



MAY 5, 2026 Ballot Issue

1.5% School District Earned Income Tax

What Happens if the Ballot Issue Passes

A new PreK–6 elementary school and a new 7–12 middle/high school would be constructed on land east of town near the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and State Route 39.

The district would qualify for approximately \$80 million in state co-funding through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) on a nearly \$170 million total project.

Schools would be designed using current Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM) and OFCC standards, including:

- Controlled, secure building entry points
- Modern classroom layouts and flexible learning spaces
- Improved accessibility and safety features

A one-campus solution would allow for:

- Shared specialized staff across grade levels
- Centralized food service, maintenance, technology, and transportation
- Enhanced safety through a single, more secure site

When earned income tax collections begin, the district would reduce property taxes by 0.5 mills, lowering property taxes for all property owners.

Funding would support the district's long-term strategic priorities related to:

- Facilities and infrastructure
- Student and staff safety
- Operational efficiency
- Responsible financial planning

What Happens if the Ballot Issue Does Not Pass

The proposed new school construction would not move forward.

New Philadelphia City Schools would lose the opportunity to purchase the land east of town near the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and State Route 39.

Existing school buildings would remain in operation, with an average facility age of approximately 80 years.

Modular classrooms would continue to be used, with nine units in need of replacement.

- Estimated cost: \$120,000 per used unit or \$250,000 per new unit
- Total estimated cost if replaced with used units: approximately \$1.08 million

Five school roofs will need to be replaced in the coming years at an estimated cost of at least \$2.5 million.

Mechanical systems in current buildings would continue to age and may require additional repairs or replacement.

The district would lose access to approximately \$80 million in OFCC state co-funding once the 16-month eligibility window that began in July 2025 expires.

The district would not have funding available to move forward with the planned 0.5-mill property tax reduction.

Learn More:

- Visit npschools.org/facilities
- Attend upcoming Board of Education meetings

- Call the district office at 330-364-0600
- Request a printed copy or schedule a building tour