



# FAQ for Families & Community Members



## Didn't property values go up? Shouldn't that help schools?

Property values did increase by 30.5%. However, new state law limits how much of that increase schools are allowed to collect. We are capped at roughly 13.3% due to an inflation-based formula.



## If taxpayers get a credit back, who covers that difference?

The difference is not replaced by the state. It results in reduced revenue for the school district.



## Is this a one-time impact?

No. The reduction begins in 2026–2027 and continues moving forward. The impact compounds over time.



## Does this mean schools were getting too much money before?

No. Ohio's school funding system already limits how much revenue districts receive when property values increase. Schools cannot raise tax rates on their own, and funding is tied to voter-approved levies and state law. The recent legislation adds another layer of restriction on top of those existing limits.



## What areas of the district are affected?

This impacts the entire Northeastern Local School District — spanning 118 square miles and serving 2,857 students.



## How could this affect students?

While final decisions have not been made, reductions of this size typically affect:

- Staffing levels
- Program expansion (this includes facility enhancements)
- Support services
- Our priority will always be protecting classroom instruction as much as possible.



## What is the district doing now?

We are:

- Closely monitoring state guidance
- Adjusting long-term financial forecasts
- Planning carefully for the 2026-2027 school year by reducing costs wherever possible without impacting student services. When positions become available through attrition (retirements and resignations), we're carefully evaluating whether they need to be filled or if we can redistribute those responsibilities. For example, two administrators in our district office are retiring—our Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Services. Instead of replacing both positions, we've created a curriculum coordinator role to handle some of those duties and reassigned other responsibilities among existing staff.
- Communicating transparently with families