support



Co- and Extra-
Curricular
Activities



Staffing &
Student
Programming

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