



MAY 5, 2026

BALLOT ISSUE

The district is listening and revising the previously proposed plan

WE HEARD:

- Concerns about affordability, particularly for senior citizens and those on fixed incomes
- Calls for relief from rising property taxes
- Issues with anticipated traffic congestion with the previous plan
- Requests for safer, more efficient school buildings

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOOLS PROPOSES A 1.5% EARNED INCOME TAX

- Applies to earned income only
- Does NOT apply to retirement income (such as Social Security or pensions), unemployment benefits, interest, dividends or capital gains
- Applies to residents of the district, not non-residents who work in the district
- Collection begins in 2027

IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES, THE PLAN ALSO INCLUDES A 0.5 MILL REDUCTION

- 0.5-mill reduction in property taxes starts when earned income tax collections begin
- This reduction applies to all district property owners

FUNDING FROM THE MAY 6 BALLOT ISSUE WOULD PROVIDE:

- Construction of a new PreK–6 elementary school and a new 7–12 middle/high school on land east of town, near the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and State Route 39. This location would help ease traffic congestion compared to the previously proposed plan of constructing new buildings in town. The property would only be purchased if the issue passes.
- Qualification for \$80 million in state co-funding through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) on a nearly \$170 million project
- A more efficient one-campus solution, including:
 - Shared specialized staffing across buildings
 - More centralized services such as food service, maintenance, technology, and transportation
 - Enhanced safety through a single, more secure site

Combining a 1.5% earned income tax with a 0.5-mill property tax reduction results in a lower overall tax impact than the previously proposed bond issue and permanent improvement levy for some community members.